

Hamburgh has a large number of religious edifices belonging to different denominations, they are of immense size. The general infirmary cost £85,000, and will accommodate from 4000 to 5000 patients. The New Orphan Asylum accommodates 600 orphans, and 500 more are provided for elsewhere; there are other asylums and hospitals of immense size, accommodating a large number of deaf, dumb, and blind persons, in which besides medical attendance, a superior education is given to reformed children, cripples, etc.; of whom Hamburgh contains a large number. The senate house, erected in the thirteenth century, is an incongruous piece of architecture, having been added to at different periods in the succeeding ages. The Bank, Observatory, and other buildings present a massive appearance.

SECTARIAN COLLEGES.—The majority of our worthy confreres of the press of the Lower Provinces, have recently given this subject a passing notice; and in all the papers which have come to hand, we find that provincial grants to Sectarian Colleges etc. are condemned. *The Courier*, a paper which generally speaks with firmness and to the point, on matters of public interest, says;—"We are opposed to all grants of public money for sectarian education, and we hope a step will be taken to effect this object during the coming sitting of the Legislature."

We have repeatedly advocated this view in former numbers of our periodical, and the sentiments aduced, in support of the repeal of all grants to sectarian institution of education, have been endorsed by a large portion of the press of these provinces. We hope the Legislature now about closing the sessions for the present will not fail to express an opinion on the subject; an opinion, opposed to grants being made to sectarian institutions of learning.

STATISTICS OF AMERICA.—The width of the United States is 2,650 miles.

Its length is 2,600 miles.

Area of square miles, 2,936,107.

Coast, line of rivers and lakes, 15,204.

It has 32 states; of which 17 are free and 15 slave States; and seven Territories.

Its population is 23,189,876, of which there are 13,349,740 free at the North, and in the South 6,221,518, and 3,204,313 slaves: there are also 497,302 free persons of color.

The area of square miles of the St. Lawrence basin is 130,009.

Atlantic slope, basin of square miles, 410,000.

Pacific slope, basin of square miles, 6,000,000.

Mississippi Valley, basin of square miles, 12,000,000.

Texas slope, basin of square miles, 280,000.

Utah slope, basin of square miles, 280,000.

Area of the North in square miles, 61,897.

ATLANTIC CABLE.—At a meeting recently held in London, of the stockholders of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, the financial state of the Company was found to be:—Receipts £430,000; and the expenditure nearly the same. It was proposed to raise a new capital of £668,750, and to lay a new cable; the British Government has been solicited to give a guarantee of four and a half per cent on it.

So, now, that the practicability of ocean telegraphing being procured, there is no doubt that every effort will be made to secure telegraphic communication between Europe and America, and if one line fails, others will no doubt be tried and experimented upon, until it is finally consummated.

AGE OF THE PRESENT SOVEREIGNS OF EUROPE.—King of Wurtemberg, 77; King of Belgium, 68; Pope of Rome, 66; King of Prussia, 63; King of Sweden, 59; King of Saxony, 58; Emperor of France, 50; King of Denmark, 50; King of Naples, 48; King of Bavaria, 47; King of Greece, 43; King of Holland, 41; Emperor of Russia, 40; Queen of Great Britain, 39; King of Hanover, 39; King of Sardinia, 38; Sultan of Turkey, 35; Emperor of Austria, 28; Queen of Spain, 28; King of Portugal, 21.