

A TABERNACLE one hundred feet long and eighty feet wide is to be built on the same ground at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to be finished in time for use at the various mass-meetings the coming season. The Old Orchard people expect President Hayes to visit their locality this summer, if Congress adjourns in time to permit it.

A COMMITTEE of the English Presbyterian Synod has ascertained, after extensive enquiry, that a large proportion of Presbyterian immigrants to England are due to Presbyterianism. Their reports say, that if all the Scotch and Irish Presbyterians settling in England since 1841, with their descendants, had remained in the church, there would now be in England 1,900 congregations instead of less than 300, and in London alone 240 congregations instead of 50.

ACTIVE STEPS are taking for the formation of Female Missionary Association to be connected with the English Presbyterian Church, having for its object the Christian education of the women of America. The Regent Square congregation in London, have been the first to form a branch society. During the last three years a number of the ladies of this Congregation have contributed nearly \$500 toward the support of a boarding-school for women in Amoy.

THE Presbytery of British Columbia is all in connection with the Church of Scotland. In the report of the Colonial Committee for 1878 we find that the following payments were made:

- “Paid to Rev. S. McGregor, Victoria \$100.
 - Rev. George Murray, Nicola Valley \$69.
 - Rev. Wm. Clyde, Nanaimo £120.
 - Rev. Alex. Dunn, Langley £220.
 - Rev. Mr. McElmon, Comax £156.
- We also find as follows:
- Rev. Dr. Pollock, Halifax £400.
 - Dr. Brooke, Frederickton £80.
 - Rev. J. R. Craik, Ont., £75.
 - Catechists at Queen's College £356.

ATTENTION is being attracted to the persecution of peasant families in Bohemia, who make the effort each Sunday to meet together for Bible study, singing and prayer, but are as regularly dispersed by the police. Over a year ago these persons seceded from the Roman Church and declined to connect themselves with the two Evangelical churches acknowledged by Austrian law, because these churches do not regard conversion as essential to church membership. They declare themselves Evangelical, and acknowledge the Bible as their guide, and the Heidelberg Catechism as containing their statement of doctrine. For this independence of thought they have been repeatedly fined—in one instance \$20 each, and two of them were thrust into jail for six days. Other fines or imprisonment hang over their heads unless their appeal to Vienna shall receive a favorable answer. There is little doubt however, but that in time a favorable decision will be reached, since what these poor people in the country are not allowed to do is done every Sunday in all the large cities of Austria.

THE Clergyman who has the English cure of souls known as St. James, Hatcham, requires thirty police officers to protect him from his own flock. When the Easter vestry meeting was held, formidable preparations were made for the preservation of peace, although none but parishioners were allowed to enter the church. The vicar, whose ministrations are not acceptable to the majority of the parishioners, nominated a churchwarden, and the announcement was received with shouts of “He’s a Roman Catholic,” and other expressions of disapprobation. A gentleman who was described as a “real churchman” was elected as people’s churchwarden. Resolutions were then put condemning Ritualism, and expressing regret that the patron should have appointed a clergyman stated to be a member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Society of the Holy Cross. These resolutions were passed unanimously; but while they were being read the meeting, the vicar went away amid a fire of hisses and hooting.—*Intelligencer*.