

the Pope. A free church in a free state is the policy of the government. The most intelligent of the laity are infidels. Garibaldi and his most enthusiastic followers are protestants; and evangelical protestantism is making real and rapid progress.

The Russian Emperor has ceased to exchange courtesies with the Pope, in consequence of the curses hurled by the latter against the former relative to Poland.—Whatever the Pope has lost, his inclination to curse is not diminished.

Most important events are on the wing. Let christians hope and pray, and use every exertion to hasten the day of the downfall of this man of sin, and the conversion of the world.

**REGIUM DONUM.**—The Irish Presbyterian Assembly have resolved, by a considerable majority, to apply to the government for an addition to the *Regium Donum*; but the application was opposed by such men as Dr. Cooke, Mr. Gibson, Mr. McNaughton, and others of the greatest influence. There is not the faintest probability of the government granting the aid requested, and it is extremely doubtful if it would prove beneficial to the church.

**RITUALISM.**—Infidelity on the one hand and Popery on the other are eating into the heart of the English Church. Most sorry are we to say so, but it is the truth; and the best friends of the church of England proclaim the fact with all boldness and earnestness. JOWETT may be regarded as the head of the Infidel party, as Pusey is the leader of the Ritualists, *i. e.*, the disguised Romanists in the church. Many clergymen are passing over to the church of Rome; but Pusey and men of his stamp remain still in the church of England to help others out of it. So far have matters gone that there are chapels in which the service is conducted in so popish a style that an ordinary observer would be led to suppose that he had entered a Roman Catholic place of worship. The confessional is revived. Priestly absolution is proclaimed. Obscene books, like those authorized by the Romish church, are placed in the hands

of boys and girls to prepare them for "confession." Union with the Greek and Roman churches is boldly advocated. The doctrine of transubstantiation in all its blasphemous grossness is taught. Prayers are offered for the dead. Everything is being done to assimilate the English church as closely as possible to that of Rome. The Bishop of Oxford is a leader in the defection; and a majority of the Bishops seem to side with him. It is strange that when Popery is dying in Italy it should be reviving in the bosom of a Protestant church.

It is noteworthy that the same falling away, and the same anti-scriptural developments of High Churchism, are manifested in the Episcopal Churches in the Colonies and in the United States. What we see every day in the ecclesiastical world on both sides of the Atlantic furnishes fresh ground of thankfulness for the position held by the Presbyterian church, and fresh illustrations of the necessity of scriptural discipline as well as freedom to secure the purity and evangelical activity of the church.

**THE GREAT WEST.**—The Canada Presbyterian church has a very promising mission to the Indians on the Saskatchewan River, far inland. Rev. James Nisbet is at the head of it. They are countenanced by the Hudson's Bay Company's men. It is proposed to gather as many Indians as possible to one district, and teach them the arts of civilized life as well as the truths of religion. Special attention is to be paid to the young. The Canada church has her brave pioneers at the Red River and in British Columbia.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—The Foreign Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church advertise for six missionaries, two for California; two for Old Calabar; and two for India. A larger number would be accepted if suitable ones offered. The church is putting forth strenuous efforts to raise the stipends of her ministers. Last year the number of stipends below £150 was 261, a decided improvement on previous years. One of the Jamaica Missionaries, Mr. Newhall, died in