

## SUMMARY.

**COLLEGES.**—The last Thursday of February was observed in Halifax College as a day of Special Prayer for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on Students and Professors of the Church. We hope that the Students and Professors as well as the Ministers of the Church will be constantly remembered at every family altar.

Dr SMITH's term closed on Friday the 28th ult. The Session hitherto has been a most satisfactory one. The Students though labouring with extraordinary diligence are in good health. The Professors also stand the labours of the winter very well.

The Priests of Leghorn, Italy recently attempted to burn down the new Waldensian Church in that city.

Dr. W. Symington of Glasgow died a few weeks ago in the 70th year of his age.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland met in course of last month to express condolence with the Queen on the death of Prince Albert.

Rev. Dr. McGilivray, a minister of the Scottish Establishment in Nova Scotia, died on the 16th ult.

Dr. JOHN OWEN'S Works are now issued in Edinburgh for 4 guineas—24 volumes. The "Grand Gallery of Puritan Divines" will be completed by Nichol's Series.

Two Missionaries have been sent out to India during the beginning of the year by the Free Church of Scotland.

The Rev. Dr. Dwight, well known as an eminent missionary in Turkey, was recently killed by a Railway accident in the United States. He was very kind to our late missionary in Turkey.

The Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers connected with the Free Church amounts to £44,000 sterling.

**RELIGIOUS STATICS OF AUSTRIA.**—The foloing religious statistics relative to Austria are extracted from a recent official return: The clergy consist of 55,370 members; and among them are 1 patriarch, 4 primates, 11 archbishops, and 53 bishops. The number of monasteries is 720, and in them are 59 abbots, 45

provincials, 6754 regular priests, 645 other priests, 240 novices, and 1917 lay brethren. In the total, the Jesuits possess 17 houses, 2 provincials, and 188 priests. The number of convents is 298, and in them are 5198 nuns. Of the total, 85 houses belong to Sisters of Charity, and they are occupied by 104 Sisters. The revenue of ecclesiastical benefices is 8,772,984 florins, and the capital of them 99,186,000 florins. The convents have an income of 50,607,376 florins; the churches one of 6,083,281 florins, and a capital of 34,326,276 florins. The revenue of the schools is 329,252 florins, and their capital 152,233 florins; and charitable establishments have revenues of 12,033.

The *N. Y. Observer* gives the following ecclesiastical statistics of England and Wales:

The Established Church has	7,046,848	persons
Roman Catholic (Ireland		excluded)
Eaptists	610,786	"
Independents	457,811	"
Wesleyans	1,297,861	"
All others, such as Jews,	2,267,321	"
etc.	5,035,681	"

Thus clear it is that a large majority of the church and chapel going people of these countries are not in any kind of fellowship with the Established Church, and therefore as an establishments its days are numbered.

The Congregational Union of England have a fund of £22,000, called the Pastors' Retiring Fund, which they began to use last year. The dividends are about 600 pounds a year.

**ROMANISM IN GREAT BRITAIN.**—The following are the statistics of the Romish Church in Great Britain, as taken from the Catholic Directory for 1862; Bishops and priests 1388; churches, chapels, and stations, 1019; communities of men 50; convents 162; colleges 12.—The increase in three years is, of bishops and priest 166; of churches, chapels, and stations, 93; of communities of men 16; of convents 52; of colleges 1.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE IN SWITZERLAND.**—There has been formed in Geneva a "Society for the Sanctification of the Sabbath." It has been placed in connection with that previously constituted at Berne. Committees have been formed, likewise, in the Cantons of Berne, of Basle, and of Vaud.—*The Week.*