

ended. The Government, besides, grant assistance to those who are willing to establish reformatories, though it originates none. However, many counties and large towns have joined in the movement. Meetings have been held for the establishment of reformatories in all parts of England. At this juncture the necessity of union and organization is felt. Any practice which is successful in one place should at once be made known generally, and similar errors of each should be communicated to all. In short, it is required that there should be action in concert, and so friends of the movement have established a National Reformatory Union.

Popish Hallucination—Scotland reclaimed to Mother Church.

The Romanists at present appear to entertain the most extravagant ideas as to their ability to make an easy conquest of Great Britain, and especially Scotland, in a few years, apparently founded on the mistaken notion that having succeeded in ensnaring a few of the aristocracy, the people will, of matter of course, follow. It was only a week that we submitted to our readers an extract from the letter of a Popish Abbot in England, who allowed himself to be so far overcome by the reception he met with from Lord Lovat, who has allowed a Cistercian monastery to be built on his estate near Beaulieu, in Inver-shire as to indulge in the most jubilant hopes at the bright prospect thus opened up. In the writer's judgment, before the Romish Church in Scotland. We have another specimen of the same character in the issue of Saturday last. A Romish Professor to the "Scotch College" in Spain, Don Munro, has published a book in defence of Calvinism, which may now be read all the world over. At least the *Tablet* would have its readers believe for it assures them that Presbyterianism in Scotland is now doomed, and that Popery is the ascendant. For the amusement of our readers we quote the following extract, which, for aught we know, may have been written in the memorable cabbage field which saw the commencement and termination of a rebellion which was to have nationalized the whole of the British Islands.—*Witness.*

Let us hope that the days of Calvinism are numbered and that every vestige of it will soon disappear in Scotland before the great radiance of Catholic truth. To mark this event the Catholic clergy and laity in Scotland are zealously working, and we promise them the prayers and best wishes of Catholic Ireland for complete and successful success in their holy labours. We are glad to know that hitherto the Catholic Church in Scotland have had enough to do, and are chiefly confined themselves in their sermons and writings to the sacred cause of

defending the doctrines of Holy Church against the onslaughts of Calvinistic bigots and calumniators of all kinds; but Professor Munro is not contented with merely defending the bulwarks of our heavenly Jerusalem; he has boldly invaded the enemy's territory, and made the powerful battery of truth play with overwhelming effect upon the rotten citadel of heresy erected in Scotland by John Knox. We hope this holy war will be well sustained, and the literary fire kept up with spirit by the Catholic clergy of Scotland until Calvinism has been buried in the tomb of all the heresies which went before it. The Catholic faith is now securely planted in Scotland, and we every week hear of converts in that Presbyterian country. Let us express a hope, and at the same time a prayer, that the day is not far distant when mass will be again celebrated in the venerable old cathedrals and abbeys of Scotland."

The Protestant Church in Turkey.

The accompanying letter is addressed to Sir C. Fardley, Bart., from a body in Turkey containing Christians of various nations, races and denominations. The secretary, who writes, is an American; the president is the Dutch Ambassador to the Porte. English, Americans, French, Germans, and other Europeans, Turks, Greeks, Armenians, and other Orientals, are members:—

Evangelical Alliance, Turkey Branch,
August 4.

"DEAR SIR."—I presented your note of June 14th to the Committee of Council of the Turkey Branch of the Evangelical Alliance at their last meeting, and I was instructed to express to you their best thanks for the cordial interest manifested by British Christians, and to send you a brief statement of the present religious condition of the East. By a former mail I forwarded you our first Annual Report, which takes a favorable view of the state and prospects of Turkey at the time it was presented. Then, the hatti-sheiff had just been proclaimed, granting full religious liberty to Christians and Mussulmans. The Government seemed sincere in carrying out its provisions. English and French troops were here to enforce them, if necessary. The Moslems themselves appeared more kindly disposed than ever before towards Christians, and entirely ready to receive the Bible and listen to its teachings.

"Now that the foreign troops have been withdrawn, foreign influence seems in a great measure to have declined at the capital, and has entirely ceased in the interior. The hatti-sheiff has aroused the bigoted prejudices of the Mussulmans. Violent persecutions are excited against Protestants, both by the Christian sects and Moslems, and there is no protection or redress. Several aggravated cases have recently been brought before our notice. We have appealed again and again to the European Ambassadors, who have interested themselves warmly in the matter, but have been unable to procure any relief to persecuted persons, who have been imprisoned or banished. We have therefore decided to prepare a full report of these cases to present to the British branch of the Evangelical Alliance, hoping that through them the subject of the suffering

Protestants in Turkey will be fully brought before the British public. Our hope in extending our Evangelical Alliance in Turkey is, that we may thereby secure religious liberty, and advance the cause of the gospel in the East. But we must rely, in order to attain this, on the aid of Christians on the Continent of Europe, and still more upon the powerful support of British influence and sympathy.—I am, &c.

"C. N. RICHTER, Secretary.

INDUSTRY OF THE HIGHLANDERS.—A correspondent of the *Times* writes to that paper in refutation of the charges of "laziness" sometimes brought against Highlanders.—Upwards of 5000 Highland men and women are at present living at Wick in the prosecution of the herring fishery. They come from Ross, Sutherland and the Western Isles about the middle of July, and remain till the first or second week in September. The men are chiefly hired on board the fishing boats, and for their season's services they are rewarded with from £5 to £9 for wages, with lodgings and board. In return for this they go to sea every fishing night, row the boats to the fishing ground, cast out and haul nets, row the boats back to land, deliver the herrings by measurement to the fish curers, and go through the general drudgery of the fishing. It is really surprising what labour these men will undergo, what fatigue they will endure, their patient plodding, and persevering industry, and their general conduct through the season. The women are engaged in curing the fish and preparing them for the market, for which they are paid at the rate of 5d. to 6d per barrel; and they, too, go through an astonishing amount of labour and fatigue.

MORMONISM IN MANCHESTER.—Considerable excitement, it appears, exists among the Mormons here in consequence of the large number of persons who have recently renounced the principles of the Latter Day Saints. One reason of re-action is said to be caused by the "revelation" demanding a tenth of the earnings of the "Saints" throughout Europe, for the good of the "Church" in Salt Lake city; those who do not pay are to be "cut off" from the Church.—*English Paper.*

We have received a valuable communication from the Rev. Andrew Lochhead, our active and zealous missionary at Georgetown, P. E. I., giving an account of his labours since his appointment to that situation, which will appear in our next number.

Synod of New Brunswick.

The minutes of the Synod which we have anxiously looked for, have not yet been received. We hope to be enabled to publish them in our next number.

Synod Fund.

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