

## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

## England.

On Friday, September 8, the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, late Vicar Apostolic of the Central District, was formally installed into the episcopal jurisdiction of the London district, at the new cathedral in St. George's-in-the-Fields. A great many clergymen assisted at the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of the laity.

It has been recently decided in Doctors' Commons that a person who has once taken holy orders can never be divested of them, and that though he may leave the Church and become a dissenter, he is liable to prosecution in the Ecclesiastical Court for preaching in an unconsecrated place.

A curate has lately left Dr. Hook of Leeds, who, as it now appears, had become a member of the Church of Rome before he undertook the curacy. It is not unlikely that other instances of the same kind exist in other parts of the kingdom.

An account of the proceedings of a Special Conference of the British Organization of the Evangelical Alliance, to be held in London October 4, and following days, will be furnished, we hope, in our next. We reprint, with great pleasure, a letter written by Dr. Wardlaw of Glasgow, announcing his inability to attend the meeting:—

Ettrick Bank, Rothsay,  
Sept. 21, 1848.

My dear Sir,—I have received your circular of the 15th, and am sorry I should have been a defaulter in not having replied to the former. This arose from my not having at the moment a sufficiently strong impression of its manifest necessity.

I wish from my heart I could be with you. There is nothing to my spirit more delightful than "seeing in the face," and holding fellowship, in mutual counsel and social prayer and praise, with fellow-ministers and fellow-Christians of all evangelical denominations. Such

"Fellowship of kindred minds,"

raised to its sinless perfection, in the presence of God and of the Lamb, will be one of the prime ingredients of the heavenly felicity. How I do pity those even whose consciences—and far more still those whose hearts—deny them the foretaste of this consummated communion on earth, as far as here it can

be enjoyed! *Denominational* communion is sweet,—in one respect it may be even sweeter than the *undenominational*, inasmuch as the feeling of unity, where there is oneness of sentiment, is more complete. But if it be of such a nature as to preclude our enjoying the *undenominational*, it cannot have even this special sweetness in it, because it must be felt to be springing from mere agreement in the points on which our denomination differs from others. Whereas the *undenominational* has this special sweetness in it, that we are sure it is springing from the right source; not from any differential points merely, but from the one grand uniting truth, "THE TRUTH;" the truth which unites to *Christ*, and which must therefore be the bond that unites the believers of it to one another; unites them on earth, and shall unite them in heaven. Doubtless, we all expect that, when we get to heaven, all who differed from us here will be satisfied that we had the right of it. But of one thing we are sure, that *there*, even should we find out that we had been in the wrong, there will be no such difficulty as we have here in admitting the *error*,—no jealousy, no envy,—no mortification on the one side, and no pride of exulting satisfaction on the other. *Here*—poor foolish creatures that we are—so strong are these and kindred feelings, that we would almost rather keep our errors than confess them. *There*, the love of truth will be paramount, and adoring admiration of the God of truth will swallow up every feeling that has aught of self in it. But still, it will be THE TRUTH that is felt as the uniting bond, even when on other points, as well as on it, we shall be all one. O for more of the binding—widely and warmly binding—energy of this truth on earth, in anticipation of the love and concord of heaven!

But I am forgetting myself. When I chance to touch this topic, it runs away with me.

Even on the supposition of its being right for me to risk the excitement of such meetings, there are other engagements that put my being in London next month out of the question.

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The Great and Good Head of the Church be with you, inspiring right feelings, and conducting your deliberations to right results.