

We trust our own government will be preserved from the sin of encouraging general Sabbath profanation, and that Railroad Companies, and other public bodies, will be led to see the protection of the Sabbath as an imperative duty, required alike by a regard to the law of God, and the best interest of man.

Above all, we trust that the great body of our people, and especially the working classes, constituting as they do the bone and sinew of our population, will resist all attempts to introduce Sabbath trains, and such forms of Sabbath profanation, persuaded that such practices cannot but draw down the anger of the Almighty, and persuaded, too, that they themselves would be the first to suffer by any relaxation of strict Sabbath observance.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES.

We are happy to state that several missionaries have recently arrived from the Parent Churches. The Rev. Mr. Middlemiss designated to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and the Rev. Mr. Grant appointed to the Presbytery of Montreal, arrived from Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Craigie is also expected. From Ireland the Rev. Messrs. Hume and McKeo, have just arrived. In addition to these, we are happy to state, that the Rev. A. Crawford has returned to Canada. Messrs. Cameron and Anderson, students, also arrived recently.

Both Dr. Willis and the Rev. R. Ure may be expected almost immediately.

CALLS, &c.

EAST PUSLINCH.—The Rev. A. McLean has accepted the call of the Congregation of East Puslinch. His ordination will take place in the course of a short time.

WELLINGTON SQUARE AND WATERDOWN.—The Congregation of Wellington Square and Waterdown, have resolved to call the Rev. W. McIndoe.

LOBO AND CARRADOC.—These Congregations have united in a harmonious call to the Rev. James Ferguson, whose ordination has been appointed to take place on the 20th November.

DR. DUFF.—We rejoice to learn that this devoted missionary is very considerably improved in health, in consequence of his voyages in the Mediterranean, and his visits to Syria and the Holy Land. He is soon expected in Britain; but his heart is still intensely set on returning to India.

THE PARIS CONFERENCE.—We regret that our space does not allow us to give any extended notice of the recent interesting conference at Paris. The conference was largely attended, and a spirit of brotherly love prevailed throughout all the proceedings. Much interesting information was communicated in regard to the state of religion throughout the various countries which were represented. According to the information laid before the conference, Popery and Infidelity are extensively prevailing in France, while many of the Evangelical Congregations

are broken-spirited and discouraged. In Holland, "ultra-montanism," in other words, real Popery is gaining ground while Protestantism slumbers. Belgium lies in a great measure prostrate under the Jesuits. Sweden is under an almost equally intolerant Lutheranism. In Switzerland there is much formality and coldness. Italy, with the exception of Tuscany and Piedmont, is covered with darkness. Prussia exhibits various forms of infidelity, such as Rationalism, Pantheism, &c. Of all the reports, none were so encouraging as that of Turkey, where the word of God is spreading, and a spirit of inquiry is being awakened. Dr. Duff was one of the most powerful and stirring speakers at the conference.

ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—The total number of members in society, was reported as 261,047. The net decrease was 3121. The attention of the Conference was called to the inadequate support of the ministry. The average amount paid to circuit ministers, was about £106, while to unmarried ministers, it was but £50.

POPERY AND PROTESTANTISM IN DUBLIN.—Controversy is carried on very energetically in Dublin. It is said there are thousands of intelligent men, whose faith in the priests has vanished. In Kilkenny there have been several attacks on Scripture readers.

THE QUEEN AND CONVOCATION.—An application made to Her Majesty, for permission for Convocation to sit for business, has been declined, on the ground that such a concession would take the affairs of the Church out of the hands of Parliament.

INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS OF PRIVILEGES IN FRANCE.—The *News of the Churches* informs us of several cases of persecution in France. In one instance, a Protestant minister was condemned and fined, for receiving persons in his house for divine service.

FRUITS OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION IN THE CRIMEA.—Several interesting cases have occurred, of spiritual good, among French soldiers in the Crimea, as the fruit of the labours of pious Colporteurs. In some instances seed sown in France has brought forth good fruit in the Crimea.

DEMAND FOR THE BIBLE IN TURKEY.—The demand for the Scriptures at the different mission stations in Turkey daily augments. Religious publications are also eagerly called for.

STATE OF THE JEWS IN PALESTINE.—It is stated that, in Palestine, the Jews are in a state of great expectation, with reference to the coming of the Messiah. A number of devoted men have agreed to fast twice a week, and to pray continually for his coming.

CENSUS OF THE JESUITS.—From authentic documents, it appears that the number of Jesuits in different countries, is about 5510. Of all the Catholic countries, Austria is least friendly to the Jesuits.

A COLLEGE IN LIBERIA.—The sum of £5000 has been raised for the organization of a College

in Liberia. The late Amos Lawrence was a liberal contributor.

MISSIONARY TOUR IN THIBET.—The Rev. Mr. Clarke has lately made a tour through Thibet. Mr. Clarke regards the country as ripe for missionary operations.

MISSION FIELD IN JAPAN.—Dr. Bettelheim, who was originally sent as a missionary to China, has labored in Loo-Choo for nine years. He has compiled a dictionary and grammar of the Japanese language.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.—The Rev. Eustace Carey, nephew of the celebrated Dr. Carey, and for some years a missionary in India, lately died.

DEATH OF DR. GILLY.—The Rev. Dr. Gilly, Canon of Durham and Vicar of Northam, died lately, in his 67th year. He was well known as an earnest friend of the Vaudois Churches.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.—The Rev. W. C. Burns, accompanied by Rev. Carstairs Douglas, arrived safely at Hong-Kong, on the 7th of July.

DISCOVERY AT BABYLON.—Col. Rawlinson, it is said, has discovered at Babylon an extensive library—not printed on paper, but impressed on bricks—containing many treatises on Astronomy, Mathematics, &c. These, it is supposed, will throw light on various subjects.

MISSIONARIES AT SHANGHAI.—There are at present in this city thirty-one male missionaries, and about an equal number of females. Large audiences attend at several of the chapels. Additions are made to the churches from time to time.

COLLEGE OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev. G. Lewis, of Ormiston, has been appointed, temporarily, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Professor Campbell.

REV. JOHN CLUGSTON.—The Rev. John Clugston, formerly of Quebec, has been inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Long Framlington, in the Presbytery of Northumberland.

REV. J. ANGELL JAMES.—This eminent minister having completed a term of fifty years as minister of Carr's Lane Chapel, Birmingham, a jubilee was lately held in celebration thereof. A sermon was preached by Dr. Bennett, who had officiated at the ordination of Mr. James fifty years before. A large meeting was held in the evening, when a handsome testimonial was presented to Mr. James.

DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.—The Queen in Council, appointed Sabbath, 30th September, as a day of special thanksgiving, for the great successes obtained by the troops of Her Majesty, and by those of her allies in the Crimea, and especially for the capture of the fortress of Sebastopol.

KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN.—It is stated that the Rev. P. C. Campbell, formerly of Canada, is to be appointed to the vacant Principalship of King's College.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION—MEETING IN GLASGOW.—The late meeting of the association was a highly interesting and successful one. Many important papers were read on scientific and other subjects. At the close, an eloquent and