

a vast number of children, snatched from eternal death, are sent to Heaven to complete the number of the elect, whose pure and innocent legions, by their number and stainless beauty, constitute the most resplendent trophy of the Church Militant."

THE British Home Secretary has replied to the friends of the imprisoned Ritualist, Mr. Green, "that the powers of the Crown to discharge persons from custody would not be rightly or even constitutionally exercised in the case of a person imprisoned for contempt of court, committed by a persistent disobedience to a competent tribunal." Let Mr. Green and his friends step out from the emoluments and *prestige* of Establishment and he can air his conscientious frivolities to his heart's content.

THE hospital Sunday collections in London amount this year to \$150,735, to which all Churches—Protestant, Catholic, Greek, Jewish—contributed. The Church of England gave \$114,315; Congregationalists, \$10,225; Baptists, \$5,275; and other bodies smaller amounts.

MR. GLADSTONE has agreed to hear Scotch deputations in favour of disestablishment of the Church of Scotland, if legislation for this purpose should be brought forward in Parliament.

It is reported that the Unitarians of Great Britain are to hold a National Conference in April of this year.

MR. GLADSTONE thirty years ago, held rather extreme High Church views respecting the English Established Church. But on a recent Sunday, accompanied by his oldest son, he attended service in Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle Church. It is also stated that he stayed after service to have a talk with Mr. Spurgeon in his vestry.

WHEN the Evangelical Alliance met some years ago, in New York, we wandered one Sunday morning into All Souls' Church (Unitarian), witnessed a Christian baptism, joined in singing "Just as I am without one plea," and heard a discourse on the folly of continually using religious crutches when the Healer

was by to bid us rise and walk. We could readily have supposed ourselves within an Evangelical church of a liberal tendency. We tarried to speak to the elderly preacher, and were struck by his evident large-hearted sympathy and religious fervour. Henry Whitney Bellows, D.D., is now no more. We should like to hear his testimony *now* regarding that Saviour whom he here revered but whose divinity he did not acknowledge. He died at the age of sixty-eight, in New York, early last month, after an illness of a few days. New York mourns the loss of "the warm heart, broad sympathy and winning eloquence" of her Unitarian divine. Dr. Bellows graduated at Harvard College, when eighteen years old. He travelled in the South, preached awhile in Mobile, in his twenty-fourth year was settled over the church in whose service he died, having ministered to it first in Chambers street, then in Broadway, under the new name of the Church of the Divine Unity; and, finally, after the removal to the present position, as All Souls' Church. He was in the editorship of *The Christian Enquirer*, *The Christian Examiner* and *The Liberal Christian*. The most notable service of his life was, as president of the Sanitary Commission, in which it was said that he directed the administration of \$15,000,000 in supplies and comforts and of \$5,000,000 in money. He was active in the literary and art enterprises of the city. As a preacher and lecturer, without reaching the highest line of eloquence his sonorous voice and melodious sentences, his good sense, literary culture, and rhetorical power made him a favourite, especially with strangers visiting the city. He was a man of great kindness, of much religious feeling, and preached with dignity and unction. In the theological questions before his denomination he was with some justice charged with inconsistency, sometimes acting with the more conservative men and sometimes with the radicals. This came in part from the conflict between his deep religious faith and his passion for liberty; but still more from the overflowing kindness of his heart.

THE Geneva Arbitration, by which Great Britain paid honourably some \$15,000,000 into the United States Treasury, has been looked upon as a triumph of peace over war.