

doors. All Christian bodies gave support to the effort, but the Archbishop is reported to have said "he thought there was no objection after they had attended morning mass or service that they should be permitted to enjoy themselves in attendance on the diversions of the Exhibition." There was a portion of the Pastoral of the Plenary Council in Baltimore which the Archbishop should have studied more carefully. It was good reading on the Sunday question.—*Scl.*

The *Presbyterian Foreign Missionary* says:—At the same time there is increased activity on the part of the Clerical Party in Mexico, with a view of producing a strong reaction against the movements for political and religious liberty which have been made in recent years, there are indications of a similar reactionary movement along the whole line of the Spanish-American States. A recent letter from Chili states that throughout the Republic no effort is omitted, no means are left untried, by the Bishops and the clergy to secure political ascendancy. The writer compares the violence of the canvass, on both sides to the recent Presidential campaign in our own land. But while the Papal Party is active and aggressive, it no longer finds the advocates of liberty timid and cowed into silence.

#### Africa.

During the year that the London Road Car Company has discontinued its Sunday traffic its receipts have been nearly £1,000 more than the preceding year, and the value of its horses has increased 20 per cent.

No less than thirty-three distinct missionary agencies are at work in Africa at the present time. In South Africa there are 450 Protestant missionaries, 95 native ministers, 43,000 communicants, and 45,000 scholars. On the West coast, 190 missionaries, 33,000 communicants, 250,000 under instruction, and probably 1,000,000, more or less, under the influence of Christianity.

A number of steamers are now afloat on the Congo River: the "Peace," of the English Baptist Missionary Society; the "Henry Reid," given to the Livingstone Inland Mission by Mrs. Reid, of Tazmanian, in memory of her husband, and the *Hobilia* of the International Association, on the Congo and Kivu, comprising four steamers and four steam launches. Three steam launches are now afloat on

the Upper Congo, and a new steamer, called "the Stanley" is on its way to Stanley Pool.

#### The South Seas.

Missions by the London Missionary Society were commenced in the Samoan Islands, Polynesia, in 1836. That society has now on eight of the islands, nine male and seven female missionaries and 184 native pastors and teachers. These islands, sixteen in number, have a population of 10,000 with 2,124 church-members, and 2,461 children in schools. The people, besides paying the salaries of their teachers, either in money or produce, contributed last year £308 to the London Missionary Society.

#### UNIVERSALISM.

—"I am a Universalist," said—, boastingly, "and you Orthodox are not fair in saying that our system is inconsistent with reason." "I will prove the irrationality of your system," said his friend "You believe that Christ died to save all men?" "Yes, I do." "And you don't believe there is a hell?" "No, I don't." "You don't believe there is any punishment hereafter?" "No, I do not; men are punished for their sins in this life." Well, now, let us put your 'rational' system together. It amounts to just this—that Christ the Saviour died to save all men from nothing at all. Not from hell; because, according to you, there is none. Not from punishment in a future state of being, for he receives his whole punishment in this life. Yours is the absurd spectacle of ropes and life-preservers thrown at an immense expense to a man who is on dry land and in no danger of being drowned."—*London Chris. Jour.*

#### "HIS WORKMANSHIP."

Theodore Monod once made use of this beautiful illustration. He said:—"If a piece of iron could speak, what would it say? It would say, 'I am black, I am cold, I am hard.' Perfectly true. But put that piece of iron into the furnace and wait awhile, and what would it say? 'The blackness is gone, and the coldness is gone, and the hardness is gone'—it has passed into a new experience. But if that piece of iron could speak, surely it would not glory in it, because the fire and iron are two distinct things that remain distinct to the last. If it could glory it would glory in the fire and not