

BURMAH is now added to the British dependencies, after a very short and almost bloodless war. This brings the whole Burmese nation under Christian influence and good laws, and also opens a vast road of commerce from India to China. Lord Salisbury has managed this war far better than others did the Soudan war. France is angry, for it was plotting to get Burmah for its own; and its war in Tonquin seems bootless and disastrous, as also in Madagascar.

BULGARIA and Roumelia are likely to be one united kingdom. Servia has failed pitifully; but Greece seems inclined to do likewise. A truce is begun by consent of all parties; but Austria and Russia are jealously watching one another and coveting the spoils in view.

Terrible storms and typhoons are reported in the East Indies, &c., destroying hosts of lives and buildings.

The Roman college of the propaganda announces that in Cochin-China, nine missionaries, sixty catechists, two hundred and seventy members of religious orders and twenty-four thousand christians had been massacred. Two hundred parishes, seventeen orphan asylums and ten convents have been destroyed and two hundred and twenty-five churches burned.

AN "Interdenominational Congress" has been held in Cincinnati at the call of the Congregationalist Club of that region. Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, as well as Congregationalists took part in the proceedings. Beginning on Monday it continued till Friday. Among facts stated we note that 60 per cent. of the population of Cincinnati are of foreign birth, and 90 per cent. of Chicago people are either foreign born, or the children of foreigners. A great many of these hate law and order, and mistake liberty for license. The anarchist element is growing faster even than the population, and its habitat is the cities—The Congress devoted five sessions to the consideration of the evils of city life, and five sessions to the remedies. Dr. Lyman Abbott stated that New York is now more densely peopled than any part of Peking. The picture Dr. Abbott drew of the dark side of our great cities was dark enough to be appalling. One of the speakers insisted rightly

and eloquently on the holiness and the vital importance of the family tie,—and folly of parents who on any account neglect their children; especially the parents who sacrifice home and children to fashion, mammon, or "pleasure."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—One of the most sensational and startling plots for wholesale assassination of the most prominent men in this city came to light last night. Some time ago the police obtained information of the existing of an organization called the "Socialistic Revolutionary Association," which, it was asserted, was composed of ultra socialistic members. Close watch was kept on their movements, and the police finally succeeded in obtaining the minutes of one of their meetings, held on Nov. 23rd. From these minutes it was learned that a plot existed to put about twenty men out of the way by assassination, including W. T. Coleman, congressman; W. W. Morrow, Gen. W. H. L. Barnes, Mayor Birtlett, U. S. Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, Leeland Stanford, the millionaire; Charles Crocker, Gov. Stoneman and the principal police officials. These names were put on a "proscriptive list" and placed in the hands of the executive committee. The committee were to devise the best means of accomplishing the base plot and were engaged in considering the method to be used when their work was brought to a sudden termination by the discovery of their headquarters and the arrest of four conspirators. The officers found in headquarters a complete laboratory for the manufacture of infernal machines. The men were taken to the city prison, where they boldly asserted they were dynamiters and that they proposed to get rid of the citizens named and then raze Chinatown. The prisoners are also members of the German branch of the Anti-Coolie League.

LETTER FROM SCOTLAND.

The following excellent letter will be at once recognized and valued by our readers as the composition of the former Editor of this RECORD at Halifax, the Rev. JOHN CAMPBELL A. M., now of Buccleuch Church, Edinburgh. It is especially valuable at this time, (when so many are attacking the Kirk and trying to blind the