

are also led to expect, will appear specially on behalf of the Colonial Missionary Society. We can assure them all of a most cordial reception, both at the Union meeting, and in their visits to the several churches, for which we trust they will reserve ample time.

For the sake of those of our readers who have not been familiar with the *personnel* of our body in England, we may introduce the deputation a little more specifically. Dr. Vaughan is now an elderly man, though in full intellectual vigour, and retaining his youthful fervour. He has been pastor of a church at Kensington (now Dr. Stoughton's), Professor of History in University College, London, and President of the Lancashire Independent College. His historical works are universally quoted as of first-class authority. English Nonconformity, in its past history and present position, has no more able or eloquent advocate than he, while his literary attainments, his thorough English manliness and honesty, and his character as a Christian gentleman, have opened the door for him into the society of scholars of all churches. He now devotes himself chiefly to the care of his Review, which most worthily competes with the other quarterlies in all respects, while it strenuously maintains Congregational principles on church questions. Dr. Smith, once a pastor in Plymouth, and now presiding over a large church in Poplar, London, succeeded the late Algernon Wells in the secretaryship of the Union, and fills that difficult office well. He is a thorough man of business, and an effective public speaker.

We had written, and the compositors had "set up" thus far, when Dr. Wilkes' letter on another page fell under our eye, stating that we may not expect Dr. Vaughan. But let it stand. If an invitation from our American brethren is all that is wanting, that may be forthcoming, and we may see him yet. Our friends "at home" did well "that it was in their hearts" to send him to us, and they ought to know how we respond to their intent.

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THE DEATH OF CARDINAL WISEMAN has called forth comments from almost the entire British Press, of a character very different from what might have been expected from the reception given, in 1850, to the "Papal Aggression" of which he was the instigator. The writers, almost universally, speak of him in a respectful and kindly tone. Devoted as he was to his church, he had a breadth of culture and a sympathy with the spirit of a free nation, that tempered the bigotry of the ecclesiastic, and gave him influence over a wide circle of minds. It is said, (in his praise, of course,) that he was "a thorough Englishman." He was a man of extensive rather than profound acquirements in science, literature, and art; his style of speaking and writing, though verbose, was very effective; and his dialectics were not more unfair than those of most controversialists. One writer ascribes to him a morbid love of praise, which, being unbalanced by sufficient self-confidence, made him in reality a timid man, though so seeming-bold. He died at the age of 62, and has left a vacant place which it will be difficult to fill. The funeral ceremonies were arranged with all the pomp and solemnity possible, a large number of Bishops and representatives of all the religious orders, the ambassadors of Catholic States, and the English nobility and gentry of the same faith, being assembled for the occasion. The procession was two or three miles long, and the streets were crowded along the whole route.

The three names which Dr. Wiseman, previous to his death, sent in to the Holy See, as the list from which should be chosen his successor in the See of