

The following item should have appeared last month, but was overlooked:—

An ecclesiastical council met in the New England Congregational Church of this city, on the 29th March, for the purpose of assisting in the examination, and, if deemed best, the installation of Rev. Edward Ebbs as pastor of that church. Papers were presented to the council, certifying to the good and regular standing, and warmly commending Bro. Ebbs a faithful and efficient minister of the Gospel of Christ. Those papers being deemed sufficient, the council proceeded to the examination. This was thorough, lasting nearly two and a half hours, and was very well sustained. The council, on being alone, voted unanimously to sustain the examination, and to proceed to the installation services. Sermon, Rev. Wm. W. Patton, D. D., of Chicago; Installing Prayer, Rev. J. E. Roy, Agent Am. Home Miss. Society; Charge to Pastor, Rev. T. Lightbody, of St. Charles; Right Hand, Rev. Wm. L. Bray, of Aurora; Charge to People, Rev. G. B. Hubbard, formerly pastor of the church.—*Aurora Beacon*.

Miscellaneous.

ENGLAND—BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

“The proudest sovereign in the world is Queen Victoria. She dignifies womanhood and motherhood, and she is fit to sit in empire. There is one reason why the English throne is the strongest also, because it is so many legged. It stands on thirty millions of people. It represents the interests of the masses of the subjects. Another reason why England is the strongest nation is because it is the most Christian nation, because it has the most moral power. It has more than we have. We like to talk about ourselves on the fourth of July—we love to fan ourselves with eulogies; but we are not to be compared to-day with old England. I know her surly faults—I know her stubborn conceit—I know how many things are mischievous among her common people, among her operatives of the factory, among her serfs of the mine; but taking her up on one side and down on the other, there is not another nation that represents so much Christianity as Old England. If you do not like to hear it, I like to say it: and the strongest power on the face of the globe to-day is that kingdom. It is the strongest kingdom, and the one that is least likely to be shaken down. England has been destroyed every ten or fifteen years from the time of the Armada to the present day, in the prophecies of men. Every few years she has been about to be overthrown by sea; she has been about to be ploughed up by land; she has been about to be stripped of her resources in India, and other parts of the globe. Nations have formed alliances against her; the armies and fleets of the civilised world have gone about her; her interests, political and pecuniary, have been repeatedly and violently assailed, and yet she has stood, as she now stands, mistress of the seas, and the strongest power on earth, because she has represented the moral element.”

EXCOMMUNICATION OF BISHOP COLENZO.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal, as Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, having received from the Bishop of Capetown a formal notification of the sentence of excommunication pronounced on Bishop Colenzo, together with the form of excommunication itself, in order, as he stated, to give due and solemn publicity to the same, read these documents in the Cathedral at morning service on Sunday. His Lordship has also forwarded copies of them to the other Bishops of this Province, and to all the clergy of his own Diocese.

WISDOM.—Experience is the father, and memory the mother of wisdom.
The essence of all moral goodness is love.—*Archibald Alexander*.