

## General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLAND.—The amount which the Church of England draws from the public revenues,—which is quite separate from the income arising from properties, including buildings for educational and ecclesiastical purposes—is rather more than five millions and three quarters sterling, or twenty-eight millions seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

It appears that the Church of England is greatly in the minority in Wales, so that the motion, some time ago, of Mr. Watkin Williams to disestablish that Church in the principality, had right on its side. The other religious denominations are to the Established Church as at least five to one.

The *Church Review* cries out loudly against the Bible Revision Committee, and, in doing so, thus exhibits the smallness of mind and heart for which its supporters are proverbial. "What is required for a revision of the Word of God," so far says the *Review* with great truth, "is the Holy Spirit of God. He must take of the things of Christ and show them to us." "Now," and here comes the peculiar spirit of the *Review*, "far be it from me to deny the Bible to Dissenters, or to define what portion of illumination He may not condescend to give them, who ever has compassion upon human infirmity and ignorance. This, however, I do say, that the Bible is the book of the Church alone, and the promise of the blessed gift, to enable us to understand its truths or communicate them to others, belongs exclusively to the several branches of the Church Catholic." The several branches of the Church Catholic are, no doubt, the Roman, Greek, and English Churches: a goodly trio!

Mr. Bennett, Vicar of Frome, was recently tried in the Court of Arches for using language consistent only with belief in the doctrine of Transubstantiation. Sir Robert Phillimore acquitted him, owing to a modified expression of his opinions and a certain liberty the law allows. At St. Michael's, Swanmore, however, the Vicar "offered the great sacrifice of the blessed Sacrament as an act of thanksgiving for the judgment delivered in the Court of Arches in the Bennett case." Rome can hardly go beyond this.

The Methodists are prospering in England. Sir Francis Lycett offered to give \$250,000, to be expended in building new Methodist chapels in London, provided an equal amount could be obtained from the connexion at large. The Conference in July took this offer into consideration, but we have not heard of the result of their committee's labours in regard to it.

The Rev. T. R. Birks, a well known writer of religious works, and a member of the Council of the Evangelical Alliance, holds in regard to future punishment the theory of ultimate annihilation much in vogue among a certain class of thinkers; and, as the Council of the Alliance has refused to take action in the matter, the doctrine in question being opposed to the eighth article of the doctrinal basis of that body, Dr. Candlish, Hon. A. Kinnaird, and others, have resigned their connection with it.

In London, the parks are still open to the Sunday afternoon bands, but are closed against all addresses of a religious character. All Sabbath services and meetings for religious purposes are strictly forbidden within their precincts.

SCOTLAND.—The Scotch correspondent of *Christian Work* is responsible for the following:—"Dr. Buchanan, convener of the Sustenance Fund