

power. Subscriptions are being raised all over the Catholic world for the Pope; but we must confess our surprise at their smallness, both in number and amount.

A more portentous cloud, however, than even that of Rome, hangs over the political atmosphere of Europe, and that is the annexation of Savoy to France by the Emperor Napoleon. It is impossible even to surmise what may be the result. Present appearances are dark and lowering. Austria has protested in the strongest manner; and almost all the other states of Europe have at least indirectly made known their disapprobation of the act. Britain has spoken out boldly and manfully; so much so, that the Anglo-French alliance may be almost looked upon as a thing of the past. But amidst the threatening aspect of affairs we still hope and pray for peace.

In the British Parliament, what was intended to be the great measure of the Session, is by almost every body looked upon with absolute indifference, and by not a few with distrust, we mean the New Reform Bill. Nobody, except perhaps Mr. Bright, seems to want it, but very many are anxious for a decent pretext to push it out of sight, so that it will probably be shelved.

France is already reaping immense benefit from the new free trade treaty, as evinced by a falling off in the English Customs of about £400,000 during the first quarter.

The new Secretary for India, Mr. Wilson, has introduced the principle of the income tax into that great empire, and recommended the almost total abandonment of a native army. Great hopes are already beginning to be entertained of the financial future of this country, which was considered well nigh desperate.

The Chinese expedition is now on its way to the Eastern waters, and we trust that a safe and honorable understanding will be arrived at without bloodshed.

We observe that Japanese Ambassadors with an imposing retinue, are on their way, and have probably now arrived at the capital of the United States. This we consider one of the greatest and most important steps towards civilisation ever taken by an Eastern country. May it be blessed in the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Great interest and great preparations are beginning to be made in our various Colonial Capitals for the reception of the heir to the throne. We argue much good from this judicious visit, both to the entertainers and the entertained.

We have this month to record the death of Colonel Mure of Caldwell, one of the most accomplished scholars of the day, who has left behind him one of the ablest works ever written on Greek history and literature. He was an Episcopalian, but a warm and beneficent friend to the Church of Scotland.

Great excitement has been produced throughout Great Britain, in consequence of the dis-

covery of the abominable cruelties in connection with the Coolie trade—being almost worse than the worst evils of the slave-trade.

Want of space compels us to omit several items this month which we had marked for comment.

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