

## RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Temperance reform appears to be advancing in England. The Chancellor of the Exchequer recently said in a public address: "The evils of drunkenness become more and more patent. We are more and more impressed with the frightful evils that arise from it." It is computed that there are 315 members of the new Parliament favourable to the principle of "local option," including Mr. Gladstone and the Marquis of Hartington. It is hoped that there will be soon some wholesome legislation in the way of restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors. It is pleasing to note that "coffee houses are growing to be a formidable rival of the liquor shops as places of social rest for the masons."

The Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Glasgow, has commenced a series of evangelistic services in the city of Rome. "Despite the opposition of the municipality," says a telegram, "the reverend doctor was to-night able to address 1,500 persons in the Alhambra. At the close of the meeting Dr. Somerville was by acclamation invited to continue the series, which at Florence and Naples has already attracted such numerous audiences, and which no where but in Rome has encountered municipal opposition."

There is nothing to which the Turkish authorities appear to be more averse, than the fulfilment of their promises in regard to *religious toleration*. It is but a few weeks since the British Ambassador, at the Court of the Sultan, received the assurance that the Moslem might become a Christian without incurring any penalty. That there was no sincerity in that ostentatious assurance of religious freedom is apparent from the refusal of the government of the Sultan to protect the recently converted Mahommedan, Mustapha. After having received the promise of protection in the profession of his new faith, he was recently obliged to leave his home and seek safety in flight from Moslem fanaticism. Passing events make it more and more apparent, that Turkey is incapable of reform, and is doomed to inevitable and speedy destruction.

It is expected that the revised New Testament, in which so much labor has been expended by scholars in England and America, will be published in a short time. It is nearly six years since the work began, and eighty men have been engaged upon it. The revision, it is said, will nearly resemble the present version. Two years must elapse before the whole Bible will be completed.

Livingstonia is the name of the Free Church Mission on Lake Nyassa, Central Africa. It is called after the celebrated explorer, Dr. Livingstone, who sacrificed his life in the interests of African evangelization.

"At the Chapel attached to the Russian Embassy," says a telegram from London of June 4th, "to-day a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of the late Empress (of Russia) \* \* \* The Prince of Wales appeared clad in complete black, and took the position of one of the chief mourners. He, and one of the other principal mourners, at a certain stage of the Mass, arose from their seats, and took lighted candles in their hands, which, still standing, they held until the conclu-

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