

is the formation of a Native Free Church of some fifty pastors.—In Spain there are two highly prosperous missions sustained by the United Presbyterian Church.

DOLLINGER.

The great and overshadowing event in the religious history of Europe is the Protest of Professor Dollinger, of Munich, against the Papal Infallibility and his consequent excommunication by direct order from the Pope. The learned Professor has long been the leading scholar and historian of the Roman Catholic Church. His defection has caused profound alarm; and his sympathizers are numerous in Austria and Germany, and even in Italy. Strange that the Council of the Vatican has cost the Church of Rome her most eminent theologian, Dr. Dollinger, and her greatest pulpit orator, Father Hyacinthe.

THE POPE.

The Pope continues irreconcilable, flinging away with insult the proffers of help and friendship made by the Italian Government. In another month the Italian Government and Parliament will meet in Rome, making that city the permanent seat of the Administration. This is justly regarded as a terrible calamity to the Papacy. An agitation is going on in all Roman Catholic countries, aided by Romanists in Protestant countries, for the organization of a crusade for restoring the Pope to his throne and kingdom again; but there is no probability of the plot becoming effective. Vast sums of money and numbers of flattering and condoling addresses pour in on the Pope.

FRANCE.

France witnesses a terrible outburst of atheistic folly and violence in Paris and other cities. All forms of religion are proscribed, and immorality, blasphemy, infidelity and socialism are rampant. The Evangelical churches throughout France suffer greatly by the war, and appeals are being made for help, to British Christians. France has been for ages the right arm of the Papacy. Her present humiliation is a terrible blow to the Pope.

PERSECUTION.

Persecution prevails in Russia and Sweden. In the latter country Baptists are subjected to pains and penalties for disturbing the national (Lutheran) faith. In the Baltic provinces of Russia the Lutherans, once subjects of Sweden, are now being persecuted in order to bring them within the pale of the Russo-Greek Church. An influential deputation from the British and American Branches of the Evangelical Alliance are proceeding to St. Petersburg to plead with the Czar on behalf of religious liberty.

THE UNITED STATES.

Coming to America we note with pleasure that extensive revivals of religion are reported in connection with all the Evangelical Churches. The recent census proves that Romanism is not gaining with such rapid strides as its adherents fondly imagine. The Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches show a more rapid rate of progress than the Romish Church, and the adherents of the first two bodies mentioned are far more numerous than the adherents of the Church of Rome.—The re-united Presbyterian Assembly met at Chicago on the 18th of May. It is the largest Presbyterian body in the world. The first Presbytery was constituted in 1706; the first Assembly in 1789. The division into New School and Old School took place in 1838, and the Reunion a year ago last November. The grand event of the year is the completion of the Five Million Fund by this Church as a thank-offering for re-union.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Presbyterianism and other forms of Protestantism are extending in South America. Brazil has a "Presbytery"; Chili will soon have one. The good seed is spreading and taking root.

HOME.

Coming nearer home, we rejoice to observe that a Presbytery has been formed in Manitoba, and that a Presbyterian College is being established there. The Colleges of Toronto and Montreal are doing a good work for the future of the Churches. The