

et having already exhausted the Parliamentary grant of \$25,000,000, it is reported that the Government, trusting to Parliament's retrospective sanction, has ordered the Treasury to continue to make advances.

DR. CUNNINGHAM of Crieff has been installed as Principal of St. Andrew's University.

DR. STORY, Roseneath, is appointed by the Queen to the chair of Ecclesiastical History, University of Glasgow.

SIR WILLIAM MUIR, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, gave an account in his inaugural of the recent progress of the University, which is truly wonderful:

Between the time when he himself was a student there and the time when he returned as principal—a period of fifty years—the number of students has increased from 1,754 to 3,423. During last year the attendance had grown to 3,563. Mr. Carnegie's more princely offer of £50,000 towards a free library for Edinburgh is accompanied by another of the same amount from another quarter towards a fund for the completion of the college buildings.

EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR died of apoplexy at New York on Nov. 18th. Who next?

The vile bribery and grog-rule in American politics, show plainly that *if honest men neglect to watch and rule well, then vile men and vices will rule most villainously*. The present roadway disgrace is worse than Boss Tweed's. The thirteen aldermen who formed the "committee" to sell the city of New York to whoever would buy, McLoughlin and Kenny are dead, there is in Sing Sing, McCabe is insane, Quade is on trial; Cleary, Reilly and O'Neil on bail, awaiting trial; Fullgraff and Duffy turned state's evidence; and Dempsey, Lacey and Sayles have fled to Canada. Was there ever an unhappier thirteen?

### MISSIONARY AND RELIGIOUS.

CHRISTIANITY AT THE HEAD.—Professor Monier Williams, of Oxford, declares that Hinduism has entirely died out in India proper, the place of its origin, and is rapidly dying out in other Asiatic countries. He thinks the devotees of the religion do not number over 5,000,000 at the present time, and that the exaggerated ideas with regard to the population of China, together with the forgetfulness of the millions who worship no one but their own ancestors, account for the popular idea that the Confucianists are so numerous. His own opinion is that in point of numbers *Christianity stands at the head of all the religions of the*

*world*. The order following Christianity he believes to be Hinduism (including Brahminism, Jainism, demon and fetish worship), Confucianism, Mahometanism, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism.

THE REV. G. H. ROUSE, Indian missionary, writes: "Even in the last few years we have made considerable advance. Not very long ago people in India did not care to hear the name of Jesus. We might preach against idolatry and men would listen; but as soon as we began to mention the name of Christ our congregations would disperse. It is different now. People in the streets are more desirous to hear of Christ. It is rather an advantage than otherwise to have the name of Christ on the books we seek to sell. People will buy a Gospel called 'The Life of Jesus Christ'; but if offered Isaiah or Daniel or Acts, will say: 'We do not want the book.'"

M. EUGENE REVEILLAUD, Editor of *Le Signal*, who has evangelized in France from north to south, and from east to west, has been speaking in Lausanne on "The Prospects of Evangelical Religion in France." He says out of ten million French electors there are at least six million who acknowledge the moral and religious superiority of the reformed religion, and who passively desire its triumph. M. Reveillaud says "the progress is very real, and will certainly increase rapidly." The Lausanne Christians are about to undertake the evangelization of Savoy.

THIRTY years ago Roman Catholics dreamed of the conversion of England. That dream has faded away. In its stead we hear the complaint arising among Roman Catholics themselves that nothing is being done: "To what end are we raising noble buildings, when so few enter them? Why multiply missions when we make so few converts? We must alter our methods if we are to succeed. If we are to convert England, we must abandon our system, and take a lesson from England's church." These are the words of a recent convert. Or take a larger view. Look at the world as a whole, and you will see four Powers which are showing signs of progress at the present time—Germany, Russia, England, and the United States. None of these are Roman Catholic nations. If you add Italy to these, you must also add that Italy began to progress from the moment she set herself to destroy the temporal power of the Pope. On the other hand, if you are to ask for conspicuous examples of nations fallen from their high estate as arbiters of the destinies of Europe, you at once think of Austria, France and Spain, and all