

The *Standard* of Thursday contains a letter from Mr. Swayne, late a Priest of the Church of Rome, from which we extract the following:—

"Let no one, therefore, be horrified when I state that, it was believing in, and acting on, this teaching, that I myself in the year 1832 evaded the law of God and man, reason and nature, in withholding from the arm of justice 12 or 14 persons who had confessed to me their intentions of taking a part in the murder of the 45 constabulary that took place in the summer of the year at Carrickshock, near Knocktopher, county Kilkenny. These men came promiscuously to me to confess, at the convent of Knocktopher, in which I was stationed at the time; each 'confessed' to me not alone his intention, but determination to have a hand in the murder in case the constabulary came as we expected, to distrain in his village; the sequel proved the murderous premeditation of each, for seven of the same men were afterwards taken up and brought to Kilkenny, where two of them were hanged: the rest escaped justice, possibly through my fault—inasmuch as, had I been at liberty to give the least intimation to the proper authorities of what was (superstitiously) confessed to me two months before the murder, I would have been imprisoned, and the unfortunate victims who came, in discharge of their duties, to the fatal village, would have returned home with their lives. In all probability the same terrific tale could be told by the Rev. Mr. W.—, P. P., of Newtonbarry, where a like number of men were murdered some three years after in a similar manner and on a similar occasion; and I am confident, there are priests this moment in Ireland—yes, hundreds of them—who could, if they dare, tell us they have been cognizant, if not abettors, through the confession-al, of the conspiracies and treasonable practices and intentions of their people towards the government of this country in the ever memorable year of 1848."

Romish Miracles.

Romish miracles in France are much more unfortunate than in Italy, in consequence of police investigations, the miracle of the bleeding wounds of a picture at St. Saturnia, has been declared not official; and the young woman, who announced at what hour the blood would flow, has been arrested for the fraud. It has been said that it was effected by putting, in the cold of the night, some composition on the picture, which dissolved, and began running when the church became heated by the rays of the sun, or the great influx of people. It is rather a confirmation of this idea, that the miracle was foretold by the young woman for half-past nine in the morning. It is averred that the miracle of the liquefaction of the pretended blood of St. Januarius, at Naples, is effected in the same way. The warmth of the hand being quite sufficient to melt the composition in the bottle, when the priests are in favour of its accomplishment.

It appears, too, that the miracle of the Salette is now given up by the clergy, to whom it has been a source of great profit. (It was a pretended apparition of the Virgin to a little boy and girl keeping sheep on one of the mountains of the Isere.) The boy has since been sent to a seminary to be educated, and has recently declared that he did not as he had pretended, see the Virgin. This has led to a declaration from the Archbishop of the diocese, that the miracle is not official. The public papers remark, that nothing is said of the ten thousand dollars which, according to the particulars they gave, the clergy of the diocese has made by this delusion, after paying all expenses!—*Paris Correspondent of N.Y. Ch. Ad. and Journal.*

Conversion of England.

Dr. Paul Cullen has issued an order to all Ireland to pray for the conversion of all English Protestants to the Church of Rome; for those who are not with which, hell only (he says) can be their portion! This is a pleasant hint for the Queen as well as her subjects. Astronomer Paul calls us all intolerant bigots; but he has been moved to command prayer for us by Father Ignatius (the Hon. and Rev. G. Spencer), the honest gentleman who recommends that Popish servants should be sent into our families in order to insidiously poison the minds of our children with Popish venom! Father Ignatius further recommends all Popish servants in Protestant families to communicate to their priests the doings of the heads of the household. The two men are worthy of one another—Arcades ambo, et Cantare pares.

The Priests and the Employment of the People.

Some six months ago Mr. R. Morrison a cloth merchant, established at Westport a school for the instruction and employment of destitute girls in working muslin and lace. Under a competent teacher some eighty or ninety girls made such progress, that they were enabled to earn from 2s. to 5s. a week, when on "St. Patrick's-day," the establishment was denounced from the altar of Westport Chapel as a place "dangerous to the faith" of the workers, in consequence of which the doors of the factory have since been closed.

Evangelical Protestantism.

We are glad to perceive that Evangelical Protestants, forgetting minor differences, are about to unite in an effort to repel Papal aggression by spiritual means. There are certain particulars connected with this aggression, in reference to which differences of opinion may exist among evangelical Protestants; but there is no difference of opinion among them as to the unscriptural and pernicious character of the system which it is the object of that aggression to uphold and advance; and neither is there any essential difference among them as to the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, with which many of the principles held and promulgated by the Romish Church are so much at variance. Is not the present, then, a time when ministers and members of every evangelical communion should gather round a common standard, and, quite apart from political considerations, unitedly avow and maintain vital truths of equal moment to them all, and unitedly repudiate and withstand the anti-Christian dogmas by which they are impugned—too plainly to be misunderstood declaring them to be truths, in the faith of which they are of one heart and one mind? Were no other interest threatened, would not these truths still be imperilled? And, while new and unprecedented attempts are being made to Romanise our country, ought not corresponding efforts to be put forth to exhibit and consolidate its Protestantism?—a Protestantism which, as required by the Word of God, and derived from its Divine teaching, belongs not to any one ecclesiastical body, but is the invaluable treasury of Christians of every evangelical denomination, and which, in proportion as it is understood and realised, will prepare us at once to appreciate and respect common dangers, and render us earnest and persevering in the discharge of duties alike binding and imperative throughout the entire household of faith.—*London Christian Times.*

The Waldenses and Italy.

By the wonderful providence of God, a door is opened for the entrance of the gospel into Italy at the very time when Romish emissaries are producing religious agitation in Great Britain. A counteracting influence is at work, on the purest principles of religious liberty, and is such as every Protestant may conscientiously promote. The agency is at once convenient, powerful, and complete. The truth could have no more devoted messenger, Rome no more determined adversary, and Italy no more faithful regenerator than the ancient Church of the Waldenses. This primitive community, after being divinely protected for centuries in the seclusion of their sub-Alpine valleys, witnessing for the truth amid many trials, have been recently enabled to set up their candlestick in the plains of Piedmont. They are authorized by the Sardinian Government to build a church, and to conduct religious services at Turin. Within recent years, through the aid of contributions from this and other Protestant countries,—for the community, being chiefly composed of peasants and shepherds, was unequal to the task,—a college has been erected and endowed, accommodation provided for the professors and masters, and the building of a new church begun at La Tour.—*London paper.*

Progress among Young French Canadians.

An association of young French Canadians has lately been formed in the populous suburbs of St. Roche, whose ostensible object is said to be that of mutual improvement. They freely discuss matters of reform in the government of their church, particularly that relating to the payment of tithes, and have consequently drawn upon themselves the ire of the Priests and their party, who have publicly denounced their proceedings; but there is evidently a spirit of independent inquiry abroad among the young French Canadian population, which cannot be easily suppressed, and may yet lead to important and beneficial results.—*Quebec Cor. Montreal Witness.*

New Version of Tamil Bible completed.

In November last, Mr. Winslow, a missionary of the American Board at Madras, made the following announcement:—

We have finished the printing of the new complete version of the Tamil Bible, which has been in hand more than three years, and has had the labours of the united revision committee of the Madras and Jaffna Bible Societies, consisting of Messrs. Percival and Spaulding, of Jaffna, and Mr. Brotherton, of the Church of England and myself in Madras, for two years, most of the time daily, except the Sabbath. At the meeting of the general committee of the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society, October 21, the printed copy of the whole Bible in Tamil was presented, and received with congratulations and thanks.

English Literature in India.

The Athenæum states that a committee of English gentlemen has just been formed at Calcutta under the title of the "Vernacular Translation Committee," whose object will be to promote the translation of standard works in general literature by English writers into the vernacular languages of India.

Provincial Appointments.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, 22nd April, 1851.

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, in Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

To be Commissioners of Schools for the County of Sydney—The Revds. Messrs. Thomas Trotter, Colin F. McKinnon, Arthur Milledge, John Quinan, and Alexander McLeod;—and Alexander McDonald, Hugh McDonald, George Breinan, Archibald McGilvray and Duncan Grant, Esquires.

To be Justices of the Peace for the County of King's County—Irad Benjamin, Russell Caldwell, Thomas Bergen, Esquires.

To be Commissioners of Schools for the County of King's County—Winckworth Chipman, George Fisher, Andrew Borden, Esquires.

To be Justices of the Peace for the County of Pictou—Samuel Cameron, Matthew Sprad, Alexander McKay, John McLeod, Esquires.

Abner P. McKenzie, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Guysborough.

Wentworth Taylor, Esquire, to be Registrar of Deeds for the County of Guysborough, in the place of Robert Hartshorne, Esquire, deceased.

John McDonald, Esquire, to be the Collector of Duties at St. Mary's River, Guysborough, in the place of Alex. McDonald, Esquire, resigned.

Thomas S. Brown, Esquire, to be the Collector of Duties and Warehouse-keeper at North Sydney, Cape Breton.

Mr. John Waddle to be one of the Commissioners of Streets for Maitland, Hants County.

Peter J. Brouard, Esquire, to be a Seizing and Preventive Officer within the Gut of Canso.

By a Proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette*, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has declared the following Articles, being the growth, production, or manufacture of the British North American Possessions of Canada, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, or of either or any of them, may henceforth be imported into this Province from the respective Colonies, free of duty, upon such proof of origin and character as may from time to time be required by any order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that is to say:—Grain and Bread Stuffs of all kinds, *Wheat Flour*, production of Canada—whether imported direct or through Warehouse in the United States—being in the latter case certified to be the production of Canada.—Vegetables, Fruits, Seeds, Hay and Straw, Hops, Animals, Salted and Fresh Meats, Butter, Cheese, Chocolate, and other preparations of Cocoa, Lard, Tallow, Hides, Horns, Wool, undressed Skins, and Furs of all kinds, Ores of all kinds, Iron in Pigs and Blooms, Copper, Lead in Pigs, Grindstones, and Stones of all kinds, Earth, Coals, Lime, Ochres, Gypsum, ground or unground, Rock Salt, Wood, Bark, Timber and Lumber of all kinds, Firewood, Ashes, Fish, Fish Oil, viz.: Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter and Blubber, Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or creatures living in the Sea.

SUPREME COURT, April 21, 1851.—Andrew B. Almon, Edward R. Sutherland, William Seaman, and Mather Byles Desbrisay, Esquires, Attorneys at Law, were this day duly admitted and enrolled Barristers of this Honourable Court, and Richard Blake O'Flaherty, A. B. and John Skerry, A. B. of Halifax, and Daniel McDonald of Antigonish, Students at Law, having taken the usual oaths, were admitted and enrolled Attorneys; and the said Richard Blake O'Flaherty, A. B., and John Skerry, A. B., were also admitted and enrolled Barristers of this Honourable County.

J. W. NUTTING, Proth'y.

Summary of News.

FROM LATE PAPERS.

A tremendous gale has been experienced in Boston, which resulted in considerable damage to the shipping in port, and to property on shore, from inundation. Minot's Ledge Light House was blown down and two men lost their lives in consequence. It was an iron structure, 80 feet in height. Some of the Railroad tracks were seriously damaged by the storm. The steeple of a church fell during the gale and killed a horse and a man who were passing at the time. Other cities were also visited by the same storm, with more or less damage.

The people of Lynn tolled their bells on Saturday last, when they heard that the law had been executed, and the fugitive slave Sims had been delivered up to his master.

The Massachusetts railroads carried twenty-three millions of passengers last year.

A man was lately fined \$100 for being drunk and disorderly in the streets of San Francisco.

A beautiful *California Lion* was killed by Capt. Martin, near Sancelito. It is of whitish colour, over two feet in height, and measuring between seven and eight feet from tip to tip.

The *Placer Times* tells of three brothers who crossed the plains in October 1849. One went to the mines, the other two turned their attention to agriculture. The miner, at the end of January 1851, had saved less than \$1,000, while the farmers had netted \$7,000 each.

Dates from Havana to the 8th inst., state that there were rumours afloat of another invasion of Cuba by an armed force from the United States. At Matanzas, the report was so far believed, that the troops were out.

Accounts from Cardenas are to the 6th inst.—The weather having proved unusually favorable, there was a large accumulation of Molasses and likely to continue, unless vessels arrive more freely and freights were reduced.

At Matanzas on the 5th, W. P. Boards were quoted at \$19 to \$20.

The very name of Poland is now extinguished from official language in Russia. The country is now known to that language solely as the Government of New Russia.

A musical prodigy, who is compared with Mozart, has appeared in Germany. It is a boy of 7, the son of a clergyman at Leerlohn. The fineness of his ear is incredible.

The new Postal arrangements went into operation in Canada on the 6th inst. The lowering of the rate of postage had already increased the transmission of letters through this medium.—Newspaper exchanges to publishers are free, but the Department requires that each paper must be enclosed in a separate envelope, and not in bundles to the locality as heretofore.

W. L. MacKenzie has been elected a member of the Canadian Parliament, for the County of Haldimand.

At Salford, England, Robert Cox, aged forty years, who formerly enjoyed a property of £500 a year, but had squandered it by long continued dissipation, lately poisoned himself.

Major Herbert Edwards, C. B. and his lady sailed from Southampton on Thursday week in the steamship *Indus*, en route to resume his military duties in India.

The entire dispersion of Bibles and Testaments in English at home and abroad, during the last fifty years, has been about 27,000,000.

The *Kendal Mercury* states that the parish of Brougham, in the county of Westmoreland, contains neither a publican nor a pauper.

The *North British Mail* states that another prison is being built in Glasgow to hold the fast increasing mass of crime developed upon the inhabitants by the enormous immigration of their Irish neighbours.

The late Mrs. Butler Cole bequeathed to Mr. Dixon, surgeon, of Preston, her medical attendant, the sum of £3,000. That gentleman has, however, declined to receive the legacy, and has executed a deed of renunciation. The sum will, accordingly, be divided among the nephews and nieces of the deceased lady.

The *Fernanagh Mail* says that Mr. Chisholm Anstey, M. P., is the second son of Mr. Thomas Anstey, one of the oldest settlers in Van Diemen's Land, and now residing at Anstey-Barton, near Hobart-Town, in the possession of flocks and herds, &c., to the value of £200,000.