

be one more step towards a satisfactory settlement of the Italian difficulty: it would remove one more centre of reaction and obstacle to progress, and greatly help forward the consolidation of the new kingdom. We do not think that either of the men are deficient in the courage for making such a change; we only hope that no wretched, crooked state policy may prevent them carrying out the programme

Noticeable among the events of the week is the opening of the New Congregational College at Plymouth, an edifice which has cost more than £6,500. The whole of this amount has been raised by the voluntary zeal of the friends of the college, and we would call the attention of those Churchmen who are so ready to distrust the liberality of their own denomination, to the fact that a debt of £1,400 on the college was cleared in one day by the Nonconformists of the west of England.—*Nonconformist*, 26th June.

THE NEW SULTAN OF TURKEY.—The first act of the new Sultan is of a hopeful nature. Instead of confirming the prevalent impression that he is a bigoted Mussulman, the proclamation put forth on his accession announces his intention to introduce great reforms in favour of all his subjects, without distinction of religion, while he will pursue the foreign policy of his predecessor. Should these promises be fulfilled, the reign of Abul Aziz may be more prosperous than that of his deceased brother, giving more contentment to his subjects, and (if he be a man of stronger nerve than Abul Medjid) affording less inducement to foreign powers to interfere mischievously in the affairs of his empire. The most pressing want of the Porte just now is the spirit of economy in constant exercise. A partial change in the Turkish Ministry is expected.

THE QUEEN has heartily and practically responded to the desire of those journeymen in the fish, poultry, meat, vegetable, and ice trades at the west end of the town, who have lately formed an association to abolish Sunday trading. For the future no provision of any kind is to be brought into the Palace on the Lord's day. No doubt the royal example will be generally imitated by the nobility and higher classes.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.—The Funds of the several Missionary Societies exhibited considerable difference. Their position, respectively, as compared with last year is as follows;—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Church Missionary Society.....	—	£14,447
Wesleyan.....	£673	—
London.....	—	8,543
Baptist.....	9..	—

It must be remembered that we have included special funds in this statement, and that a decline in some of these may sometimes result in a large gross decrease, without the steady current of a wonted liberality being checked, or the great work retarded to the extent which might, at first, seem inevitable. The comparison, it will be noticed, is between one year and another. We subjoin the gross sum received from all sources by each society during last year:—

Church Missionary Society.....	£149,182
Wesleyan.....	140,678
London.....	85,363
Baptist.....	30,468

Total..... £405,691

—*Evangelical Christendom.*