

## British and Foreign Notes.

EDIN has seven normal schools. The remains of a splendid palace have recently been discovered at Nineveh. THOUSANDS of Southern colored people desirous of emigrating to Liberia.

The next meeting of the Evangelical Alliance will be held at Basel, Switzerland, in

the Wilthaus collection of shells has been purchased for Vassar College. It contains 6,000 distinct species and 10,000 varieties of shells, and is valued by experts at \$100.

A report comes from Camden, Me., that persons were seriously, though not fatally, poisoned last week by drinking what had stood for some time in porous-lined jars.

The natives of the New Hebrides Islands this past year, contributed 2,800 lbs. of arrowroot to help pay for the translation and printing of the Bible in the Bismarck language.

Mr. Plimell's Act for the Protection of Seamen became operative, 104 vessels have been detained at their wharves as they were about to sail, and 101 of them found to be unsafe in still water.

A not very creditable statement is made by the vestrymen of Trinity church, Boston, refused to have it used for the Episcopal General Convention, because they did not want the carpets and pews spoiled by coco-nut juice.

The King of the Friendly Islands in the South Seas, last year proclaimed a public day on the fifteenth anniversary of the ending of the Wesleyan mission on those islands. The Indian Evangelical Review like this quite a contrast to the days "old missionary!"

"Fashionable Mourning."

We hear it said over and over that piety most suspicious and doubtful gift, for always thinking of death, and never for one moment can live it off its inveterate shudder! Embalments of our dying are actually in want of fashion. We saw that on a sign in the street. Cerements and coffins, as well as gravestones and shrouds, are sold daily in the avenues. Caskets for children, biers for trains on foot, black carriages for first-class funerals, self-sealing lined boxes for transport, all are daily advertised at regular competition charges. More coffins and shrouds are kept ready-made, with a kind of horrible suspicion of some one's ultimate need, leaving the undertaker from failure in business.

And yet a ribald world reproaches piety making people think of death! What the world itself thinking of, we should do know?

Religion, meanwhile, stands on the corner of the streets where the funerals are going up close upon the brink of the grave when the coffin is lowered, back to the broken home of the sinner; everywhere singing with cheerful

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