

THE REV. R. DILL has left the magnificent bequest to Magee College, Derry, of \$35,000, together with a large reversion after the death of some relatives.

WINNING A MINISTER.—Lately, 200 Methodists went to the Rev. Dr. Bings, New York, to give him a cane. On examination, it was valued \$2000.

SOUTH AFRICA, lately explored by Livstone, the Church of England is about to commence a mission.

THE MALTA GARRISON ORDER, to the effect of officers and soldiers on duty salute the Queen when passing, has justly called forth protest from different quarters.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL at Montreal has been completely destroyed by fire.

THE LAST VOLUME of Alison's History will be published in a few weeks.

THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA is delivering a series of discourses in Salem Chapel, against Universalism.

THE REV. JOHN M. HENSEY, M. A., has been appointed to the chair of Pastoral Theology in King's College, Windsor.

NEW BRUNSWICK, the Postmaster-General has been sustained by a large majority in the Sabbath observance movement.

THE REV. DR. BROOKE, of the Church of England, in Fredericton, N. B., has been elected chaplain of the Legislative Council.

MR. MATURIS, the recent convert to Rome, has written a pamphlet in his own defence, which we have not seen, but which receives a hard measure from correspondents in the "Church Record." Whatever may be the merits of the pamphlet which he has written, he has taught his former parishioners, a few months since, the supreme authority of the Pope, and has been so woefully inconsistent that his testimony must be of very little service to Roman Catholicism.

THE REVISION OF THE PRAYER BOOK, proposed by Rev. C. H. Davis proposes (1) the omission of the apocryphal lessons; (2) the revision of the damnatory clauses of the Athanasian Creed; (3) of the regeneration statements in the baptismal service; (4) of the absolution service; (5) of the burial service.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL BUILDING SOCIETY have, within the last ten years, aided in the erection of 51 chapels, at a cost of £200,000 sterling.

FIFTY-TWO COLPORTERS are employed by the Tract Society of Scotland.

A ROMAN BISHOP has just gone forth to Western Africa, to commence a mission at Sierra Leone.

PROFESSOR HUNTINGTON, preacher at Harvard University, and editor of the "Monthly Religious Magazine," has left the Unitarians.

CHINA, by a recent census, there are 400,000,000 people.

THE "INQUIRER," the Unitarian organ, ascribes the notorious decay of Unitarianism in England to the doctrines preached and the apathy encouraged.

The rumor that Mr. Robert Chambers, of Edinburgh, was the author of the "Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation," is confirmed by the New British Museum catalogue.

MOST INTERESTING DISCOVERY.—The Rev. Dr. McGrie, in his antiquarian explorations of London, has discovered the *Minutes of the Westminster Assembly*, in manuscript, extending over the whole period of its sittings. Dr. Lee, Principal of Edinburgh University, believed they had been destroyed by fire. They are now found in the Episcopal Library of Sion College, in the city, where Presbytery in its brief, palmy days had its headquarters.

THINGS NEW AND OLD.—The following hot shell was cast into our old ship lately by the Editor of the *Christian Instructor*. It formed one of the missiles of a general discharge, entitled, "Government honors to the Roman Catholic Priesthood." Here is the formidable relic: "We doubt also whether the brethren of the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland, would consent, even this year, at the bidding of some unscrupulous politicians in Pictou, to make fools of themselves, as they did last year, by passing a resolution against the Protestant Alliance." With respect to this polite and charitable bulletin, note 1. That we cannot tell whether these politicians are unscrupulous or not, till we know who they are. This, therefore, comes under the category of a "cut in the dark." 2. The Synod did not pass a resolution against the Protestant Alliance; for proof of which see printed "Minutes." 3. We are wholly ignorant of any advice being offered to, or any course of action being concerted by our ministers and ruling elders, in reference to the Protestant Alliance. We do not know a single one that has been thus advised. 4. The propriety of the expression, *fools*, may be determined by Matthew v: 22. What must be the inference, when the party is not an *individual*, but an offending *spiritual court* of Christ's Church, when the general charge is *untrue*, and when the implication of political dictation is as baseless as is the supposition that it would be tolerated. Such spasms of uncharitableness must be very gratifying to the followers of the Pope. How very conducive they are to Protestant unity! The occurrence of the word "brethren" in such a discharge as this reminds us of an Old Testament incident. "And Joab said unto Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand, to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword, that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib." The only difference is, that having passed through so many trials, there is no danger of this squib *killing our Synod*. "Fools" often live to a great age!