

The meeting of the American Board, at Salem, appears to have been an occasion of more than usual interest. Four thousand people were in attendance. The exercises, which extended over three days, were of a highly intellectual and profoundly spiritual character; and some of the measures discussed and adopted were of such a far-reaching practical nature, that the *Independent* speaks of it as "perhaps the most inspiring and grand of all the meetings ever held by that now venerable Board." Chief among these was the decision to which the Board came, to enter henceforth into "nominally Christian lands," thus taking up the work of the American and Foreign Christian Union, from which Congregationalists, as a body, have recently withdrawn. The vote of the "corporate members" was "solidly unanimous" in favour of this step, and when the assembly was asked if they would endorse their action, "the whole mass of Christian men and women rose," and voted for it. It is expected that, freshly aroused and inspired by this assumption of so grand a new field, the Churches will now say to the Board: "Advance along the whole line to greater things."

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The meeting of the "National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States" has already been announced to be held at Oberlin, O., November 15th, commencing at 10 A.M. All delegates and others who expect to attend, are requested to forward their names and Post Office address, without delay, to Prof. John M. Ellis, Oberlin, Ohio, Chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements. They will receive, in reply, a card introducing them to the family with which they will find a home during the meeting. The Committee can not pledge themselves to provide for any whose names are not received by November 1st. The Oberlin Committee will endeavor to secure reduction of railroad fares, and give due notice.

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The effects of the decree of Infallibility are appearing in various forms, which cannot fail to give His Holiness much trouble. The governments are resisting it, and in Italy, Germany, Bavaria and Austria, refuse to recognize the excommunications of the unsubmitting Bishops. The people are rising against it, and a representative meeting of "Alt-Catholics,"—that is, "Old Catholics," has been held at Munich, to take measures for upholding Romanism as it was before the Vatican Council. Counter meetings are also held, to maintain the new dogma. There is no unity, but that of fear or force.

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The United Presbyterian Divinity Hall, at Edinburgh, had last season 160 students. There are four Professors, who also retain their pastoral charges. Their salaries are £100 each, and the Synod also supplies their pulpits while they are performing professorial duty. The U. P. Ministry is well known for its thorough training

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An East London Tabernacle, seating 3,000, has just been opened. The pastor is Rev. A. G. Brown, formerly a student in Mr. Spurgeon's College.

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The Lord Bishop of Melbourne proposes that his clergy should place their churches at the service of other denominations when need is and convenience suits—a proposal which we hope will happily terminate what may be called the exclusiveness of Anglicanism, and the obtrusiveness of some other bodies.—*Victoria Independent*. A Sydney letter says that Episcopal, Presbyterian, and