

A French Newspaper. A number of gentlemen in Montreal are contemplating the establishment of a French newspaper. The name proposed is the "*Nouveau Monde*" the "New World." It is to be under Presbyterian auspices, and, while not a Presbyterian or strictly religious paper, its aim will be to exert a religious influence, to spread light and knowledge, to be in short, a good family newspaper.

There is a good field for such a publication. It will be a grand influence for good in enlightening our French fellow-countrymen. It will be one of our best agencies for that work, and the fact of its being in charge of Rev. C. E. Amaron, so well known to many in connection with French work is a guarantee of its success.

A joint stock company is being formed, the capital being one thousand shares of ten dollars each, of which twenty-five per cent will be paid up, and more if needed later on. Of course it is not likely to yield fat dividends, for a time at least, but if any of our readers for the sake of the good to be done would like to take a few shares, one or many, it will be good investment, and the Editor of the RECORD will be glad to receive any such and pass them over to the *Nouveau Monde*.

Seekers after Light. Little by little the light spreads. In the English "Presbyterian" is the following:—"One of our churches in the Swatow district, Phu-suan, has just received into its membership four men and four infants, baptized by Mr. MacLagan. One of the four men hears the Gospel at first by an "accident." He lives in a village two miles from Phu-suan. Some time ago he came to Phu-suan, on the occasion of some theatrical exhibition, to see the plays. He happened to find his way into the chapel during a service, and was so attracted that he came back again and again. He is a tailor, and after his day's work he would often walk into Phu-suan to attend evening worship, returning home next morning. His mother has also begun to come to worship. She and some other women are applicants for baptism. There are seekers for light in China who make their way into preaching halls to see if the Jesus of the "barbarian" may be the Saviour they know they need. But in China, as in other lands, Christ is found of those who sought Him not.

Russian Tyranny Religious intolerance in Russia seems to be if possible increasing. The Protestants of the Baltic Provinces are made to feel the iron grip of the powers that be. Their worship, family life, the training and teaching of their children, their occupations, and their little savings if they have any, are all interfered with. They are constantly wronged.

The Stundists of Southern Russia are subject to even greater oppression because being in a

larger proportion converts from the Greek Church, they are more obnoxious to Government. One of the latest orders is a census of the Stundist's children with the intention of taking them from their homes and parents and putting them under the care of priests of the Greek Churches. What horrible cruelty, dragging children from parents, breaking up homes and blighting happy lives.

Against the Jews one of the latest instances of unreasoning injustice is the following:—In Moscow the Jews have, within the past few years built a magnificent synagogue at a cost of some \$200,000. The administration of the City of Moscow approved of the plans and the Minister of the Interior confirmed this by special sanction in 1887. When it was completed and ready for use, in June, 1892, the President notified the Government, and asked permission for its opening. This was granted, the rolls of the Law were formally deposited within it and the building was solemnly dedicated.

Shortly after this the President and chief Rabbi were notified that as the Jewish population of Moscow was diminished there was no need for the building, and that its existence there was unbecoming. At the same time orders were given to convert the building into a benevolent institution. The officers of the Jewish Church sent a remonstrance most respectfully worded, and all the satisfaction they received was that the chief Rabbi was ordered to leave the city within fourteen days, while the President, an old man of seventy-five, was banished for two years. The police then took possession and sealed up the doors and windows.

It is more and more evident that Russia is determined to kill out all the forms of doctrine and worship that do not conform to the Greek Church. Whom the gods would destroy they first made mad. The potsherd may strive with the potsherds of the earth; but woe to him that striveth with his Maker.

Sabbath breaking The U. S. Government does not pay. voted a large sum of money to the Chicago Exhibition on condition that it be closed on Sabbath. The management accepted it on that condition, and after receiving part of the money they broke their engagement by deciding to keep it open. Then they found that it did not pay. People did not attend in sufficient numbers to pay expenses, and, making a virtue of necessity, they decided to close it, hoping no doubt to get the Government grant. Next came an injunction from some who were interested, compelling the directors to abide by their former decision and to keep it open, at a ruinous cost, while the merest few attend on that day. Right and the christian opinion of the United States and of the world has been vindicated, while, as usual, the attempt to "rob