

"That the parish churchyards of England and Wales having been by the common law of England appropriated to the use of the entire body of the parishioners, it is just and right, while making proper provision for the maintenance of order and decency, to permit interments in such churchyards, either without any burial services, or with burial services other than those of the Church of England, and performed by persons other than ministers of that Church."

This, as some think, just and sensible resolution might perhaps have carried but for the fact that the enlightened statesman who just now rules England by the favour of the distillers and publicans, thought fit to call on his followers to vote it down, which they did by the narrow majority, in a very full House, of thirty-one. So the country is safe for another year. How dreadful the calamity it has thus barely escaped, however, may be learned from the words of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Lincoln :

"The bishops and clergy and parish priests of England are not the owners of the churchyards." Very true, indeed, thus far. "They are only the trustees of them under God, who is their proprietor, and they cannot without breach of trust, and without being guilty of a heinous offence in His sight, take away from God a single foot of a churchyard for the purpose of giving a share in it for public funeral services to persons who rend asunder His Church by schism, which is condemned by Him in His Holy Word as a deadly sin. Such an act on the part of bishops and clergy would be a robbery of God. It would be an act of sacrilege, treachery, and cowardice."

The wonder is that Mr. Disraeli and the Bishops allow such schismatical wretches to be buried anywhere

The *Congregationalist* says, that reports from nearly one hundred and fifty Churches of our order, chiefly in the East, indicate that "not since 1857-8 have

revivals been so general and fruitful. No Christian could have read the remarks accompanying the returns of recent additions to the Churches without thanking God and taking courage. There was hardly a despondent word. In almost every instance where the March communion was not the occasion of accessions to the Church, the first of May or the next regular sacrament was mentioned as the time of an expected ingathering. These good tidings of the kingdom could not be more timely."

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We take great pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Mrs. E. J. Dalkin, the accomplished daughter of the Rev. Mr. Heu de Bourck, of Stratford, regarding the School for Young Ladies she has just established in that place. Such an institution has long been a desideratum among us, and the testimonials published with her circular leave no room to doubt that Mrs. Dalkin is eminently qualified to undertake what she proposes.

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The Congregational church at Wallingford, Me., has been for two years without a settled pastor. Sixty candidates have preached to them, none of whom appear to have suited the people. The *Mirror* gives them advice as follows :—

"One of the errors made by pastorless societies is in hearing too many candidates. It is very pleasant to get a knowledge of different men, but it distracts the minds of the people from entertaining a united preference. The best rule is, hear one man two or three times. If he pleases, and no objections are made to him, continue to hear him for a reasonable time. Then settle him if he appears to be the right man. Leave the other fishes in the sea for other fishers, and don't angle for bites."