

The Prussian Government have not only put aside the Minister of Education, VonMuhler, but have disavowed his policy, and have declared that the bishops have no right to remove and deprive of their salaries those Professors of Theology who repudiate the Infallibility dogma. Bavaria is standing out strongly against the Jesuits and the ultramontane party, who have been striving to detach the young king from the German alliance. Dr. Dollinger, and two other Professors of Theology in Munich, are threatened with the loss of their chairs, but it is probable they will retain them, and perhaps introduce something of a Scriptural reformation in the German Catholic Church. At least 95 per cent. of the lay professors in German Roman Catholic literary institutions, and 80 per cent. of the theological professors, are in opposition to the Infallibility dogma.

From Switzerland, news has arrived of the death of Professor Chapuis, of the Theological College of the Free Church of the Canton de Vaud. The Protestant State Church of Switzerland is thoroughly under the Government. "The minister must hold the services and do the duties at the place and hour fixed, and nothing more. He dare not hold a prayer meeting in a private house; and a very hard wrought, slavish body of men they are—a higher kind of schoolmaster and policeman, with an average salary of about four hundred dollars a year. The State tried to put down the Free Church; made its meetings illegal; no one could give sites for it, nor hold property; it ended in banishment, imprisonment, fines, and the old story of persecution; but fidelity had its reward; the law would not work; public opinion would not sustain the rigour, and it has ended in perfect freedom. There are about 140 congregations in the Free Church—many of them weak."

Two Protestant religious newspapers have been commenced in Madrid—one of them being an illustrated weekly called *The Christian*. In a town of Catalonia some priests recently had an *auto da fe*, the burned being several Protestant books, including some Bibles. The Spanish people still give great attention to the proclamation of the truth.

Presbyter John, of Geog Tapa, in Persia, who recently sought aid from the High Church party in England, in opposition to the American missionaries, died in the end of last October.

One of the head men of the Billawars, a race of people living near Bangalore, on the western coast of India, came to the missionaries of the Basle Society there, asking to be received as a Christian, with 5000 of his followers, on condition that they should remain independent of other Christians, and be allowed to visit the heathen plays, &c. This was refused, but it is hoped, ere long, the entire body will accept Christianity.

"It appears that the French Catholic nuns at Tientsin, who perished in the massacre, had been led by their infamous Church system to a practice that aroused the anger of the mob against them. They had been taught that, to be saved, infants must be baptised. They therefore strenuously addressed themselves to baptizing all they could; and as, according to their creed, the end sanctifies the means, they purchased sickly children, and gathered them into an institution for this purpose, some of them having been stolen from their parents by native kidnappers, who abound in China, and who expected to be paid for them by the sisters. The number of coffins passing out of the institution excited wonder and surprise. The hostile party took advantage of it, and the excitement increased until at length it exploded."