

to secure a building for the training of native ministers and schoolmasters.

THE BRAHMO SOMAJ of Calcutta has assumed an attitude of more decided opposition to Christianity, but is woefully failing in its struggle with Hinduism. Its ranks are thinning both from relapses into the old superstition, and from dissension and division among the leaders. What better result could be anticipated from a movement so decidedly Atheistic in its tendency?

BRAZIL AND THE JESUITS.—The release of the imprisoned bishops in Brazil has been accomplished by a Jesuit scheme. "They instigated the Emperor's daughter to vow that she would perform the most humiliating penances until they were pardoned, and accordingly she began to sprinkle and sweep all the churches in the neighbourhood. Her mortified father's heart was so touched that he relented and released the law-defying bishops. The Emperor is now planning a foreign tour for a year and a half, and, unfortunately for his country, will leave its control in the hands of his daughter, that is, of the Jesuits."

According to the *Boston Pilot* there were in 1825, 50 years ago, 1 Roman Catholic priest in Maine, 1 in Massachusetts, and 1 in New Hampshire, with 8 churches. There are now in New England, according to this authority, 1 archbishop, 5 bishops, 441 priests, 432 churches, and a Catholic population of nearly a million.

THE Lutheran "Church Almanac" for 1876, which has just been published in Philadelphia, says that there are in North America 2,669 Lutheran preachers, and 4,571 congregations, which have 573,139 communing members. There are in the United States thirteen Lutheran theological seminaries, with 423 students of theology, and seventeen colleges attended by

more than 2,000 students. About fifty periodicals are published in English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, and Danish. Fifty years ago the Lutherans in this country numbered only 163 clergymen and 43,125 communicants.

IN THE apportionments of the missionary money to be raised next year, the committee recently appointed by the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Church have asked the New York and New York East Conferences, whose territory embraces New York and Brooklyn, to raise \$47,000 each; New England Conference is asked for \$28,000, New Jersey for \$22,500, Philadelphia for \$55,000, Pittsburg for \$33,000, Newark for \$22,200, Central New York \$20,000, Northern New York \$17,500, Western New York \$17,500, Baltimore, \$40,000, Cincinnati, \$26,000, Troy, \$26,000, Providence \$14,700, Central Pennsylvania \$23,000, Illinois \$22,000, Rock River \$19,000, and Northern Indiana and Northern Ohio \$13,000 each. Of the aggregate the conferences east of the Alleghenies and north of the Potomac are asked for \$404,350—nearly one-half of the whole sum required. New York State alone is expected to contribute \$149,000.

IN THE first sermon Cardinal McClosky preached after his return from Europe, referring to the Pope, he said: "During my late visit to Rome I was permitted to enjoy a great deal of the society of the holy father. Sometimes I sat in familiar converse with him in his simple private cabinet, and at others I shared his walks, or listened to his words to the hundreds that daily flock into his presence. I was profoundly impressed with the moral grandeur, and the sublime dignity of the august head of our Church. All who entered his presence were struck with reverential awe. A radiance,