

conversation chancing with the first of them to turn on the comparative state of the Irish at home and in America, he remarked with horror, that of his numerous acquaintances who had preceded him to this country he found a *fearfully large proportion of them who never went to church at all*. And on our mentioning it to the second gentleman, he said he had found the same thing. They had become *Kirwanites*—infidels."

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE. — Mrs. White, wife of Rev. Moses C. White, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Fuhchau, China, in May; and Mrs. Johnson, at Hong Kong, in June. Mrs. Stoddard, of the Nestorian Mission, also died of cholera in June, at Trebsind.

Rev. Stephen Bush and wife, and Rev. Mr. Smith, a native of India, recently sailed for Siam. Rev. Messrs. Rankin, Wight, and Whilden, and their wives, for Chira. Also, Rev. Cyrus T. Mills, Rev. J. T. Noyes, Mr. Bushnell, (printer,) and their wives, for Ceylon; Rev. J. W. Dalles and wife, and Mrs. Winslow, for Madras; and Dr. Shelton and wife for the Madura station, in the ship *Bowditch*, from Boston, Mrs. Dalles is a daughter of Rev. Mr. Winslow, and returns to join her father at Madras.

Rev. Daniel Poor and wife, missionaries from Ceylon, arrived in New York, for a visit of two years, bringing the two sons of Rev. Mr. Winslow. It is nearly *thirty-three years* since Mr. Poor left his native land.

Rev. W. M. Jones and wife, and Miss Elizabeth Howard, sailed from New York for Haiti, lately, in the service of the American Baptist Free Mission Society:—and the following missionaries, connected with the American Baptist Missionary Union, from Boston, viz., Rev. L. Jewett and wife, for the Telooogo Mission; Rev. H. L. Van-Meter and wife, for the Burman Mission; Rev. Judson Benjamin and wife, for the Karen Mission.

Canada.

Roman Catholic Cathedrals have been opened during this month, with great pomp, at Toronto and at Kingston.

ROMANISM IN THE 19TH CENTURY.—There was an imposing Romish display on Friday last. A statue of the Virgin was carried with great ceremony from the Romish Bishop's Church, to the river, and there put on board the steamer *Jacques Cartier*, for an aquatic excursion,—the said statue being destined for the especial benefit of mariners

and watermen. It is to be placed in a niche on the rear part of Bonsecours Church, so that it may be in view from the river, and thus awaken the piety of the watermen. Having been received on board the steamer, she got under weigh, accompanied by four other steamers, namely, the *St. Louis*, the *Firefly*, the *Pioneer*, and the *Vulcan*, all crowded with the worshippers of the immaculate Mary. The squadron steamed away to Long Point, and then steamed back again. On the return, however, the statue was removed to the *St. Louis*. It was put ashore and conveyed to the Bonsecours Church. Any number of *Aves* were said on Friday. It was altogether a most imposing ceremony. —*Montreal Courier*, Oct. 9.

Miscellanea.

POPE GREGORY AND GAS.—When the Chairman of a Company formed for lighting Rome with Gas waited on the Pope to obtain the required permission, Gregory indignantly asked how he presumed to desire a thing so utterly subversive of religion? The astonished speculator humbly stated that he could not see the most remote connexion between religion and carburated hydrogen. "Yes, but there is, Sir, (shouted the Pope,) my pious subjects are in the habit of vowing candles to be burned before the shrines of saints: the glimmering candles would soon be rendered ridiculous by the contrast of the glaring gaslights, and thus a custom so essential to everlasting salvation would fall into general contempt, if not total disuse." No reply could be made to this edifying argument. Silenced, if not convinced, the speculator withdrew; the votive candles still flicker, though not so numerously as heretofore; and they just render visible the dirt and darkness to which Rome is consigned at night.—*Bentley's Miscellany*.

The *Scottish Press* mentions a report that the Protestant and Catholic missionaries resident at the capital of Loo Choo, where the people are described by Captain Basil Hall and other voyagers as of so peaceable a disposition as to be almost wholly ignorant of warfare or weapons, have all been murdered by the natives.

LIBRARIES.—The building of an hotel and a church, and the formation of a library, seem to be regarded in the United States, not as things which should follow as a consequence, but precede as a cause. In the old country we say, "Let us have them, for we have a population that needs them." In the new world they say, "Let us have them in order that we may have a population.—*Mr. Prentice's Letters* (*Manchester Times*).