

Number of Church Members, do., so far as reported	•22,952
Added during the year, do., do.....	1,138
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.	
Number of Training and Theological Schools.....	8
“ “ other Boarding Schools.....	13
“ “ Free Schools, (omitting those at the Sandwich Islands.....	344
“ “ Pupils in Free Schools (omitting those at Sandwich Islands). 8,961	
“ “ Pupils in Free and Theological Schools.....	271
“ “ Pupils in Free Boarding Schools.....	302
Whole number of Pupils.....	9,534

*The falling off in the reported number of Church members, as compared with last year, is occasioned by the taking of a new and more accurate census at the Sandwich Islands.

General Religious Intelligence.

MEETING OF EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held in Dublin, on the 23rd September, and following days. The Earl of Roden took the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Davis read the 17th Annual Report. The report presented a favourable view of the finances of the association, the debt having been reduced from £192 11s. 7d., to £49. It referred to the death of the President, Sir Culling Eardly, and of several leading members. Encouraging communications had been received from France; Naples, where prayer meetings are held every day in the week; St. Petersburg; and Burnah. The Report recorded the liberation of Matamoras and his companions in Spain, through the influence of a joint deputation, consisting of members from England, France, Prussia, Switzerland, Holland, Austria, Denmark, and Sweden.

The Right Hon. Lord Calthorpe was appointed to fill the vacant office of President. Various papers were read during the sittings of the Alliance, including one by W. B. Scott of London, on “The Week of Prayer;” one by Rev. Dr. Kirkherbert, on “The Results of the Revival in Ireland;” one by Captain Berger, on “Sweden;” one by Professor Gibson, on “The Progress of Evangelical Religion in Belgium;” and one by Rev. John Hall, Dublin, on “Lay Agency.” Several topics also were spoken on by members of the association. The Rev. T. Carme, Vicar of Sandfied, Oxon, spoke on “The Progress of Christianity at Home.” “The Progress of Christian Union Abroad,” was to have been spoken to by Rev. W. Monod of Paris, but in consequence of the serious illness of his brother, the Rev. F. Monod, who was believed to be dying, he was unable to attend. Col. Walker and the Rev. Dr. Steene gave interesting information with reference to their visit to Spain, in connexion with Matamoras.

There were sermons preached, and religious meetings held in several churches.

THE GOSPEL IN ITALY.

Whatever difficulties may be experienced in connexion with the spread of the truth in Italy, it is pleasing to find that there are now so many centres of light and of Christian influence. The Rev. Mr. Moorehead, a missionary of the American and Foreign Union, gives interesting information with reference to Elba. Writing under date of 5th July, he says:—