

FATHER BECKX, General of the Jesuits, and generally called the Black Pope, is dead, aged 92.

LORD GIFFORD of Scotland has left the sum of eighty thousand pounds (£80,000) to the Scottish Universities to found Lectureships on Natural Theology £25,000 to Edinburgh; £20,000 each to Glasgow and Aberdeen, and £15,000 to St. Andrew's. This is likely to be a very useful appropriation of money.

DR. LEES, of St. Giles's Cathedral, has acceded to the request that he should take charge of the Scots Church in Melbourne for six months, with the view of bringing about a more harmonious state of feeling in what Dr. McGregor described as "the most important Presbyterian congregation on the Australian continent." Both the Presbytery of Melbourne and kirk-session of the Scots Church requested the advice and assistance of Dr. Lees, and as that gentleman, after serious consideration, declared his willingness to go, the Presbytery granted him leave of absence for six months. If the "Dean" of St. Giles's Cathedral succeeds in arranging a *modus vivendi* between the Scots Church and the Melbourne Presbytery, after the soreness of feeling caused by the dismissal of two of its pastors—the Rev. Charles Strong and the Rev. George Dods—he will do a good work.

A MOST disgraceful attempt was made on the 22nd to terrorize the Salvation Army people in Quebec. An explosive bomb was thrown into their room through a window. The bomb exploded and injured some, while it greatly terrified all.

CALAMITIES of a like kind occur in quick succession, as if demons had broken loose to cause them. Thus the Railway Bridge horrors in Vermont and on the Boston & Providence line, with their frightful losses of life, are followed by the burning of a Hotel at Buffalo with 25 human beings, and of another in Bessemer, Michigan, with 12 human victims. In Australia 70 miners perished by explosion in a mine.

THE Anti-Polygamy Bill, which has been passed by both Houses of Congress, disfranchises all Mormons in Utah who refuse to take an oath to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, including the Edmunds act of 1882, and also this act. This is not a test-oath in the sense of making one's religious belief a ground of excluding him from the right of voting.

AMERICA'S greatest preacher, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, died of apoplexy on March 8th. The news of his death spread very quickly, and Brooklyn became a city of

mourning. As a mark of respect to his memory, the flags on all the public buildings were placed at half mast, and Mayor Whitney had the City Hall bell tolled for half an hour. Nearly a hundred telegrams of tenderness poured into the household within an hour after the death. President Cleveland and Governor Hill were among the first to send such messages. The following is the telegram by President Cleveland:—

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, March 8.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher:

Accept my heartfelt sympathy in this hour of your bereavement, with the hope that comfort may be vouchsafed from the heavenly source you know so well.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

At Albany, N. Y., the Senate adopted a resolution of regret at the death of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, expressing sympathy with the bereaved family, and both Houses adjourned as a mark of respect to the deceased.

He was dear to the world, as well as to his own beloved country. During the Civil War, when the fortunes of America were at their lowest ebb, Beecher exerted his splendid talents in the cause of Union, and to keep hope alive in the hearts of his fellow-countrymen, who were ready to give up the contest in despair. The services he rendered his country then endeared him to the citizens of the United States, and will never be forgotten. As a patriot, as a preacher, as an outspoken, courageous defender of what he considered the right, and a fearless denouncer of all that he regarded as wrong, Henry Ward Beecher had become celebrated, not only in his own country, but in every part of the civilized world.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mrs. DAVID McNAB of Balaheocan, Kirkmichael, Scotland, an excellent Christian mother, leaving her worthy husband and amiable family to cherish her memory, and follow her example, which is blessed.

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