

Armada lies to-day lower than any other civilized nation in the world. Spain is reaping now the harvest of the thumbscrew, the rack, and the inquisition. She is humbled among the nations. Neither Don Carlos nor Alfonso can save her while she madly refuses to throw open her doors to the Bible and that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

THE ACAPULCO MASSACRE.

IN the name of religion one of the most brutal massacres has been perpetrated in Acapulco, a Mexican city on the Pacific coast, in which a Protestant congregation was rudely disturbed by Roman Catholics, prompted and urged to their work of blood by the parish priest. Six were killed and terribly mutilated, while nine were dangerously wounded. As yet the Church has not visited the priest and his confederates in crime with its maledictions—or even with a reproof. And indeed how could it? when Pius IX., in 1872, commended and

approved the Jesuits, Gury and Liberator, who teach in the most unblushing manner a code of morals that sanctions the murder of heretics and authorizes every crime committed against Protestants. The Acapulco outrages are only in accordance with the principles of the church. It is a relief to know, however, that the power of Catholicism in Mexico is rapidly waning. In an interesting article in the current number of the *Methodist Quarterly*, of New York, the points are noted and sustained that all the Papal churches are two centuries old and that no new ones are being erected; that the priests who minister at the altars are generally advanced in years, and that young men manifest but little desire to enter their order; and that education—before which Catholicism cannot stand—is spreading amongst the people. Protestant missions have already garnered some golden sheaves in that land so long given over to heathenism and to a perverted form of Christianity.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

Chapel Fund Report.—There is a Chapel Fund Committee in connection with the English Conference, to whom all applications must be made respecting the erection, or alteration, or otherwise disposing of church property. The Committee also makes grants or loans in needy cases. The labours of the Committee are very great, and keep two ministers constantly employed as secretaries.

We make the following quotations from the report of 1874, which has just been published:—The Committee gave its sanction to the erection of 130 churches, 30 parsonages and schools, 186 enlargements and alterations of churches, and 40 new or-

gans, the total cost of which was estimated to be \$1,642,065 00, being \$304,715 00 more than any previous year. The amount raised by voluntary subscriptions was \$1,355,430 00, to supplement which grants from the Committee were made to the amount of \$54,330 00, leaving \$277,415 00 to be provided within a limited period. A legacy has been left to the Fund of \$100,000 00. Several additional churches, schools, and organs were also erected at the cost of private individuals. The number of sittings provided by these erections and enlargements is 22,745. During the past twenty years, the entire outlay in erections and enlargements has been \$16,183,265 00, and debts to the