We are glad to note that the question of Methodist Union continues to receive more or less attention from the conductors of It is not surprising that it is so. For it is eral. The matters of chief concern to the was strictly prohibited.

Through the blessing of the Most High, and Man in spreading scriptural holiness may appear in your journal under the throughout the world according to the heading of "English correspondence." ability and opportunity granted to them. winter has been exceptionably mild and Next to these all important matters it genial. Since November there has been seems to us that the subject of Methodist neither frost nor snow, and many weeks Union claims consideration from the great have been bright and pleasant. Methodist people. It is the duty and privilege of all who love the Lord Jesus to cul- winter favorable to health, but quite the retivate Christian charity toward each other, verse. Sickness has very generally preby whatsoever differences in dogma tradi- vailed, and epidemics of a fatal kind have tion or polity they may be distributed into swept over many localities. We have fre-

ought to be especially grateful to all true- and many in the ranks of our ministry hearted Methodists. The genius of the have fallen.

in polity. It ought not to be hard for them in the respective countries in which they He was widely known as a man of sterling

unwholesome rivalry would be extinguished. end. Much reproach would be taken the noblest of all purposes—the glory of hearted laymen.

ed that the Demon of Discord will do his One may be able to utilize. Old sores will astical ring-fence. Good men, whose weakness is vanity, and whose vice is selfishness, will look askance at the prospect an Hymn Book Illustrated." of a Union in which their personal importance might be diminished. Excellent men for the auspicious hour when the Hermonic fain would help.

Nevertheless, our hope is high that the Methodist Union day will come in Britain, work is spreading, and permanency will by death. Never before were there so many in America, and in every country in the be imparted to its operations in providing vacancies in the episcopate requiring to be fillfragmentary condition. The work prelim- children saved by this new branch of Meinary to such a union is going forward on both sides the Atlantic. Unless we much willing hands and loving hearts and genermisread the omens, that work will move ous givers in the midst of your Eastern Cononward presently with greatly accelerated speed. In the old days the mills of the Gods were supposed to grind slowly. In not Mr. Stephenson to be invited to visit our day the Chariot of the Lord, freighted your part of the Dominion and place his Church must of necessity raise the question threescore years and ten. For this, the cutting I should ask your co-operation in bringing No wonder. The hills are leveled, the them the privilege of doing something in the valleys are filled, the rough places the way of practical co-operation? made smooth, and the crooked paths made from the English Conference to the Genestraight, to construct a fitting highway for ral Conference of the M. E. Church, are our God. The good time for Methodist somewhat altered. Mr. Arthur is not able unity will, we believe, therefore, come on account of feeble health, to cross the Atalong at no very distant period. When House, will on his arrival be joined by Mr. that time arrives, Methodism will "stand Punshon, and together they will represent up for Jesus" in the fulness of its strength, Home Methodism to that great Eccle amid admiring Sister Communions, and gathering. Mr. Perks is also to visit out take a new departure along the line of missions in the Bahama Islands, and then march, girded with a vigour it never before knew. It maketh one's heart soft to antici- fax to convey the greetings of the Parent pate the joy of that day, and of kindred Conference to yours. It is a great underbranches of the Church Evangelical, the invigorating union process will be perfected. J. R. N.

Advocate says: "We have had the pleasure voyagers. of seeing a copy of Dr. Butler's book, "The Land of the Veda," which was about to be forwarded for presentation to the Queen of England. If elegance and beauty of form and appearance can commend a book, Her Majesty of Methodism. It says: "We are convinced ought certainly to appreciate this magnificent it will be realized in a very tew years. volume. It is a credit to American workman- We are persuaded that our own people

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Personal Explanations - Death of Mr. Robinson Kay-of the Rev. J. W. Thomas -The new Orphanage in London, and THE AMERICAN GENERAL CONFER its future movement—Enquiries—Deputations and Visitors to the General Con-

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-It affords me much pleasure to be able to resume my corres pondence with you, and your wide circle the British and American Methodist press. of readers in the columns of the Provincial Weslegan. A severe and prostrating ill-It is not surprising that it is so. For it is ness laid me aside for many weeks, and a question of all but the very highest in-work of any kind was beyond my power, and terest and importance to Methodism in gen- when the days of convalescence come, it

course, be the maintenance of their spiritual vitality in augmented force and the successful performance of their duty to God anxious to-day to prepare a few lines which

I may remark in passing that the past much rain has fallen. It has not been a different divisions of the one great Chrisatmosphere, and relieved the land of its The performance of this duty ought to heavy and darksome vapours. Death has be easy, and the exercise of this privilege reaped a large harvest during the winter,

During the past two months many events Wesleyan Theology and the geniality of of great interest have transpired, but conthe Wesleyan spirit and traditions combine cerning some of these you have already furto develope in Methodist circles the idea of nished information in your columns, and of the Lamb. It ought therefore never to time they transpired. The tidings of the be difficult for a Methodist to act brotherly last week or two must suffice for this letter, ought to feel specially bound to each other Methodist topics. One of the prominent by ties that should be acknowledged and laymen of our Church, Mr. John Robinson cherished with tender and assiduous care. activities of his busy and useful life to the The different Methodist bodies are ab- rest of his eternal inheritance. He has solutely one in doctrine, very similar in long been known in Methodism as an eartheir discipline and not essentially different nest and liberal worker on behalf of all our Were Methodists in each country united organizations, or as a magistrate adminiscordially and firmly in one communion, a tering justice; in all his varied offices he obvast amount of religious force would be tained high honor and lasting renown. Far economised, now needlessly wasted. Much beyond the circle of Methodism his influence for good has been felt, and at his interment all ranks came to his grave to do honor Much ungenerous competition would cease. to him as a great and good man. His about nothing of value would come to an and intimate attachment to the Church of God. The close of his life evidenced the be removed. Methodism united would upon the atonement he entered upon the prove immensely more powerful than the eternal state. He will be greatly missed,

God in the salvation of a greater number

After an active ministry of fifty years,
the Rev. J. Wesley Thomas has joined those who are within the veil. He was a A union in itself so desirable and good, faithful minister of the Gospel, and an ear- much work from our representative in so short would soon lose all the Christianity they have and in its consequences so blessed is not nest student in many walks of literature likely to be effected in a day, nor for many and science. He found time for the acqui- a single hour too many for the work he has neighbours across the Channel. A religion long days to come. It may well be believ-ed by a most retentive memory he was widely known as one not only conversant utmost to postpone as long as possible a with many authors, but able to convey their consummation so devoutly to be desired. treasures to the minds of those who heard Bitter memories of past conflicts will be him. His chief delight was in the study of kept alive on such stimulants as the Evil | poetry, and it is believed that he was intimately acquainted with all the standard poetry of the leading nations of the world. be rendered painful. The sight of old He was himself an author, and his poetry scars will be made suggestive of unpleasant is worthy of an enduring place in English reflections and feelings. Buried grievances literature, and his translations of Italian will be exhumed. Good men who set poetry have been favorably received by the ablest critical authorities of the day. He great store by mint and anise and cumin, was a man of untiring industry, and conwill be alarmed for the fate of their Metho- tinued actively fulfilling his ministerial distic herbs, should all the Methodist fields duties, and busily writing to the last " ceasin a country be enclosed within one Ecclesi- ing at once to write and work and live. The last productions of his pen are some interesting articles at present appearing in the shilling magazine, entitled, "The Wesley-

The Wesleyan Orphanage in the East London is prospering, and under the Divine who constitutionally shrink from experitions. Its new House in London is most blessing widening the sphere of its operaments in things ecclesiastical, will not lend convenient and is fast becoming complete a willing ear to the voice of the Union in its arrangements for both boys and girls. Charmer. Impetuous men, captivated by The Country Home and Farm "down in novelty, or incapable of patiently waiting Lancashire" is being made ready for the translated and rescued waifs from London, and now another great step in advance is dew descends, will strive to drive things being taken in the institution of a Branch that can with safety only be gently and Home in Canada. The Rev. T. B. Stephlovingly drawn, and injure the cause they enson, B. A., upon whom the honour of this movement rightly devolves, is about to visit Canada for this purpose, at the express invitation of Mr. Punshon. Thus the good world in which Methodism exists in a suitable homes in the new world for the ed up. Not only have Bishops Thomson,

> thodist activity. Query,-Mr. Editor, are there not many Nova Scotia and New Brunswick? Ought

The arrangements for the Deputation lantic, and Mr. Perks from the Mission proceed to Montreal in time for the Canadian Conference, and from thence to Hali-

days on which, among other separated taking, and the time is all too brief for the honored visitor to do justice to his important mission. The Rev. J. W. Mackay from Ireland, Alexander McAuley and T B. Stephenson, will accompany Mr. Perks in the Scotia on the 20th of this month. A GIFT FOR QUEEN VICTORIA.—The N. Y. May every blessing be upon these beloved

April 8, 1872.

THE Canada Christian Advocate (Episcops Methodist) advocates an Œcumenical Council ship, and to the Methodist Publishing Board." cordially unite in such a work."

Mistellaneous.

[From the Methodist Recorder]

Several of our Ministers are expected to be New York or Brooklyn during the session of the General Conference of the Methodist Brooklyn on the first of May. Our readers ing questions which will come before it. have already been informed that the Rev William Arthur will be unable, in consequence of the state of his health, to fulfil the task assigned to him at the Manchester Conterence. of attending as one of the representatives of English Methodism, and that the duties of senior representative will devolve upon the Rev. George Thomas Perks. Mr. Perks will sail in the "Scotia" on the 20th, and will be tollowed across the Atlantic by the best wishes sought an interview. At the present time esand prayers of thousands. No better selection of a representative could have been made. Mr. Perks is, by general consent, one of the first men in the ministry of our Church. His long conference, and it was followed by a entertained of the great loss experienced by extensive erudition and great general ability special visit to Antone li. eminently qualify him for this important position; and every one who has the pleasure of Simpson and Dr. Foster to our Burslem Con- against the Governments of Italy and Germany, In addition to these eminent brethren reprethe essential brotherhood of the followers others are rapidly passing out of mind and who has arranged to leave Liverpool on Tues- most active measures have not been adopted honored usefulness. toward a fellow disciple. But Methodists and they will chiefly refer to religious and day next, and expects to return in time for the Irish Conference, which commences its exist face to face with each other to group integrity and uprightness of life, and in all which is appointed to assemble on June 27, at that they desire is to disturb the Government between the ages of six and sixteen, that it themselves together within one organiza- his relations to his fellow men, whether as a Halifax, N. S. There will be an interval of of Victor Emmanuel or to play into the hands will apply to this purpose all moneys received will be an interval of the money apply to the money apply master and an employer of labor, or as the about three weeks between the closing of the of his enemies. influential director of important commercial General Conference at Brooklyn and the openstrivings between brethren who differ a life of faith and prayer, and one of warm value and efficiency of the grace to which he by ministers and friends in the various districts most part themselves infidels, have been the States and Territories "shall be made accordaway. Numerous stumbling blocks would had attained, and in firm and assured trust of the West Indies, that one of the Missionary most active promoters of European infidelity. ing to the illiteracy of their respective popula-Methodism that is broken up into frage do home, and the Bury Circuit has lost its West India Islands where our Missionary Somost prominent and liberal worker, and ciety has stations. The Bahamas can be reach- cast off the Papal yoke. The Papacy now, all the reconstruction laws. The best thing union would be strength, and that too for the Connexion one of its noble and large- ed more conveniently from New York than however, having ruined its own votaries, would be said of it is what Lord Brougas to time, except that appears to exact too It it were to succeed temporarily, our people

> counsels of a deputation from the Old Country. anything to do with it. Besides the three representatives already mentioned, two or three other well-known minsters, we understand, are about to set sail for New York. The Rev. Alexander M'Aulay. we are informed, intends to proceed on a spring tour to the United States; and the Rev. . Bowman Stephenson has taken his passage for New York in the came steamship which will convey Mr. Perks. Mr. Stephenson's journey s in connection with the Children's Home, of which he is the founder and father. Going on such an errand, he cannot fail to meet with a

The proceedings of the General Conference are likely to be of more than ordinary interest. t is by this body, which meets only once in four years, that the bishops and other principal officers of the Church are appointed, and such elections possess extraordinary interest for the myriads of American Methodists scattered far and wide over the vast continent. Since the last General Conference was held, no less than tour out of the nine bishops have been removed Kingsley, Clarke, and Baker been called to their eternal reward-the three first-named having each been only a short time engaged in who survive are !eeling the infirmities of ad-

bly arise, of graver constitutional importance. and the general work of supervision carried on. ed, it will be clearly perceived, involves very much more than the question of travelling. It cessary in process of time, that so fundament-

terest the news of the appointments to be made to the highest and most responsible positions in the American Church, and of the discussions Episcopal Church, which will be opened in of the Conference upon the profoundly interest- prominent part in the erection of New Kings- be concurred in, would not the ensuing has reaped the reward of the iniquities it

(From Weekly Reveiw)

as described in the telegram, is far from satis- way and bank director, he was highly esteemed factory. It was perhaps natural that, being in Lancashire and throughout the kingdom. in Rome, he and the Princess should have We do not, however, attempt in these brief pecially, it would have been better in such a ate the services of Mr. Kay. On receiving the case to have avoided Rome altogether. Not sad news for our list of deaths, we simply exonly, however, was there a formal visit, but a press for ourselves and our readers the sense

The Pope personally is respectable, though prayerful sympathy telt by the whole body of intelletually very weak. But he must be al- Methodists for his bereaved wife and family .his acquaintance must feel confident that in ways regarded as the head of a great political London Watchman. private intercourse as well as in his public and as well as religious system. He has allied official deliverances, he will win golden opin- himself closely with the very worst section of ions in that great community which did us the the Romish Church-the Ultramontanes. As honor of deputing two such men as Bishop well known, these his advisers are plotting ference. Mr. Punshon has been appointed by and against Constitutionalism in Spain and the President to supply Mr. Arthur's lack of other countries. The proclamation of the Inservice. Comment here is superfluous. We fallibility dogma had mainly political objects in need not add another word in praise of one view. It was intended, as shown in the Syllaevery corner of Europe, to carry out the great conspiracy which the Council met in Rome two

The visit of the Prince of Wales will be mis

ly established in connection with our cause. other Roman Catholic countries have scarce-

rangement we have mentioned is well chosen gious life fostered by the English Reformation. abroad."—Montreal Witness. In the interest of our West Indian churches, diplomatists to strengthen the Romish Church but was simply without resources. which are linked to us by so many historic ties in this country, and especially to increase its alike of suffering and of success, we hope that influence among the aristocracy. Such a rewill be followed up by other similar visits, every reason we regret this act of courtesy,

[From the Watchman.] We share in the regret which is felt by great umbers of Englishmen that the Prince and Princess of Wales should have paid such a marked degree of attention to the Pope during their visit to Rome. No doubt the Pontiff and his wily friends have given the best possible PROPOSAL FOR A UNION IN PRAYER account of the affair in their own interest. Still the visit to the Pope's factotum, Antonelli, is a piece of royal condescension on which the Pope and his triends may not unfairly congratulate themselves, but which the people of England could very well have spared. There was really no occasion for the royal visit. A day or two before, Prince Frederick Charles had left Rome without calling upon either the Pope or Antonelli. The Pope is not now a temporal sovereign, but the pensioner of the Italian Government. And his spiritual power is the leadliest enemy of England's welfare. It was a dark day for this country when the beir to the throne paid such assiduous court to the

head of the great Apostacy.

DEATH OF JOHN ROBINSON KAY, Esq. death of John Robinson Kay, Esq., of Walthe duties of the office-but one or two of those mersley House, Summerseat, Lancashire. It remembrance of the answers vouchsafed, had become evident to his friends of late, as vanced age, nor is there a man among them also to himself, that his strength was failing, who has not passed the prime of life. Then the and that his life on earth was in danger of terextraordinary development and increase of the minating before it reached the full boundary of with the hopes of the world, runs swiftly. blessed work before your people and give whether the existing number of bishops is sufficient, if the discipline is to be carried out in enjoying it as far as continued, he thoughtfully associated with the previous invitation. its integrity. A further question will proba- and prayerfully prepared, desiring, as he said, not so much to get ready as to be ready for that At present the bishops are travelling super- solemn and important event. As the end drew ntendents. None of them has a diocese of his near, he felt increasingly the sureness of the own; nor do the clergy owe allegiance to any foundation on which he relied for salvation. one bishop in particular as their ecclesiastical and declared, gratefully, that while conscious head, but only to that one who happens to be of much unfaithfulness and of deep unworthipresiding at the Conference or other Church ness, Christ was his Divine and Almighty assembly. Like the English judges, who meet Saviour, and was exceedingly precious to him. together and nutually agree on the assize After other similar expressions of assurance in circuits which they will take, the Board of Christ, and of entering at death the heavenly American bishops is accustomed to arrange by rest; after words of tender love to his wite and itself the plan according to which the six'y family; and after final participation with them Conferences each year are to be presided over, of the material emblems and memorials of the broken body and shed blood of the Redeemer Naturally enough, the enormous extent of the of the world, he fell asleep in the Lord early

the Connexion. It is well known throughout Methodism that involves a radical change in the constitution of Mr. Kay was one of its most intelligent, carn-Mr. Kay was one of its most intelligent, earnest, and generous supporters. He was the leading promoter of Education among us, and held official connection with it, as Lay Treasument and a considerable number of Protestant congregations are formed, and prospects American Methodism; and we can scarcely est, and generous supporters. He was the supppose, whatever alterations may be found leading promoter of Education among us, and and a considerable number of Protestant Seven Hills, desiring to wage war against al a change will be adopted at present. The rer, during many years, and to the end of his recent development of prelatical ideas among a lite. His last public act in this relation was to hail with joy, and make great efforts to retew eminent American Methodists, who are con- lay the foundation-stone of the College Chapel alize.

tending that the episcopacy is, an order of min- at Westminster, upon which erection his heart Do not such events call upon us to send sword. Suddenly a marvel occurred istry essentially distinct from, and superior to, had long been set, and towards which he was up renewed prayer that the Lord may ac- which we have seen with our eyes. The that of the presbytery, will furnish sufficient the largest contributor. He was the principal complish still deeper changes, attesting King of one of those friendly nations, that reason for caution in adopting a change which, promoter, at the beginning, of the "London both his power to sway temporal movereason for caution in adopting a change which, promoter, at the beginning, of the Loudon of the light of mere economy or person- Quarterly Review, was an early proprietor of ments, and, by His Holy Spirit to change and all the other Princes, even those which description of the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of preven and who long to the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of prevent and the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of prevent and the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of prevent and the spread of knowledge in the afficiency of the spread of knowledge in the spr among the people. He was a liberal friend of Among the people. He was a liberal friend of See men delivered from the evils of Roman-was despoiled, deprived of its palaces, of its the other institutions of Methodism, and took a plication and intercession? And if this crown. It is now desolate and naked. I wood School, at Lansdown, Bath. But, while month of May be a suitable time to appoint practised during hundreds of years; and devotedly attached to the ministers and laity meetings in the different regions of the this has all occurred in the reign of one of THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE of his own religious community, he was truly earth, as before, and nearly as may be at the most moral of its rulers. catholic, both in principle and practice, so that the same time, at which, in the Unity of He who has done such things can do yet he was held in honoured estimation wherever the Spirit, the people of God, who in com- greater. Let us not fear to ask Him faknown and observed. Also as a manufacturer, mon recognize in the written word their much; let us ask Him in His infinite mercy to restore to all Christendom — Greek, The visit of the Prince of Wales to the Pope. a merchant, a county magistrate, and as a railthe Church on earth in his removal, and the

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resentatives, and awaits the action of the Senate. Its object is to set apart all the money Protestant countries the light may shine mor received from the sale of public lands to popular education. It will thus serve to interpose a wide ocean which separates the two nations. by means of that vast machinery that permeates serving the value of the public domain for so worthy an object. It has been the glory of the American system of common schools, that they ference will be represented by its able and ex- years ago to inaugurate. If these efforts have made it possible for the poor man's son, equal- That where the heathen or newly convert

This national scheme of education is not preliminary work at Dublin on the 19th of showing that England symphathises with the working in the most of the States so success- truth ings of the English Connexion to the Canada ment of Italy. Now, three-tourths of the peo-Conference, which, under the presidency of ple of this country most heartily approve of the various States of the Union. The bill merely the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, will be opened course that Italy has taken, and rejoice in the requires as a condition of receiving the nationat Montreal on the 5th of June; and also to accomplishment of Italian unity and the establal bounty, that "each State or Territory shall the Conference of Eastern British America, lishment of Italian liberty. The very last thing provide for the free education of all its children under the act, and that it will report annually The Pope is said to have spoken strongly of the condition of its schools." All mere quesing of the Canada Conference at Montreal. the religious spirit manifested in England. This tions of detail are left to local regulation. So prayer. You speak in the name of some These weeks will be employed by Mr. Perks religious spirit so far as it exists, is as Dr. far in the fact is the scheme from interfering with characteristic industry in a visit to the Dolinger has just said in a remarkable lecture, with "State Rights," that an appeal for its Bahama Islands, one of the districts occupied to be imputed chiefly to the wide circulation support is made on the express ground that by our own Missionary Society, where Metho- of the Scriptures among the people. It is be- "its adoption will foster State Rights by pre- united opinion." dism has long held a most important position, cause our fathers opposed the attempt of the venting the tendency to centralization and imand where a college for the higher education Papacy to keep the people in ignorance that we perialism, which popular ignorance makes easy er on the present state of the Lord's King-

The chief merit of the bill is, that for ten the will of God, and we give it our cerdial It has for many years been anxiously desired by any. The Jesuits and Ultramontanes for the years the distribution of funds to the several assent. Secretaries would visit them; and we have no In the countries which Rome retained after tions." This will give the South the greatest religion in Great Britain, and pehaps also doubt that great and lasting advantages would the Reformation, the large proportion of the benefit from it. It passed, and faithfully car result from such a visitation of the whole of the people have utterly lost all sense of religion. ried out, it will do more to save that portion of from London or Liverpool; so that the ar- seek to derive a new strength from the reli- ham said of England-"The schoolmaster is

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

In the course of a lecture at Ryde, last week consented to undertake, he will just be able, if sostered by craft and chicanery cannot fail to the Rev. Robert Moffat, the African missonary circumstances are tavorable, to accomplish the exhaust religious life. The Prince's visit will referred to his son-in law, Dr. Livingstone, visit in the interval to which we have referred. be used by Archbishop Manning and other wily expressing the opinion that he was quite safe,

His impression was that he was staying at the head quarters of some chief, who, finding ters, professors, sincere in their opinions. this brief visit of a representative of the Mis- sult, as well as the political effect of which we him friendly, and believing he was a great man men of talent, who look upon the Lord sion house to one of the West Indian districts have spoken, is to be deeply ceplored. For took charge of him, partly under the impres. Jesus as a simple man, possessing greater sion that he would be well paid when resour- wisdom than other men; but whose resuruntil every island shall have been cheered by probably well intended, but most ill-advised by ces arrived for the traveller. It was evident the presence, and benefited by the ministry and Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues, if they had that Dr. Livingstone was unable to pay his way and nobody could get on under those circumstances He. (Mr. Moffat) had been 1,500 miles into the interior, and knew the habits of the people as well as any European living, and he telt positive that Dr. Livingstone was still alive, for had he been dead he was sure definite courage; but is it not our duty to do somenews would have reached England long ago.

IN MAY, 1872.

SIMILAR TO THAT HELD IN DECEMBER, 1869, A THE TIME OF THE HOLDING OF THE ŒCU-MENICAL COUNCIL AT ROME. The Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M. P., to Dr

Merle D'Aubigne.

Catholic Church, and for a gracious out- taught in the pulpits? pouring of the Holy Spirit upon themselves

the habitable globe. At the present time, and in the thankful or two points, such as the following:some of the same friends, impressed with the conviction that a repetition of the effort to promote an earnest concert of god v people in prayer for the same ends is desirable, have expressed to me their wish that

Among the encouragements to which at tention is called as showing a rapid change in the nations under the influence of Rome, is remarked that of the five Powers which errors of infidelity, rationalism, and supersti oalesced to restore the present Pope after his expulsion from Rome in 1848, namely, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, the King of my be restored to the Churches of the Refor Naples, the Queen of Spain, the Emperor of Austria, and Louis Napoleon, four have fallen, and the other (Austria) has been Roman Catholics when they are dictated by their Messiah. driven out of Italy, and into doubtful re- love for souls, and are pure and living. lations with the Papacy.

The (Ecumenical Council itself has led division of sentiment among the adher- will complete them. suddenly given, and already attended with have been heard and answered. country has suggested to some American Metho- on Monday morning last, March 25, at the age highly encouraging spiritual results. In cipal petition at the time of the Council at dists the idea of saving the great part of the of 66 years. His mortal remains will be interr
Italy the last barriers to religious freedom the Vatican was that the Bible might find specially be offered up.

3. That the subject of INTERCESSORY wear and tear and exposure of these long jour- ed, on Saturday next, in a vault on the south have vanished; and in the city of Rome- its way into Rome. God threw down the neys, by assigning to each bishop his own side of the chapel at Summerseat, which sanc- closed against the Bible in 1869-evange- walls that shut it out; and the Holy Scripsphere of operation. The change thus propose tuary, some years, ago, he built and gave to lists are now freely laboring, surrounded tures are now in the streets of Rome, and by encouraging congregations. In Ger- are even preached and explained in different many a serious revolt against the Papacy parts of the city.

call upon the Father of Lights to shine with Roman, Protestant (for we all need it)healing mercy on those who are now lying liberty, truth, and love, that all may be one in the shadow of Romish error?

The following are suggested as topics of I. PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION of the

II. PRAYER FOR PARTICULAR COUNTRIES

FOR FRANCE, that it may reject every religi

uls of Roman Catholics, especially of their ecclesiastics and dignitaries.

ous system which places the traditions of m on an equality with the Word of God, and tha its unbelief may be changed into true faith; FOR SPAIN, that its present state of inquiry may pass into full Gospel light; —For ITALY, that ts new freedom and opportunities may be tollowed by an awakening of conscience and re-newal of heart amongst the people generally: -FOR GERMANY, that the conflict now engage in may develop real spiritual life, and lead to a brightly, and in the Roman Catholic ones great and effectual door may be opened to the preaching of the Gospel; -For England, that whose genius and eloquence have rendered his name a household word on either side of that of political liberty. Every effort is being made, diffused among the people;-For IRELAND, that the present subjection of the majority of

its people to Romanism may be broken. III. PRAYER FOR MISSION FIELDS .- (1 cellent Secretary, the Rev. Joseph W. M'Kay, been hitherto unsuccessful, it is not because the ly with the rich, to fit himself for a career of Churches have not been misled as to Christianity by the idolatrous usages of Rome, they may be saved from that evil; (2) that where the missionaries of Rome contront our missionaries. construed. It will be used for the purpose of intended to supersede the systems already the power of supreme grace may cause the June. Mr. Perks will not return so early, as Pope in his present position. It will be made fully. It is not proposed that the General have under Romish influence embraced a per-June. Mr. Perks will not return so early, as leading to do it will be part of his duty to convey the greet- a means, if possible, of weakening the Government should have anything to do all that is corrupt, and to seek and find the Believe me,

Yours most sincerely, A KINNAIRD.

in which you express the wish that in May triends who met at your house. I felt that I ought also to call some Christians to-The idea of devoting some days to pray-

dom seems to us to be, in accordance with

As, however, the state of religion on the continent of Europe differs from that of from that in the United States, we are

There are now in Christendom two adversaries which menace the religion of the Gospel; Romanism, on the one hand; Infidelity and Rationalism, on the other. The latter is in the midst of us, intra muros. and it shows itself with increasing energy. This system denies the supernutural: re jects the facts and the doctrines of Christianity-especially the fall of man, and the divinity of Christ, and redemption by his blood, which Roman Catholicism itself upother countries, many Protestants, minis-ters professors sincere in their opinions in the souls of his disciples. There are farther, and deny the immortality of the soul and the personality of God. It is true that in these different countries there are many ministers—sometimes even a majoritaith, charity, and concord may be restored to the Churches of the Reformation." thing? Should we not endeavour by our prayers to bring those who are in error back to the faith, and to restore unity and oncord to the Churches? We ought to shed tears over-the desolation of our re formed Churches, to ask the Lord to pu

away the evils that ruin, and to re-establish order and faith among them. The evil I speak of is, perhaps, not great in the Anglo Saxon Churches as amougst us : still, " let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Have you MY DEAR DR. MERLE D'AUBIGNE,-You not philosophers who have pushed the newill remember that not a few friends here gation of religious truths to a great length and throughout the world welcomed and Have not these deadly errors made proacted on your suggestion to make the hold- gress among you? And, on the other hand ing of the " Œcumencial Council" in Rome, do we not find among you the excesses of in December, 1869, a time for special sup-Ritualism ! Might we not on entering plication and prayer, for the "free circu- some English churches find in them the lation of the Bible in Rome," for the con- rites and superstitions of Rome, and hear version of the members of the Roman transubstantiation and other grave errors

We therefore take the liberty of suggest and upon all the Churches of Christ around ing that it might be desirable, at the head of the topics for intercession, to insert one

> " PRAYER, THAT THE DOCTRINES of salvaon, of our fallen state, of faith in the expiation of the Cross, of justification, regeneration may become more living in every Protestant by the grace of the Holy Ghost. PRAYER, THAT THE COMMUNION of each o

us with Christ may be true, that each Protestant may be able to say with St. Paul-Christ dwelleth in me. PRAYER, THAT THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, to whom all power is given in heaven and earth, would graciously banish from the Church the

tion, and give repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; so that faith, charity, and concord

Such are the propositions which we ven ture to add to yours, and which we think

ents of Rome. In Spain an opening for the While saying this, dear Sir, we enter spread of Scriptural Christianity has been fully into your project. Yes, our prayers

already shows important results, and gives More than this, one of the great events opening which our brethren in America earth, such as Philip II. of Spain and we prefer it to all others, that is, while relieve

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May the Divine Head of the Church be Himself in the midst of our meetings! May He enable us by His holy Spirit to pray to Him as His redeemed-as His triends, confiding in his promise -" If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it

Believe me to be, Dear Mr. Kinnaird, Yours most faithfully. MERLE D'AULIGNE

GENEVA, Jan. 18th, 1872. P. S .- I hope that we shall have the Conf. nces at Geneva in September of which you

Dr. Duff has specially requested that the accompanying addition may be made to the equests for prayer, under the heading of Prayer for Mission Fields

"That special supplications be made for the speedy and complete overthrow of all the mighty systems of Antichristian error, such as Mahommedanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism. Taoism, with every form of Pages idolatry and superstition;

as without this many missionaries will feel themselves left out, who have to contend only with "the most gigantic forms of heathenism, superstition, witcheraft, &c."

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO INTERCESSORY PRAYER. ABRAHAM. Gen. xviii, 23-32. -" I will not membered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the

Moses. Exod. xxxiii. 1-17.-"I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken." Job. Job xlii. 7-10— The Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for he

ELIJAH. 1 Kings xviii., James v. 17, 18,-"He prayed again, and the heaven gave rais."

ELISHA. 2 Kings iv. 14-37.—"The child was dead." "He went in . . and prayed unto the Lord. . . . The child opened his eyes . . she took up her son, and went out."

Недекіан. 2 Kings xix.—" Hezekiah pray-

ed before the Lord . . . Isaiah sent, saying, Thus saith the Lord . . . That which thou hast prayed . . . I have heard."

NEHEMIAH. Neh. i. ii.—'' I prayed before
the God of heaven." . . . The king and unto me, why is thy countenance sad? unto me, why is thy countenance sad?" ... ** So it pleased the king to send me." . . . ** I said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper

Jonah iii. iv .- " Let man and beast mightily unto God." the evil that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did it not." Acts xii. 1-17 .- " Peter was kept in prison. but prayer was made without ceasing of the church. . . . The Lord brought him out of the

Acts xxvi. 16-23. 1 Tim. ii. 1-5, 8. James v. 19, 20. 2 Pet. iii. 9, 15. Rev. xviii. 4.

HEADS FOR UNITED PRAYER IN MAY, 1872, In conformity with the proposal made in a and Mr. Kinnaird, and similar to that held in December, 1869, at the time of the holding

of the Œcumenical Council at Rome. I .- PRAYER FOR THE REFORMED CHURCHES. (1) "That the doctrines of salvation, of holds. There are now in Switzerland, in tallen state, of faith in the expiation of the France, in Holland, in Germany, and in Cross, of justification, regeneration, and the grace of the Holy munion of each of us with Christ may be true, that each Protestant may be able to say with St. Paul-Christ dwelleth in me, and that havrection is a fable, and who only rose again ing the mind of Christ, we should glorify the Saviour and win souls to him; (3) That the some, even preachers, who go a great deal Head of the Church, to whom all power is given in heaven and earth, would graciously banish from the Church the errors of infidelity. rationalism, and superstition, and give repent-ance to the acknowledging of the truth, so that

> II .- PRAYER POR THE CONVERSION of the souls of Roman Catholics, especially of their

ecclesiasties and dignitaries. III.—PRAYER FOR PARTICULAR COUNTRIES FOR FRANCE, that it may reject every religious system which places the traditions of men on an equality with the Word of God, and that its unbelief may be changed into true faith :- For SPAIN, that its present state of enquiry may pass into full Gospel light :- FOR ITALY, that its new freedom and opportunities may be followed and awakening of conscience and re-newal of heart amongst the people generally; FOR GERMANT, that the conflict now engaged in may develop real spiritual lite, and lead to a new Reformation ;- FOR AMERICA, that in its Protestant countries the Light may shine more brightly, and in the Roman Catholic ones & preaching of the Gospel;—FOR ENGLAND, that the tendency to Romanizing in Church and State may be checked, and Scriptural holiness diffused amongst the people :- FOR IRELAND, that its present subjection of the majority of its people to Romanism may be broken;—For HOLLAND, SWITZERLAND, and PROTESTANT FRANCE, that living faith in the Word of God

may there triumph over human systems of un-belief."

IV.—PRAYER FOR MISSION FIELDS.—(1) That where the heathen or newly-convert Churches have not been misled as to Christian ity by the idolatrous usages of Rome, they may be saved from that evil; (2) That where the missionaries of Rome confront our missionaries. the power of divine grace may cause the truth to prevail; (3) That such heathens as have under Romish influence embraced a perverte Christianity, may be led to renounce all that is of heathenism, and all that is corrupt, and to seek and find the truth as it is in Jesus in all its fulness; (4) That such heathens as have rejected the Cross of Christ to embrace a Christless Christianity, may be led to bow at His lords." (5) AND LASTLY, 1, That special supplications be made for the speedy and comlete overthrow of all the mighty systems of Antichristian error, such as Mahommedanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, with every form of Pagan idolatry and superstition: 2, and that I rael may receive Jesus as

SUGGESTIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE. 1. That the week beginning Sunday, the 19th May, and ending the 25th, should be set apart for special prayer by Christians throughout the world for the above objects.

2. That not only where practicable public meetings for prayer should be held, but that everywhere private and social prayers should PRAYER should form a prominent topic in the Sermons preached and addresses given on Sunday, the 19th May.

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