

THE BIBLE PRINTING MONOPOLY.—The sole right of printing Bibles in England is confined to the Queen's printers, by patent, and to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, by license. The Scottish monopoly ceased some years ago, and the *English patent expires next year*.

CRYSTAL PALACE SUNDAY OPENING.—In the Vice-Chancellor's Court a decree was taken last week before the Vice-Chancellor Sir W. P. Wood, whereby the injunction, granted in March last, to restrain the Directors of the Crystal Palace from opening that building on Sundays, without the authority of Parliament, was made perpetual. The decree provides that the Crystal Palace shall pay the taxed costs of the suit.—[This decision affects only the general public, not the shareholders of the Company.]

THE BISHOP OF LONDON has made arrangements for confirmations on the Continent this year. Bishop Spencer is now on a confirmation tour in France, Belgium, &c., and will visit the following places:—Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Bonn, Cologne, Coblenz, Wiesbaden, Frankfort-sur-Maine, Heidelberg—possibly also Lille, Bordeaux, and Pau. Bishop Trower will, if nothing prevent, hold confirmations in the summer at the following places, and also, if required, in Russia:—viz., Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg, Hanover, Copenhagen, Christiani, Gottenburg, and Stockholm.

The confirmation of the Princess Alice took place in the private chapel of Windsor Castle on Thursday. The Queen, the Prince Consort, the Duchess of Kent, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, and the Prince of Leiningen were present. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Oxford and Chester. The Prince Consort led his daughter to the communion table. After the ceremony, the Queen received the congratulations of a distinguished company. A correspondent of the *Daily News* calls attention to the fact that the hymn sung at the confirmation of the Princess Alice was originally composed by the amiable and large-hearted Nonconformist, Dr. Doddridge.

TRACTARIANS ADVOCATING THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.—The *Union* inserts a letter signed "Catholicus," who cites "proofs" that the Immaculate Conception is the doctrine of the English Church! What next?

THE LATE CHRISTIAN UNION CORRESPONDENCE IN AUSTRALIA.—The London Tractarian Union have sent an address to the Dean and Chapter of Adelaide approving of the stand which they had made against admitting the Rev. Mr. Binney to the pulpits of the Episcopal Church in Australia; and they also censure the Bishop of Adelaide's letter to that eminent Congregationalist. The proceedings of which they disapprove they regard "as a projected aggression upon the doctrine and discipline of the Catholic Church."

THE STATE AID QUESTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Refusal of the Extra Grant by the Legislature.*—In the Sydney Legislature, on the 2nd of January, on the order of the day being called for the resumption of Committee of Supply, Mr. Martin proposed resolutions, the effect of which was that the extra grant of £14,025 to ministers should be renewed. After some debate, it was carried by the casting vote of the Speaker on a division of 20 to 20. The next evening a most extraordinary contest took place in the Assembly, in consequence of the vote of the preceding evening. Finally the House resumed without settling the item, or doing any other business, and Mr. Donaldson avowed his intention of moving a censure on the Government. Two days after, on going into Committee of Supply, Mr. Piddington moved a contingent motion, to rescind the whole of the resolutions which had cost the House so much perplexity, so as to restore former decision respecting the £14,025. After a long debate of a technical nature, but exhibiting much acrimony, Mr. Piddington's resolution was carried by 22 to 17. The £14,025 therefore appears to be negatived. The Correspondent of the *Guardian* writes:—"The Cowper Ministry are decided voluntaries, and intend next