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Her Foundations are upon the Holy Hills.

Quod Semper, quod
Abique, quod ab Omnibus
Credunt est teneamus

In necessariis Unitas,
In dubiis Libertas,
In omnibus Caritas.



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Church News.

CANADA.—The New York Church Journal contains the following statement, derived from "a valued correspondent" in England. It is, we fear, too good to be true:—

"I am told, on high authority here, that it is a mistake to suppose that our Government has placed its veto on the Canadian Church Act. I understand that after some further delay, all will be right."

ENGLAND.—The statistics of church-building in England are worthy of notice as showing the steady increase in the provision for divine worship. It appears from the thirty-sixth annual report of the Church Commissioners, that 615 new churches had been completed with their aid, whereby accommodation had been provided for 599,118 persons, including free seats for 357,639; and 21 other churches are now in course of erection, to which the Commissioners, on their usual conditions, have made grants. This is entirely irrespective of the great number of old churches which have been restored, or are still in progress of restoration. Among these latter works are comprised the renovation, in a greater or less degree, of nearly every cathedral throughout the kingdom. Even Presbyterian Scotland has joined, in some measure, in 'build-

ing again the old waste places, and impairing the impious ravages of those evil days when

"The civil fury of the time
Made sport of sacrilegious crime,
And dark fanaticism rent
Altar, screen, and ornament."

The restoration of Glasgow Cathedral under the auspices of the very communion whose shibboleth, as respects such an edifice, was wont to be 'Down with it, down with it, even to the ground!' is truly a strange anomaly, not altogether to be explained by the prevalence of archaeological taste apart from religious feeling. At any rate, it is pleasing to observe that many most earnest Churchmen, such as Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Beresford Hope, have not hesitated to unite in the work with men whose aid is given from lower motives. Glasgow Cathedral is perhaps the finest specimen of the "Early English" style in Great Britain, and a spirit of reverence peculiar to the Glasgowians preserved it in those troublous times which were fatal to many other glorious fanes; but still it had fallen into sad decay. The restoration was commenced about fifteen years ago, and the edifice has recently been reopened after completion of works of great magnitude and importance, including the removal of galleries and other hideous disfigurements, the erection of stalls and other elaborate wood-work, and the introduction of encaustic tiles and stained glass in great magnificence. Presbyterianism must indeed be ill at home amid