

day School, so that for every child inside there are two outside the walls. But the result already gained, of one child in three, must affect greatly the future tone of society, when they shall arise as men and women to influence the spheres in which they move.

There was also an early morning conference of the committee, officers, and friends of the Union, when various matters connected with schools were amply discussed.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and soiree at the Milton Club.—The Association had contributed considerable sums toward the establishment and support of schools, not only in England and Wales, but also in the West Indies, where those of the London, Moravian, and Baptist Missionary Societies had been greatly aided.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting in Poultry Chapel: John Cheetham, Esq., M. P., in chair.—The Society had been the means of raising up drooping churches in localities where, from decay of trade or other causes, support had become necessary to their further existence.

IRISH EVANGELICAL SOCIETY.—Anniversary held with Home Missionary Society.—In Galway the congregations to which the Society's missionary has preached have been as numerous as the place of meeting would admit, and the time is again approaching when it will be found too strait for those who would come.

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Religious Intelligence.

AMHERST.—The Rev. J. E. Balcom writes, dated May 31st.—"Eight have been added to this church by baptism, since I last wrote you."

BRIDGEWATER, May 28th, 1858.—Dear Brother.—I steal a few moments from my sleeping hours to make you acquainted with the dealings of God with us as a people: and truly we can say that "He hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Since I last wrote, I have baptized four at the Bridge and three at Layland, making an addition of seven more to the Bridgewater church.

Last Lord's-day I baptized ten persons at Chelsea, making thirty-three in all since the revival commenced.

Among the candidates baptized at Chelsea, there was one whose seventy years had rolled away, and another who had not arrived at the age of fifteen.

United States.

CHANGE OF MISSIONARY POLICY.—Our foreign missionary affairs have at length reached the crisis to which they have been for years tending.

We have only now to return to the mutual confidence of brethren, to ensure a return of missionary peace and prosperity. Such confidence will make us feel secure in trusting to our brethren among the heathen the faithful doing of their work without so many executive and official trammels.

We cannot refrain from expressing the hope that Dr. Stow will accept the office tendered him, and devote his whole energy for a few years to come, to putting this noble cause on its true basis.

BAPTISM OF DEAF MUTES.—Four deaf mutes were lately baptized into the Baptist church in Indianapolis. They were pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of that place.

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PRESBYTERIAN.—Some time ago a congregation in Glasgow belonging to the United Presbyterian Church—a body of voluntary Dissenters—procured an organ to aid its psalmody, an innovation on Presbyterian usage that immediately excited considerable attention.

SWEDEN.—The attempt of the King and more liberal classes in Sweden to procure a slight relaxation of the inhuman rigour of their laws against all Dissenters from the Government Church, having totally failed, our oppressed brethren there now complain of more bitter grievances, if possible, than ever.

CHINA.—The Earl of Elgin has been instructed to obtain for the members of all Christian communities security for the free exercise of their religious worship, and protection for the lives of missionaries and other peaceful travellers in the interior of China; and that his Excellency has at the same time been informed that her Majesty's Government would gladly see, in any treaty with China, a renunciation on the part of the Chinese Government, of any interference with Chinese subjects who may embrace Christianity.

DESTRUCTION OF MISSIONARIES' PROPERTY.—The Rev. Mr. Trestrail, Secretary of the London Baptist Missionary Society, in a letter to the Freeman, gives account of the following melancholy circumstance:—

DEAR SIRS.—The recently-arrived Indian mail has brought letters from which I learn that disastrous fires had occurred at Serampore and Agra. At the former place, residences for students had been burnt down, occasioning considerable loss to the college, and great inconvenience to the tutors and pupils.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.—The Chairman of the Committee of Naval Affairs has introduced a bill, providing for the construction of six steam sloops-of-war. It is asserted that the House Committee on Foreign Affairs intend to propose the construction of thirty new war steamers.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY recommends that authority be given to the Department to supply any deficiencies that may arise in meeting the demands upon the Treasury by an additional loan, not exceeding \$15,000,000, to be negotiated for a period of not more than ten years, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent.

ON Monday, in the Senate, Mr. Douglas introduced a bill "to restrain and redress outrages upon the flag and citizens of the United States."

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WILLIAM M. CONNELLY, a reporter for the daily press, has been convicted at Cincinnati of harboring fugitive slaves, contrary to the provisions of the fugitive law.

THE effect of the French demand for African apprentices is to revive the wars among the African tribes. Recently the king of Dahomey sallied out in person at the head of a considerable force, surprised a town on the borders of the Yoruba country, and carried off some fifteen hundred people.

A toadstool thirteen feet high and five inches in diameter is now growing in a tunnel in a sandstone rock, at Doncaster, England. The plant much resembles a white laced skirt, with a richly embroidered border spread out flat.

HON. CHARLES SUMNER sailed for Europe in the Vanderbilt, in search of health. Though stronger than when he returned to this country in November last he still finds himself unequal to the labours which press upon him while within the immediate sphere of Senatorial duty.

THE Morning Herald's Paris correspondent mentions that preparations on an extensive scale are being made, for an apprehended rising in Italy.

GOOD COMING OUT OF EVIL.—A stranger named Daniel Wilson was arrested for smoking in the street. The M. P. informed the stranger that he had incurred a penalty of \$5.

SERIOUS RIOT AT PHILADELPHIA.—A serious riot occurred at Philadelphia between a mob of rowdies and the Lafayette rides, a German company returning from the May festival.

A MAN IN THE CROTON WATER-PIPE.—In Ninth Avenue, a man went inside of the water-pipe being laid down, for the purpose of caulking them on the inside preparatory to their being cemented intending to be liberated through the stop-cock.

ADVICES from Havana to New York state that General Concha, governor general of Cuba, had sent the Spanish fleet to prevent the British cruisers from violating the sovereignty of Spanish waters.

ONE of our exchanges says:—These cruisers are quite too familiar for the dignity of their Spanish allies, and their eagerness in the pursuit of ounces has caused the insurance agencies at Havana to decline granting policies on coin shipped in sailing vessels of the United States for northern ports, or along the coasts to the outports of the island.

THE TRANSATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—On Wednesday, the 19th, the shipment of the telegraphic cable to be laid down in the Atlantic Ocean between Valentia, on the west coasts of Ireland, and St. John's Newfoundland, was completed on board her Majesty's ship Agamemnon and United States' steam frigate Niagara, at Devonport.

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