

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Baptismal Service at Windsor.

SIR,—I would like to convey to your mind a scene which I was privileged to witness on the last Lord's day, which, for grandeur and true sublimity, surpassed all scenes of the kind I ever witnessed.

The Baptists here have a baptistry in their new chapel: why they did not use it, I have not learnt, and I hope they never will as long as the Avon can afford them water.

What a privilege our youthful pastor enjoyed to be favoured as the administrator of this holy rite to the five converts above alluded to.

The Church appears quite alive to a sense of their duty,—the members are zealous and active, holding their prayer-meetings almost nightly.

The Methodists are holding meetings, and they are well attended.

Windsor, April 7th, 1859.

Home Missions.

The Secretary of the Home Missionary Society has handed us some communications, recently received, from which we make a few extracts:

ANTIGONISH.—Rev. A. F. Porter writes, dated March 14th.—“Last evening the house was nearly filled with attentive listeners from all the denominations in the place.

GAELIC MISSION.—The Rev. Hugh Ross writes, January 31st.—“I have labored to the best of my ability among the Gaelic people.

MIRA BAY, C. B.—The Rev. D. P. McQuillan in giving an account of his labour, states:—“Since I came here, I have been taking some new ground.

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New Brunswick.

REVIVAL IN CARLETON.—We baptized seven persons and Dr. Clay nine last Sabbath, and ten on the previous one. On Sabbath evening we closed our series of meetings with a Conference Meeting in which between 70 and 80 persons spoke, which together with giving the right hand of fellowship to the seven baptized, made it a meeting of intense interest.

Canada.

VICTORIA, C. W.—The Canada Christian Messenger gives an account from Rev. John Rowe of a revival at the above place. He says—“21 have been baptized since this revival commenced, and some backsliders restored, and others received into the church by letter.”

United States.

Highly interesting accounts continue to be received from various parts of the Union of extensive additions to the churches. We regret that our space will not allow us to give some of the details.

SCHOOL DIFFICULTY IN BOSTON.—A difficulty has occurred in the Elliot school, Boston, from the refusal of several hundred scholars of Catholic parents, to repeat the Lord's prayer and commandments, except after the Douay version. One lad was punished, and over one hundred were sent away.

European & Foreign News.

THE WAR QUESTION

We are now told that Lord COWLEY has succeeded in inducing Austria to do all that might become her towards peace in Italy. She asserts, and there seems no reason to disbelieve it, that she has had no aggressive designs on Piedmont, although she had been on such bad diplomatic terms with her.

THE REFORM BILL DEBATE.

In the Parliamentary Notes from the House of Commons in the Freeman we find an amusing account of the excitement produced by the Reform bill debate:—

“On Monday there was a general excitement about the House of Commons. The crowd in Palace-yard to see the Members assemble, was larger than I remember to have seen it for several years past. The chaplain of the House must have been greatly edified by the extraordinary fit of devotion which brought some four hundred members down to the House to join in the opening prayer; and it is to be hoped that the chilling suspicion never flitted across his mind, that not devotion, but a desire to secure a seat (which, if a member occupies at prayers, he is enabled to retain for the rest of the evening), was the predominant motive on the occasion.

was an unusual number—almost all about the Reform Bill, and nearly every one against the Reform Bill. How the House roared with laughter, however, when, after some hundreds of petitions had been presented, begging that the Bill might be rejected, Mr. Garnett, the member for Lancaster, rose and produced a solitary memorial praying that the Bill might be passed into a law.

CONGRESS ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

We read in The Times of Monday:—“We are happy to state that a Congress of the great Powers will meet either at London or Berlin to take into consideration the state of Italy and the complications to which it has led. Although we may all have become somewhat tired of Congresses, yet there is no doubt that this solution is the best under the circumstances—in fact, the only one, considering how far each of the two Sovereigns principally concerned has committed himself, and how much a retreat would detract from the pretensions of either.

THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA having regard to the interests of peace, and willing to take away every excuse for an aggression on the part of France, has stated his intentions respecting Italy fully and frankly. He declares, what we can well believe, that he has not and never has had any design of attacking Piedmont. The aggressive attitude has been throughout on the side of the weaker State, encouraged by the hope of French assistance; and the alleged designs of Austria have been a mere pretext to cover armaments intended for an invasion of Lombardy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL IN THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.—The House of Lords have again rejected the Marriage Law Amendment Bill. Four bishops spoke against the Bill, and two—the Bishop of Carlisle and the Bishop of Cork—in its favour. To the list of authorities in support of the measure is, however, to be added the Bishop of Manchester. To a highly influential deputation which waited upon him, on Saturday, comprising the Mayors of four boroughs, the bishop expressed very much the views which we have always thought justified us in regarding the marriage of a deceased wife's sister as a question of the “Liberation of Religion from State Patronage and Control.”

THE OPIUM TRADE IN CHINA.—Lord ELGIN, in his reply to an address from the merchants of Shanghai, has informed them that his arrangements do not at all fetter the action of Great Britain in regard to opium. It may still be made penal for a British subject to engage in the traffic; but he does not think this would diminish consumption of the drug in China; in his intercourse with the Chinese Plenipotentiaries he merely endeavoured to get them to bring the trade of opium from the region of fiction to that of fact, and thus to place under the control of law an article which is openly bought and sold as if it were legal.

Lord John Russell and Lord Palmerston abstained from voting on the motion for the Abolition of Church-rates.

The present of her Majesty to her grandson on his christening is a splendid and very valuable coral of the most tasteful style of manufacture.—Cowl Journal.

REVIEW

E. MATURIN'S LETTER,

By Rev. John Hunter,

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By J. M. CRAMP, D. D.

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