

ST. GEORGE.—The church is enjoying both peace and prosperity. On Sabbath last, 21st inst., the pastor was privileged to go down into the water and bury "with Christ in baptism" five happy converts, in the presence of a very large and deeply attentive congregation.

The proportion of church members to the whole population of the United States has rapidly increased. In 1750 it was 1 to 13; in 1860, 1 to 5 1/2, showing a very rapid increase in the last century.

BAPTISM OF MINISTERS.—Rev. S. A. Corey of New York, baptized the Rev. Wm. Irving, a Congregational Methodist minister of East Brooklyn, and six of his members, on Thursday the 4th inst. Mr. Irving's views have undergone a change on the subject of baptism; he first set the example himself, and then designs to baptize the whole of his members.

The Rev. A. H. Burlingham of New York, recently baptized a Methodist minister, the Rev. Mr. Shuter, who had become convinced that immersion was the primitive and true form of baptism.

Rev. J. M. Pryse, a member of the Oxford Presbytery, and pastor of the church at Paddy's Run, Butler Co., O., was baptized by the Rev. Wm. Price, in Covington, Ky., a few days since.

PRIZE ESSAY ON MISSIONS.—Some time ago the Rev. C. Hodgson, Rector of Barton-le-Street, offered four prizes of fifty, twenty, ten and five pounds respectively, for the best Essays on "The best method of infusing a missionary spirit into the minds of the young." The Rev. Canon Champeys, and two other clergymen, were appointed adjudicators. No less than 473 essays were sent in. We are glad to hear that an essay by the Rev. John Stock, (Baptist) of Devonport, has received the award of the first prize. The essay will be published shortly.

THE BIBLE IN SPAIN.—Though it is fifteen years since Barrow circulated the Bible in Spain, and the distribution of the Scriptures and of religious tracts in that country is now interdicted by heavy penalties, many copies of the Bible then introduced are still preserved in secret seeking for light. Indeed, to many parts of Spain, there is not one-half the veneration for the Roman Catholic church that existed twenty years ago. The Word of God has emancipated many from superstition and spiritual despotism. Some who have been enlightened by the truth, face the severest penalties in order to make known the gospel to others.

American and Foreign News.

Latest from the States!

FRANCE AND THE REBELS.—The report, a few days since, that our Minister in France, Mr. Faulkner, had presented the secession ambassadors to the Emperor, proves not to be true. Later intelligence says he "protested most energetically, in the name of his government, against any recognition of the Southern Confederacy," and was answered by M. Thouvenal, French Minister of Foreign Affairs that the United States need have no apprehensions on that subject.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MR. DAYTON.—Our new minister to France, Mr. Dayton, of New Jersey, has received from Secretary Seward instructions of the most firm and explicit character. The following are the concluding paragraphs:

You cannot be too decided or explicit in making known to the French government that there is not now, or has there been, nor will there be, the least idea existing in this government of suffering a dissolution of the Union to take place in any way whatever. There will be here only one nation and one government, and there will be the same Republic and the same Constitutional Union that have already survived a dozen national changes, and changes of government in almost every other country. These will stand hereafter as they are now, objects of human wonder and human affection.

"You have seen on the eve of your departure the elasticity of the national spirit, the vigor of the national government, and the lavish devotion of the national treasures to this great cause. Tell M. Thouvenal, then with the highest consideration and good feeling, that the thought of a dissolution of this Union, peaceably or by force, has never entered into the mind of any candid statesman, and it is high time that it be dismissed by statesmen in Europe."

These words are of great moment at the present time, as a definite expression of the views and policy of the administration. They will satisfy the friends of our government at home and abroad.—Boston paper.

SOUTHERN ORDERS FOR FLOUR.—South Carolina and Georgia have sent several orders to Baltimore recently for flour, saying that the people there were almost destitute of breadstuffs. But no orders have been filled, and cannot be, owing to the strict blockade of the Chesapeake and of the Southern ports.

BOSTON, May 17.—The report that the Secessionists have removed Washington's body from Mount Vernon is confirmed.

Butler has been promoted to the rank of Major-General, and ordered to Washington for immediate active service.

Pennsylvania Troops now occupy Baltimore. The Canadian Steamers "New York" and "Northern" have been purchased by the Federal Government.

The city of Charleston is now effectually blockaded by United States men of war.

Five British ships have been ordered off—one however, run in.

Washington will be cleared of troops before June 1st, in order to make preparations for the approaching meeting of Congress.

The French and English Ministers, it is stated are very anxious that the blockade, when enforced, should be thorough, as they fear the results of a large force of Southern privateers swarming the seas.

BOSTON, May 18th.—The London Post Lord John Russell's organ, says that the British Policy is neutrality.

The steamer mail service at the South is now suspended.

The first Kentucky Union Regiment is encamped in Ohio.

Twelve thousand more Western troops are on their march for Washington.

We have nothing further than preparation for war from our neighbours.

The St. Louis affair of which we had telegrams some time since has been confirmed by latter arrivals.

LATE TELEGRAMS.—The Federal Government is making preparations for immediate hostilities.

The Federal Government has notified Foreign Powers, that vessels purchased by the Southern Confederacy, no matter what flag covers them, will not be respected.

The Federal Government further notifies, that it will break off all official intercourse with any Government that recognises the Southern Confederacy!!!

The Confederate Government at Montgomery have proposed a day of fasting and prayer.

Latest from Europe.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, April 24th.

THE POPE IN LONDON.

Mr. NEWDEGATE inquired of the noble lord at the head of the Government whether his attention had been called to a statement in the Independence Belge to the effect that, in case the present Pope should die, abdicate, or retire into a monastery, Cardinal Wiseman was to remain in this country with full powers to exercise all the rights of the Papacy until the election of a new Pope.

Lord PALMERSTON said that the Government had received no information bearing out the reports referred to.

ITALY.

It is most gratifying to announce that a complete reconciliation has taken place between Cavour, Garibaldi, and Cialdini. It is reported that a "high personage," of course no other than the King, demanded that these three eminent and devoted patriots should sink their private feelings, and come to an understanding for the sake of Italy. It is probable that all three would be anxious to heal the rupture which had broken out, as it was impossible but that the men who had so honestly and so zealously labored for their country, should have a deep respect for each other. However, the "impassable gulf," as Count Cavour called it, has been passed, and the great patriots are friends. Garibaldi and Cialdini embraced each other as brothers, as they really are, and Cavour and Garibaldi did something similar. A great many disagreeable reports came in as connected with the rupture, but they will now be forgotten, and nothing but satisfaction will be felt at the conclusion of the disagreement. In Turin the joy at the reconciliation of Cavour and Garibaldi was openly expressed, and no doubt it will be experienced throughout the whole peninsula. Italy can scarcely go wrong when she has three men like Cavour, Garibaldi, and Cialdini united and caring for her welfare.

The Persistence of Milan gives the number of persons who have been arrested at Naples on account of the late Bourbon plot. The list is truly formidable. It comprises 466 officers and soldiers of the late Bourbon army, and 200 priests and citizens. All those arrested wear a particular ring on a particular finger, and this is the masonic sign which passes them into the Bourbon Lodge.

The Paris papers publish a protest from the Pope against the assumption of the title of "King of Italy" by King Victor Emmanuel.

The young men of Pavia honoured Garibaldi with an ovation while he was visiting a friend residing near Pavia.

TURIN, April 29.—In the Chamber of Deputies the minister of Finance has presented a bill for the establishment of a great book of the public debt of the kingdom of Italy.

The minister also stated that the loan of 500 millions of lire was required to cover the deficit, which amounted to 314 millions.

The Duchess Regent of Parma has protested against the assumption of the title of King of Italy by Victor Emmanuel.

THE IONIAN ISLANDS.

PARIS, Tuesday, April 30. The Patrie of this evening says:—"It is asserted that the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands has issued a proclamation, in which he declares that should the disturbances which have broken out at several points continue, the country will be placed in a state of seige."

The same paper asserts that Corfu is militarily occupied, and that the troops are encamped in the squares and streets.

SYRIA.

PARIS, April 30.—The Temps of this evening

says:—"We learn from a reliable source that Turkey has proposed that 1,000-French soldiers should be left at Beyrout until the reforms which have been decided upon by the European commission have been completely carried out."

MISCELLANEOUS.

A sixpenny edition of Miss Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing" has been published, for the purpose of circulation amongst the poor.

Greece, it is said, has acknowledged the Kingdom of Italy. This makes the eighth European power which has recognised the new title of Victor Emmanuel, though all of the kingdoms are small except Great Britain.

During the last and present month, large numbers of birds, denominated spring chickens, have appeared in the London poulterers' establishments. These chickens are not hatched under hens, but by steam. Chickens, by this artificial operation, can be brought into existence at any time.

LORD MACAULEY.—The admirers of Lord Macauley will be gratified to learn that the original autograph of the whole of the fifth and last volume of his "History of England" has been deposited in the manuscript department of the British Museum, and a portion of it placed in a glass case for public inspection.—Notes and queries.

The Defence, another of the iron-clad frigates ordered by the Government for the royal navy, was launched from the building-yard of Messrs. Palmer, in the river Tyne, on the 24th. The Defence is really a steam ram. She has a long prow under water, which is intended to pierce the side of any vessel against which she is propelled. The Defence has been fifteen months in building.

THE BRIGHTON PRESENTATION TO GENERAL GARIBALDI.—A watch—was lately sent from Brighton to General Garibaldi, purchased by the penny subscriptions of 17,000 persons. Captain DeRohan writes on behalf of Garibaldi to say "that the General almost wept with emotion when I told him that '17,000 people' had sent him the watch—saying, 'It is too good for me, and too much kindness on their part.' Garibaldi was ill in bed, and could only dictate a letter of acknowledgement, which is expressed in fervid terms. The Morning Post states that it is the intention of the General to pay a visit, at no distant period, to this country.

THE PENALTIES OF FASHION.—The Court Journal gives an elaborate description of a magnificent dress in which the French Empress appeared at the last Court ball, and that "the mere adjusting of the dress on the night of the ball occupied the space of three-quarters of an hour, as the placing of the bouquets and diamonds on the skirt cannot be accomplished until the dress is on and the toilet be complete, excepting this last touch, upon which, however, according to the tiring-woman's idea, 'everything depends.' For the more convenient accomplishment of this, her Majesty stands upon a high stool, while the bouquets are being placed upon the skirt, so that they are on a level with the eye of the habilleuse, who—under the direction of the head tiring-woman, who stands at a distance viewing the reflection of the labor in a swing-glass—gives her orders where each bouquet shall be placed."

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