Religions Intelligeurer. SAINT JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 20, 1860

THE SIN AND POWER OF UNBELIEF. Few christians realize the prevalence, power and sin of unbelief. This is the sin of sins-the parent of all sin, and more dishonoring to God, and more obstructive to his cause than all other sins put together. All things are possible to him that believeth, but he who disbelieves can do nothing really honouring to God, or advantageous to his kingdom. There is not a single department of Christian labour which has not to contend in some way against the power of this sin. Not only does it stand in the way of the personal

salvation of those who harbour it, but it is a fearful and instructive thought to reflect on, that unbelief in a people or church may neutralize the power of the gospel among them, and hinder the salvation of more than themselves. Jesus himself, on one occasion, could not do many mighty works because of the people's unbelief. May it "not be so now? May not the determined and stubborn unbehef of a few-especially if they be those who are leaders in Israel,-exert a neutralizing effect upon the faithful ministry of the word' and hinder the salvation of souls ? We make these remarks as introductory to the subjoined extract from a work entitled " Closing Scenes in] the Life of Christ." The author in commenting on the passage already quoted-" He could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief," says :---

Here we are led to view unbelief as affecting the Divine character and procedure, rather than the condition of man. This view exhibits it in its darkest colours, as a high dishonour to God, and as standing in the way of the manifestations of his glory. That unbelief should stand in the way of my salvation is a matter of small moment .-But that it should stand in the way of the mani fostation of the Divine power and mercy, by refusing to give God the glory of my salvation, this and incline us to worship God according to differis a more serious matter. It is still more aw- | ent forms and in different places, our FAITH is the ther writes to us that five different denominations ful to think that I should, by unbelief, raise up barrier-or, what is the same thing, do what cen to raise up a barrier-between God aud that has most solemnly declared his power and readiness to do, namely, to save sinners, for has he not said, that "He will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth ;" nay, has He not sworn that " He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked ?" Why, then, is the Almighty Saviour not performing doubt. among us many mighty works? Oh, we will not let him ! " His arm is not shortened that : cannot save." But our unbelief is tying up his hands,-yes, tying up the hands of Omnipotence " "Unbelief is laying an arrest upon Divine power and mercy. It is not merely ruining souls. 1 is doing far worse ; it is dishonoring the blesse Saviour. It is grieving his very heart. Think you it was no grief, no disappointment to his tender and generous nature, to be under the necessity of doing few mighty works, putting forth into exercise his healing and saving power i Nazareth only in a few case? How it would drave delighted his heart to have blessed every one in that city ! He went about continually doing good, and he had a high and pure gratifification in doing so. Great, therefore, the sligh wound they inflicted upon his feelings, when by day prayer meeting, and the others their extra prison houses have often been made. It is to be they put upon his majesty, deep and painful the their unbelief they constrained him to leave them with so few tokens of his love. 'In like manner, think you, is it no grief, no disappointment to Christ, to find the unbelief o man, in all ages, preventing to so great a degre the reception of his salvation ? "He shall see," it is said, " of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." But this unbelief-this cruel, contemptuous, ungrateful uubelief-would deprive him of that satifaction. What a Christ-dishonor ng. Christ-pesecuting thing is this unbelief ? When we take this view of it we have no difficulty in vindicating the Divine procedure towards he world, and towards his professing church and people. So long as this unbelief so generally prevails, we need look for no day of power in the midst of us, no mighty works, or, at least, not lany mighty works. While unbelief prevails, cannot be. As it was then, so it now ; Christ can do no mighty works because of our unbelief. It is not befitting the Divine character to do so. It is not according to his wise arrangements in the economy of grace,' &c. The italies are those of the author.'

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case of the publican, the thief, the blind beggar, use the same hymns adopted in the union meetand the woman of Canaan, whose prayers, though ings in the city, we do not confine ourselves to very short, nevertheless being mixed with faith, their rules as far as time is concerned. Two were answered. Prayer was offered by the Revds. hours and upwards were spent in each service, Messrs. Ferrie, Hartley, Lathern, and the Chair- and then we often felt that the time was too short. man, after which Mr. Alves pronounced the Bene- All were requested to be short, but we think the diction, and the vast tide of human souls there ministers occupied rather too much of the time, assembled, poured forth once more to go, some and recommend that in future meetings, more of to their shops, some to their stores, some, we the time be taken up by the brethren and sisters. fear, to their pleasure and sins, and some, we Many who have never professed religion seem deeply moved, and we hope a glorious season of trust, to wrestle with God like Jacob of old. revival may follow. The congregations in all the

Sixth Meeting-Saturday.

The Hall was thronged with more persons to- churches were larger and more attentive last Sabday than at any previous noon-day meeting. Some bath than they have been for some time. The time before 12 o'clock persons began to enter, ministers on both sides of the harbour preached and before the hour the place was literally filled. with increased interest and power. May God The meeting was led by Mr. J. Turner. Singing continue the work!

and reading were as usual the introductory ser-

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN CARLEvices. The 103rd Psalm was the portion selected by the Chairman. A request was read from TON .- The annual Missionary Meeting of the a daughter to the meeting for prayer for her un- Carleton circuit was held in the Methodist Chapel converted father. The Hon. W. B. Kinnear led in that place on Wednesday evening. At seven in prayer. Several brief addresses were made as o'clock a very large and intelligent cu lience was usual, and very fervent prayer was offered by Dr. in waiting for the opening of the meeing. The Botsford, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, B. J. Under- Rev. Mr. Botterel, the superintendent of the cirhill, W. K. Reynolds, and others. Among those cuit, began the services by singing. Prayer was who addressed the meeting were the Rev. G. M. then offered by the Rev. Mr. McMur y, Chair-Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Swabey, Dr. Botsford, and man of the St. John circuit, after which Zechariah Rev. I. E. Bill. Precisely at 1 o'clock the Bene- Adams, Esq., the Chairman of the meeting, made diction was pronounced and the meeting dis- a few appropriate opening remarks. Extracts from the annual report were then read by the pensed.

We have briefly noticed the daily union prayer Secretary, Rev. Mr. Botterel, which were exceedmeetings held in the Hall because such religious ingly encouraging, showing quite an increase in services are a new thing in this city, and great the finances over any previous year, and very interest has been manifested in them by a large large accessions in membership. Very appropriportion of the citizens, and we thought it could ate and stirring speeches were made by the folnot but be interesting to hear about them. We lowing persons :- Rev. Mr. McMurry, Geo. A. regard the meetings as a success; they have Lockhart, Esq., Revs. G. A. Hartley, England, brought together christians of every name and and Robert Wilson. A collection was taken up, class, among us, who have united together in re- and after a few concluding remarks by the Rev. ligious devotion and exercises, and together wor- Mr. Botterell, the very interesting meeting was shipped their common Lord. Though minor dif- closed by singing the Doxology. ferences give us our respective church relations,

UNION MEETINGS IN CANNING, N. S .-- A bro-

crime whatever, should be released from a bsndage more hateful than any upon earth, and time that it be ascertained whether there are not many hundreds and thousands of unwilling prisoners within convent walls and convent dungeons, cut off from the sweet air of Heaven, and condemned against their will to life-long tortures and indig-

Monday, we have European dates to the 31st The poor women who enter these abodes of woe are either religious fanatics, to whom the ult. The Congress is probably now in session at odours of sanctity are more precious than life Paris. The publication of a phamphlet forbodeand liberty, or else they are women with blighted ing the end of the Pope's temporal power, and affections who, having proved the falsity of earthly love, seek for comfort in what they believe to be which is supposed to be sent forth under the a heavenly. The former hope to elevate themselves above the condition of our fallen humanity hope, by the practice of rigorous mortifications of high dudgeon. the flesh, to reach saintly spiritual attitudes, and

believe that by trampling on the nature which The writer's ideas, are first, that the ' in-God has given them, with all its appetencies, fallibility' of the Popes is utterly inconsistent with aptitudes, and corelative functions, they shall be secular government of a progressive or sound able to reach a higher life. Of course they are character ; and second, that the Pontiff must not puffed up with ideas of self-righteousness; but be the subject of any of the European govern-their folly should bring with it such a terrible ments, as in that case he would be in danger of retribution as that which is inflicted by merciless | placing the power of the church in the land of his and brutal priests. And the second class of vic- sovereign. The conclusion is, that he should be tims, who have fallen into the fatal error of mis- king within the walls of Rome only, and free from taken disappointment for religion wounded vanity all need or control of foreign soldiers.

for saintly aptitudes, and petulancy with the world for heavenly yearnings, and so have scornpresent appearances. There is reason to hope fully cast aside the duties which naturally dethat LOUIS NAPOLEON has been raised up for the volve upon women, and endeavour to take upon performance of great work in relation to Rome. them the yoke of "saints"—even these, fatal as is their mistake, should not be abandoned by the world, and left to the tender mercies of their is entirely due to him. But for the march of the French legions into that country, not only would the inhabitants of Parma, Modena, Tuscany, and tormentors.

Sad and revolting scenes, dreadful cruelties, the Legations have remained in chains, but Sarterrible tradegies are enacted within the sealed walls of these convents, which would startle the public were their dungeons flung open to the roughly incorporated with the peoples of Parma, Tuscany, Modena, and Central Italy, much, very ight of day, and their doings exposed to public scrutiny

much, will have been achieved-all tending to the Occasional shrieks break on the outer air as altimate uprooting of the Man of Sin, Freedom indications of the life that is led by those who and Popery cannot co-exist. dwell within ; but those who hear them can ren-There is now little doubt that Central Italy will der no assistance, nor even offer the poor solace make good its ground, and establish its right to of a kindly word. The busy, cheerful, bustling, self-government. In that event the power of the gossiping world outside has nothing whatever to POPE will be limited to a point in space-to do with the abominations, the secret woe, the Rome itself. There will concentrate darkness, shrinking pollution under the name of sanctity, bondage, and corruption, which, surrounded by the darkness, the silence, and the death of the free communities, cannot long survive. The world within those convent walls.

coldest stone, immersed in a fiery furnace, There is no law for the poor persecuted victims speedily becomes heated and assimilated to th who have once entered there. They cannot aptemperature of the surrounding element. It is peal to the sympathies of Britons, and say, with therefore to be hoped that a flame is about to be the slave, that on touching British soil they are kindled which will consume the temporal pwoer of



By the "Europa" which arrived at Halifax on

The Britsh Ensign says :--- "We rejoice in

dinia itself would have been imperilled."

"If the spirit of freedom shall once be the

icicles and cloak of snow; and if the family party clustered round the crackling fire, it was less from physical sensation than from the influence of old associations. It is the custom in our London workhouses to give the inmates a feast on Christmas day, and this observance was not neglected sanction of the Emperor Napoleon, is creating the' the festival fell on a Sunday. This coincigreat excitement, and has put His Holiness in dence, in fact, led to a very general keeping of Monday as a Christmas day, and very little business was done anywhere, unless by the owners of

places of amusement and entertainment. I must include in this exception the keepers of drinkshops, who were too much in love with gain to give themselves or the public a respite from their work of rapine and ruin.

The frost has quite broken up-it was the

sharpest since 1814-in some places no record of

one so severe was extant-and now it has been

followed by n mildness of temperature more

springlike than winterly. Christmas did not,

therefore, appear as was expected with a beard of

Mr. Spurgeon is preaching on Sunday mornings in Exeter Hall, and services for the working classes are being held in various large public buildings. The Brittania Theatre at Hoxton has been twice used for this purpose, the congregations in attendance being very large and well behaved. With the New Year, the special services in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's wil be resumed. A society for the defence of the Anglican Establishment has been formed, and there can be no doubt that the struggles of past days on the question of Church Establishments will be renewed with more intensity than ever. It is not now, however, a question of the Star Chamber, but of Church Rates. The Free Church of Scotland has not been faring well at law. The case is simply this-a minister of that denomination being convicted of drunkenness, was deposed by the General Assembly, but refused to be turned out, and took the affair into a civil court. The court called for the production of the rules under which the expulsion was decreed; the Free Church argued by counsel that it was not called upon legally to produce them; but the highest

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THE NOON DAY PRAYER MEETINGS.

Fitth Day-Friday.

Our readers will understand that in addition to the "noon-day" prayer meeting, there is also one held every evening in the same place. Last evening the Hall, including the gallery, was literally jamed, and many were obliged to go away for want of room. To-day the body of the Hall was again crowded, every standing place being occupied, and a large number in the gallery also The interest in the meeting, from some cause, i evidently on the increase. Mr. T. W. Barker presided to-day. After singing, and reading the last chapter of Revelation, the Chairman said,seen in St. John, great numbers assembled to gether for various purposes; sometimes for amusement, sometimes to hear the wisdom of men, sometimes to celebrate the accomplishment of some work of art, sometimes to do honour to those whom the world called great; but never · before did he see the people of this city assemble as on these occasions, to worship God. It was a beautiful sight-what could be more so ? The creature, as it should be-worshiping the Creator. The remarks of the Chairman, which were far more extended than our report of them, were appropriate, and delivered in an excellent spirit .---He read a request from a mother for the prayers of the meeting for her son, who is on the broad road to ruin. The Rev. A McL. Stavely followed with prayer. Several addresses were given during the meeting. Rev. I. E. Bill spoke of the vast number of requested by his mother, were in the way to death. All the heathen, numbering nearly 7,000,000; lirge number of nominal christians ; all drunkards, swearers, hars, worldlings, moralists, and others were in the downward road, and without Christ must perish forever. He exhorted all to flee from the wrath to come. Mr. J. Fisher spoke of his great pleasure at the present movereferred to some instances in Scripture, as in the ing held in his place of worship, and although we abolished; time that British subjects, for no on Oude.

same-OUR FOUNDATION ONE, and the meetings of ch.istians in Canning, N. S., have united in in Smith's Hall have proved that we can meet Union Prayer Meeting, held twice a week in that hateful and servile of all serfdoms and for them

SPECIAL AND UNION MEETINGS IN CARLETON

in India was very generally responded to in Carleton. Many fervant prayers were offered to Almighty God, in unison with the tens of thousands of petitions that went up last week by christians of all demominations and from all parts of christendom in behalf of India and the world at large. Special services were held by the Me thodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Free Baptist churches in their respective places of worship during the week. The Presbyterians held a noon tyranny and cruelty practiced in these Romish services in the evening. The attendance and in- ardently hoped that evidences so respectable and terest continued increasingly good in all the undeniable will aid in bringing about an order for churches throughout the entire week.

On Wednesday afternoon a union prayer meet- of suffering females in them:

ing was established in which the Revs. Mr. Botterell, (Methodist,) Baird, (Presbyterian,) Clay, several churches each and all, in the true spirit of pleasure that it was an unusually interesting season, such an one as was never before witnessed

and members of the several churches come to- effect.

be there. And from our hearts could exclaim,-"Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The spirit of God was evidently in our midst and many warm prayers and exhortations were delivered by both brethren and sisters.

vade the entire audience; christians could rejoice is closed, and there remains for the poor sufferer ander Campbell himself. We shall pray for the this business has been disposed of. The crews and set to their seals that God is love. On Sa- such mercy as that which extorted that fearful turday the fourth was held in our own place of cry from her lips. worship. As the last day of the week is usually screams, looks up and shudders-that is all. The a busy one with the heads of families and do- father says to his child whose heart is wrung at did not expect the attendance would be as large as on the previous days, but to our happy disap- walls are secred. No polluting foot must pass doors. pointment the house was filled to overflowing, the convent doors. And, although the heart of and many hearts seemed to be equally full of the manhood may swell to bursting at the sound of blessed spirit of christian union and love to the woman's woe, the agony must be endured ; the Saviour. It was a most delightful season. At lace or sympathy must reach her ears, for the present we are holding a union meeting once a house wherein she is tormented, wounded, vioweek, and unanimously passed a resolution to lated, murdered, is a "holy" house, a sacred rethe effect that we should for the future continue treat, a haven from the storms of the world ! them at least as often as once each month. The meeting of this week was held in the Pres- walls a large number of those beguiled and en- generation.' byterian Church on Tuesday evening. That large trapped unfortunates who are known as nuns. We state on good authority that it is nothing unand beautiful place of worship was filled to ex- usual to hear the most appalling and heartrending souls, who like the son for whom prayer had been cess, probably not less than seven hundred per- cries passing out of the open casements of this sons were present. But one spirit seemed to hell upon earth. Many persons have heard them pervade the whole mass, that of solemnity and again and again, women and men-the former praise. Many were present who probably never gust, indignation, and despair. met each other in any place of worship before. For a convent is the only place on earth where The next weekly union service is to be held in a woman may be wronged with impunity, where the Methodist Chapel on Tuesday evening of next her delicate frame may be tortured without quesweek. Great good has already resulted from her womanly instincts trampled upon, her very these services, and we sincerely hope it will con- life sacrificed without the protection of any law, many. The Rev. Mr. Alves spoke of God's an- that have so long separated the churches of increase in the increase in the separated the churches of increase in the separated the separated the churches of increase in the separated the separate cient people, the Jews, and read the 62d chapter Christ may not be entirely demolished, christians matter how or by what means. of Isajah. He hoped the noon-day prayer meet- may so grow in grace and brotherly love as to Surely this is a terrible state of affairs. Surely ings would not close with the week, but be con-dinued. Rev. Mr. Robinson urged the impor-in Christ. Each minister provided events and fellow-labourers in Christ. Each minister provided events are of analytic as to in Christ. Each minister provided events are of analytic as to be able to look over them, and recognize in each other, brethren and sisters and fellow-labourers stande of faith being mixed with our prayers. He in Christ. Each minister presided over the meet- limbs and tortured the body of the negro was a pension of £120,000, and relinquished all claims

and unite in the one grand object of all true re- town. They are conducted on the broadest prinligion, the glory of God and the salvation of ciples of freedom-the women also taking a part souls. The full result of the services reported in them. Several had been held at the date of by us will only be known in the judgment. 'That our correspondents' letter, and good encouragegood has been done we have not a single ing seasons were enjoyed in them. May they

FALMOUTH, N. S .- A private letter from Falmouth informs us that Union Prayer Meetings were held there last week, and a considerable in-The call to prayer issued by the Missionaries terest existed among the people.

CRIES FROM A CONVENT.

The following letter which first appeared in the Irish Times, and has been extensively copied into other papers, with the comments by the Downshire Protestant, we cut from the British Standard of December 16th : We commend its perusal to our readers. Developments of the the inspection of all convents, and the liberation

November 2, 1859.

Sir,-I think it right to draw your attention, (Baptist,) and Hartley, (Free Baptist,) with their as a public journalist, to an occurrence of a most mysterious kind which took place a day or two go. On the evening of Sunday last, at about Christian love, took an active and lively interest. seven o'clock, as I was passing the corner of the The meetings were held alternately in the Baggot-street Convent, which looks into Herchapels of the different denominations united in bert-street, dreadful screams were heard coming the services. Having other solemn duties to from an open window of the nunnery. The screams proceeded from a female, who was crying, perform at the same hour we were unable to at- "Oh ! mercy, mercy ! they are murdering me." tend the first meeting which was held in the Her figure appeared for a moment at the win-Presbyterian church, but learned with much dow, which was then closed by some one from behind ; and the remainder of this extraordinary and dreadful scene was hidden from view.

A lady and gentleman, accompanied by a lit in Carleton. Hitherto the different denomina- the child, were passing at the time, and the child, tions had manifested too little of the spirit of turning to the gentleman, said, "Oh, papa, they union, and the very fact of seeing the ministers are murdering the poor woman." The gentleman said, "It is very dreadful," or words to that

gether and unitedly engage in prayer for each | I have heard, on good authority, that numeother and the world at large was of itself enough rous dark cells have been made under this Bagto make it a good meeting. The next day at 2 got-street Convent, (for what purpose I know ot.) and as the scene which I have described o'clock, P. M., the second union meeting was held was, to say the very least of it, a most extra rdiin the Methodist chapel, in which we had the nary one, I trust to your calling the immediate happiness to take part. We really felt it good to attention of the authorities to the subject, as it is a case, at all events, demanding an immediate investigation.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, A PASSER-BY.

Here (says the Downshire Protestant,) through this open window, the reader gets a hasty glimpse of the horrors to which these poor incarcerated

woman are subjected ; in this individual shriek, The third was held the following day in the in this piteous cry for mercy, he obtains a hint of Baptist meeting house, when, as was the case on the fearful history of many a helpless victim. "Ch, mercy, mercy," shrieks the poor creature in his views. Mr. Russel is quite young, but there

And the passer-by, hearing those excruciating

woman must suffer; and no help, no word of so-

The convent is situated in one of the most res-

with creeping flesh, the latter with horror, dis-

tion, where her moral nature may be violated,

irresponsible power may carry into execution, no

free, for they are bound body aad soul in the most there is no deliverance.

Is this to be so forever ? Are the cries of their great agony to go up to God day after day, and the Holy See, the Two Sicillies, Sardinia and month after month, unregarded by men, while Sweeden are not yet officially known, but a Turin " Liberal" statesmen enlarge on the "liberality" despatch says Count Cavour has been definitely of those who would inquire into the condition of appointed first plenipotentiary for Sardinia, and these white slaves, and liberate those who are pining for the free air, and for that constitutional protection to which all civilized beings are entitled?

REFORM AMONG THE REFORMERS, OR CAMPBELLITES.

A writer in the Chicago Christian Times, a Baptist paper, says :

"That denomination sometimes called Campbellites, Roformers, Disciples &c., but who prefer to be called Christians, have been discussing the main points where we have been differing from them ;---one party advocating the views commonly called evangelical. Rev. Mr. Russell, of Jacksonville, one of the ablest men of the West, is the leader in this reformation of the Reformers. Rev. Mr. Loos, both of whom like Mr Russell. are presidents of Westerncolleges, and able men. A large number of the best educated and most able pastors are with them ; and many of their mission of sins,' and teach the direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon the heart in regeneration; and dependence upon the Holy Spirit for success views of Communion, only they administer the Lord's Supper every Lord's day which many Baptist churches do, as well. There is, evidently, in this movement, the great approximation to, if not full reception of the main features of the perial and cosmopolitan importance. Baptist denomination. We were prepared for this, by listening to a sermon delivivered in who, with great power, advocated these doctrines, which he promises to maintain intact. from the text, 'Tarry ye in Jerusalem till ye be endowed with power from on high.' Hefearless-

ly charged upon his own denomination the prewere astonished and delighted with such a sermon from such a source.

Jehu, who drives a paper in Tennessee, and calls sailed from Europe. on the world to see his zeal for the-Baptists, with the enormous crime of 'affiliating with Campbellites,' we shall express our great joy at the movenoble men who are struggling to bring about this | under Lord Derby, has received from his friends that their views were 'identical with those of the of large dimensions, covered with discriptive il-Baptists in all respects.'

there, that Rev. Mr. Russel would probably be of the old school-policy of that party. removed from the College, by those who oppose

That since these meetings commenced he had the two previous days the house was filled, and a her agony ; the tones of her voice are borne to are few men West or East superior to him ; and sentenced to Winchester gaol for munity, have seen what had rejoiced his heart. He had often most solemn and impressive spirit seemed to per- the passer-by for a moment, the convent window no man in that denomination, unless it be Alex- had the sentence commuted ; and it is well that

the POPE, and thus hasten the ultimate destruction of the Popedom."

The "Pays adds that the plenipotentiaries Chevalier Desambrois second, and that the French Government have been formally notified of the fact. It is also positively asserted that Cardinal Antonelli will represent the Pope.

Sweden.-At Stockholm enthusiastic demon stratious in favor of the Italian people had taken place, and the Diet unanimously resolved to pre sent an address to the King requesting his Ma jesty to defend, at the Congress, the right of the Italian people to decide their own affairs.

From our London Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 30th, 1859.

The waning year has come to us with darkened and weeping skies, as if deploring the misery which it has beheld, which still exists, and which ties must they be who grudge the Italians He is sustained by Rev. Mr. Murphy and the it is unable to expunge. Yet it cannot be said the measure of freedom they aim to secure ! that to us as a nation the year, just expiring, has been one of great calamity and woe. We have had no great war, no great pestilence, no famine, leading churches have adopted their views. They and it would be difficult to name a period when have abandoned the old idea of ' baptism for the the agencies of Christian benevolence had been

more faithfully and successfully used. Since my last communication, political matters in building up the cause of Christ. They do not have undergone very little change. Lord Palhold to baptismal regeneration. They hold to our merston has chatted down in Hampshire, and shews a wonderful ability, considering his advanced age, for discussing all subjects from an agricultural labourer's prize to a question of Im-

Lord John Russell has acknowledged an ad-Bloomington more than two years ago, before the dress from Glasgow signed by 5,000 persons apannual meeting of the body, by Rev. Mr. Russell, proving of the Government's foreign policy,-

A deputation from the Peace Society, respect ing Mr. Bruce's attack on the Peiho forts, did not valent errors in regard to the personality and succeed in converting him to their views-and it work of the Holy Spirit, as the cause of their seems by the last India mail that Sir Hope Grant weakness, and want of greater succees. We is in Calcutta arranging for an expeditionary force to China, of 10,000 which will co-operate with the "At the risk of being charged by some Baptist French force of that amount which has already be

Sir John Pakington who was Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of Worcestershire, and who ment in question, and our cordial sympathy for the held the office of High Lord of the Admiralty reform. One of those men informed the writer of that county a splendid present-a silver shield "These reformatory views meet with much op- lustrations of his public career. Sir John is a

position, and it was rumored in Jacksonville, conscientious, able and philanthropic man-an when our General Association was in progress advanced Tory, but clinging to some remnants

The seamen of the Princess Royal who were

court of law in Scotland, has unanimously decided that the former order must be complied with I suppose that the Free Church has standing orders on that point of deposition, which will cover the present case, and if it has, I think the wiser course would have been at once to adduce these as giving authority for the act now called in question. Nothing can be gained in this age by setting up ecclesiastical pretensions against the ordinary terror of civil precedure.

The Irish Popemania has just worked itself out; the Popish Bishops take the chair at the meetings, and several members of Parliament have attended, to talk "blarney" to the excited throngs. Others have remonstrated, the Earl of Fingall has addressed a letter to Dr. Cantwell, Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath, in which he declares himself opposed to the agitation : and Mr. H. Y. Petre, one of our old English Roman Catholic families, has spoken out in still stronger terms. How unfit to appreciate their own liber-

This remark leads one by an easy transition to speak of Foreign affairs, which seem at the present moment to be getting more complicated than ever. The publication of a phamphet, of which 40,000 have been sold-"Le Pope et le Congres" -and of which the Emperor Louis Napoleon is believed to have been the inspirer, if not the actual author, has set the Roman Catholic States of Europe by the ears. Even the Russian Ambassador, discarding the religious complexion of the case and looking only at the political principles enunciated, has protested against the phame phlet. The Papal Government is in a panic, and refuses to send a representative to the Congress, unless the brochure is officially announced, and other courts will not attend if Rome is absent. Russia is offended because the phamphlet seems to countenance the right of a people to cast off their allegiance, and the ultra Romanists are violent because it is proposed by the Imperial phamphletier to relieve the Pope of all temporal sovereignty, beyond that which the circuit of the Eternal City would provide him. He would thus Roman Prince and Pontiff conjoined, though the Pontificate would stretch far beyond the bounds of the Princedom. The Congress may through the confessions thus produced be again postponed, the present intention being to convene it after the middle of January. Mr. Cobden has had an interview with the Emperor but the topics of their converse would be more commercial than theological. We hear from day to day of the Spanish expedition against the Moors, and it is difficult to say whether the arms of the Christians or the Moslems are in the ascendant. The Spaniards are reported, and probably with great truth, to be suffering from many

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Dr. Morgan of New York preached a sermon. feelings and customs. recently, from the text,--" As He beheld the city mestics generally in preparing for the Sabbath we the sound of mortal agony coming through that He wept." He said of New York-" The whole Christian world would weep if they could realize Aldershot camp, between a regiment of the line open convent window-" It is very dreadul," and passes by. What more can he do ? Those the heathenism that prevails in this city, at their and a militia regiment. Some lives were lost,

> There are no less than twenty thousand unschooled, ignorant, vagabond children roving through our city,-many of them half clad only, hundred in another, and thousands in others. And these twenty thousand vagabond children will one day be twenty thousand vagabond parents,

TIANS BY English VESSELS .- The condition of by the Board of Health into the loss of the Roya the Christian population in the towns along the Mail Steam Packet Paramatha, has issued in a seaboard of Morrocco appears to have been very dangerous, and but for the prompt measures decision ascribing the fatality to the Captain's taken by admiral Fenshawe to rescue them, it is rashness, and in suspending his certificate for more than probable that we should have had a twelve months. The loss of the Indian is also to fearful catastrophe to deplore.

The first legal marriage of Protestants in Tuscany was recently solemnized at Florence, in dust has been great, £300,000 at least. presence of a large number of persons; the Church True, the opposite element has been provin of Rome has hitherto declared all such marriages its destructive existence. Conflagrations on invalid.

The ex-King of Oude is said to have accepted

behaviour was very censurable, but the authorities acted with very little discretion for Jack's

On Sunday last a terrible quarrel arose at the

and the line regiment is said to have been wholly in fault. The beginning of this mischief was a public-house dispute, as is the rule in all cases of half fed only, and wholly neglected. There are violence, with hardly an exception-and yet this five thousand such in a single ward, twenty-six is the traffic which is licensed and from which the State receives millions of its revenue.

Several more wrecks are reported-one of an brutal, degraded, vicious, dragged up to a still Australian emigrant vessel which lately left Lonpectable quarters of Dublin, and holds within its more vicious progeny to prey upon the next don, and has been lost in the Channel passage .---

Some parts of the French coast are covered with the wreck of articles and human bodies. There THE DELIVERENCE OF THE MORROCCO CHRIST- is no hope of any lives being saved. An enquiry

> be investigated. The Royal Charter is fast breaking up, but the recovery of gold and gold-

True, the opposite element has been proving large scale has been frequent in London, and in

It is said that the increase of population in a recent one in Westminster four persons were England, for the three months ending last Sep- sacrificed. Our fire-escape system is admirable ; tember, was at the average rate of 995 every day. men are stationed all night with the machines, ready to start to the rescue at a moment's warning ; but with all counter appliances, the blazing ravager sometimes secures a human holocaust.

qui vive by repeated assaults ; and Marshall O'-Donnell finds it no easy task to prepare for the march to Tetuan, the nearest Moorish port. What the march will bring forth, the day will declare.

and acute diseases ; the Moors keep them on the

The King of Prussia still lingers, but his life is little else than a lingering death. North Germany is quiet, but South Germany and particularly that portion which includes the Austrian States. is far from satisfaction and repose. The rumor that Francis Joseph was weary of the crown, and was about to doff it, had no basis ; yet he must feel his youthful elasticity giving way under the burden of past failures, present difficulties, and prospective evils. If the different people of Europe have made, which is very reasonable to believe, a general and quiet advance in the arts and comforts of civilization, what space for progress still remains ; and what space, too, for that reform of Government which, until unreformed leaves revolution a yearly, if not a daily contingency. May the present year develope more of man's obedience to the Divine behests, as it is certain to evolve an unmerited and unmeasured degree of the Divine benevolence.

The jewel-box of an Egyptain Queen, which was found in one of the King's tombs in Egypt, has been taken to Paris, and has excited consid able attention. The workmanship is spoken of as most elaborate and exquisite in design and execution, and it is said cannot be surpassed by the artists of the present day.—A small gold crown is particularly well made, as also a thick gold chain six feet in length. A beautifully chiselled gold plate contains a male portrait, evi-dently that of the King.