

## THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

laying waste the magnificent vineyards in the great champagne district around Rheims, Epernay etc., the price of the wine has not been affected in the least in this country. So extensive and destructive have been the military operations in the department of which Rheims is the most important city, that the vintage this year is almost a total loss, and the wine factors have to a great extent, had their stocks of wine destroyed. Any one would suppose this would produce a panic among dealers and consumers of the effervescent wine, but such is not the case. The truth is in the manufacture of beverages now sold as wine, the juice of the grape is of no account. A large part of that which is sold in this country is made from cheaper and more gross materials, and we suppose if the vintage should utterly fail for twenty consecutive years, the supply of wine would not in the least diminish. Some time ago, when the terrible *épidémie* destroyed the vine in Maderia for several years, and not a cask of wine was made upon the island, the supply of *genuine* Madeira was never greater or the price cheaper. Wine drinkers may take encouragement from the *épidémie*.—*Pure Gold.*

**INFALLIBILITY.**—The dogma of infallibility, that was to unite and strengthen the Roman Catholic church, proves a great cause of division and weakness, especially in Germany, where freedom of thought will not be limited by the restraints of ecclesiastical dogmas. The government is on the liberal side, and affords ample protection, if not direct encouragement, to those who resist the command to believe what their reason and conscience reject. A great division is going on, and the Catholics who rejet the new dogma declare that not themselves, but those who affirm it separate from the Catholic church.—*A. paper.*

**Arrangements have been made with the Canada and New Brunswick, and Western Extension Railways, to pass those attending Conference at *one fare*—down and back. Ask for tickets to attend F. C. B. General Conference.**

**CORRECTION.**—In our account of the Fourth District Meeting, in the issue of the 15th inst., in speaking of the Sabbath services, the printers made us say, "we hope many were pleased." *Blessed*, was the word we wrote, yet the compositor was not far astray; for if any are blessed they will certainly be pleased.

### The News and the Press.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 29, 1871.

**The most disastrous** fire that has occurred in this City for many years broke out on Friday morning last, between twelve and one o'clock, in the buildings in the rear of the "Union Hotel,"

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