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One of the best uses of the Confessional which we have heard, is that three Irish Roman Catholic bishops who have broken up illegal liquor-selling on Sunday by refusing to hear the confessions of those engaged in the business.

The custom of dispensing with the services of a minister and all religious ceremonies in marriage seems to have become quite common in some towns in Scotland. One local firm in Dundee has married in its office nearly 500 couples within a few years.

If worst should come to worst, the Crown Prince of Germany could support himself and family by his skill as a turner; his oldest son has also a good trade. It is a good rule that royal family that every prince should learn some useful trade.

"The spirit of missions," wrote Livingston, six months before his death, "is the spirit of our Master, the very genius of His religion. A diffusive philanthropy is Christianity itself. It requires perpetual propagation to attest its genuineness."

The growth of the silk industry in the United States during the past ten years is most gratifying. In 1870 the value of the products of the silk establishments was \$12,000,000. Last year \$34,000,000 worth of finished silk goods was produced, while the gross value reached the sum of \$41,000,000.

One of the oldest churches on the American continent is the Tamarack church near Tucson, Arizona. It was built by the Franciscan friars in the quarter century ago. Fifty-six years ago Indians murdered seven priests within its walls, and twenty-five years ago several Jesuits came from Rome and dug from a sepulchre at the right side of the altar eighty thousand dollars in coin and jewels.

The editor of the *Pittsburgh Courier* has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and 2,000 fines for the publication of an article in the *Journal* to the effect that six months and 2,000 fines, the manager of the *Revolution* should be sentenced to the same, and Mr. Rochester and Mr. Del Prete, editor and manager of the *International*, to 1,000 dollars each for articles applauding the assassination of the *Emper*.

Only 15,000,000, or less than half the people of England are "church population." More than half England are Dissenters. The people however, Dissenters and all, pay \$40,000,000 a year to keep up the State Church. It grinds on Englishmen more and more, every year, to support an establishment in which they do not believe.

A little anecdote of Mr. Carlyle describes him as looking at Holman Hunt's picture of "Christ in the Temple." He admired the faces of the doctors of the law, but said: "I dislike all pictures of Christ; you will find that man never thought of painting Christ till they had begun to lose the impression of him in their hearts."

A singular case has turned up the word "re-spectable" is now engaging the attention of the Philadelphia courts. Charles M. Allister, a wealthy retired merchant, ordered by his will that \$10,000 out of his estate should be set apart for the erection of a new church, provided that within five years of his decease "a respectable number of persons can be found to form the nucleus of a congregation." Seventeen persons got together and laid claim to the money, but the executors denied that they were either respectable themselves or can be considered a respectable number.

LITERARY NOTES.

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The Number opens with a descriptive article, by W. H. Ridding, on "The Green Mountains in Sugar-Town," with characteristic illustrations. "Indian Education at Hampton and Carlisle" is the subject of a very interesting paper with fifteen illustrations.

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For week ending March 12th, 5,172 tons of coal have passed over the Pictou branch, I. C. R. For week ending 10th inst., 4,464 tons. This is the largest quantity of coal moved in so short a time for many years, being only 1,000 tons a day.

The demand for the goods turned out by the Wulffville Knitting Factory has grown steadily since the factory started. At most all our provincial towns, there have been large orders for the spring trade than usual, and in all parts of the Maritime Provinces the goods are rapidly coming into public favor. Orders have been received from Montreal.

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The *Globe* says that Capt. Kent, formerly of the steamer *Stroud*, and Capt. Pettis, formerly of the Grand Manan packet, have gone to New London to purchase a steamer to ply between St. John, St. Stephen, etc., and Grand Manan. Capt. (Gaskin) will be in St. John in a few days to make arrangements concerning the steamer, and St. John people will then be afforded an opportunity to subscribe for some of the stock. Grand Manan people have taken \$6,000 each.

About a year ago Wm. J. Lenihan, 19 years old, and son of Capt. Daniel Lenihan, of this city, while working on the elevated railway on Third Avenue, New York, was struck by the smoke of an engine, knocked to the ground and killed. The public administrator of New York, Mr. Algonquin S. Sullivan, began an action against the company, and a verdict of \$5,000 was given against the company recently in the Supreme Court of the City of New York. On the ground that the next of kin are non-residents.

Early Monday morning, Mr. Joseph Bunell discovered the dead body of Charles O'Donnell lying at the end of the sleepers of the railway track about four miles east of Wexford station on the St. John & Maine Railway. An inquest was held on the remains by Coroner William Buchanan, and from the evidence brought out by the coroner a verdict of suicide was returned. "We find that Charles O'Donnell came to his death by a blow on the head caused by a train." The deceased was a married man, and was badly intoxicated when last seen on Sunday. He was unmarried.

The *New York* says that Mr. E. R. Burpee says an effort will be made to have the entire track of the New Brunswick Railway, from Gt. Falls to Edmundston, widened to standard gauge by the first of August. It is probable, however, that the work will require a month longer. In the meantime, the sleepers are being cut out all along the line in readiness for the change. A cargo of steel rails by steamer will arrive here from England in a few days. As yet,