THE RELIGIOUS WORLD ADROAD.

GREAT BRITAIN. GROWTH OF ROMANISM.—The Roman Catholic Directory for 1865, gives a concise view of the progress of the Church of Rome in England and Scotland during the past year. Cardinal Wiseman, in order to illustrate of the control of the cont trate to his audience at the recent Catholic Congress in Mechlin the progress of his operations in London, showed the number of churches, numeries, monasteries, hospitals, and orphanages for 1820, 1851, and 1864; and bringing down these figures, so far as we can with certainty, to the present date, we see the more readily the steady and rapid

progress which the Church of Rome is making, especially in London: Years. Churches. Nunneries. Monasteries.

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Mr. Lumly gathers from official reports facts as to the moral shade of the Ponish population. He says: "While the Roman Catholic population of England and Wales does not amount to one twentieth part of the inhabitants, one fifth of the inhabitants of the jails in those countries are set down as of that religion, and the ratio of such inmates appears from the experience of the last two years, to be rapidly increasing."

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ENGLISH METHODISM IN 1865.—English Methodism is comprised of the parent body and several denominational offshoots from the parent stem, the largest being that of the Primitive Methodists, while the United Methodist Free Church and the Methodist New Connection respectively follow in numerical importance. All these bodies hold their Conferences during the summer, generally in June. Among the Wesleyan Methodists, as, indeed, among the minor denominations, the main business of the Conference is done in committees, prior to the session of the Conference; and, hence, before the meeting of that body much of its work may be anticipated. The total membership of the Wesleyan Methodists this year in Great Britanian tain is 330,780, which is an advance of 1,112 over last year. There are also 19.145 probationers, and 164 young men were recommended for admission into the travelling connection. As an evidence of a healthy home missionary spirit, we have to record that during the year seven new chapels, each of which will accommodate a thousand people, have been built in London, under the auspices of the "Metropolitan Chapel Fund," and that the eighth will shortly be opened for divine service. The contributions to the Jubilee fund of the Wesleyan Missionary Society now exceed one million dollars, one half of which is already paid in. Notice is given that Wesleyan donations for the relief of the

increase this year was far from satisfactory, especially when viewed in relation to the multiplied means and agencies which they

employed.

The Methodist New Connection is the oldest offshoot from the parent stock of Methodism, having its origin in the Kilhamite secession of 1796. It is not as numerous a body as the Primitive or the United Free Churches, but it has several strong societies, and its ministry comprises some men of distinguished ability both as ministers and scholars, among whom are Drs. Cooke, Crofts, and Stacey. Their sixty-ninth An-nual Conference was held in Newcastle. Their missionary operations, their book-room publications, and their chapel fund operations, have, considering their ability, all been these. There is scarcely a mountain, or cave, extensive and successful. The returns of members showed the membership in Great Britain to be 24,289, and in Canada 8,028; besides a few in Ireland and Australia. Dublishes a few in Ireland and Australia and Australi publications, and their chanel fund operaover \$800,000 in chapel building and improvements.

FRANCE.

THE Annual Conference of the Methodist the Annual Conference of the Reduction Church of France commenced its sessions in the Wesleyan Chapel, Rue Roquepene, on Friday, the 16th of June. Bishop Janes, of New York, who arrived in Paris on Saturday, was warmly welcomed by the French pastors, and was present at the meetings of Saturday. and Monday. The Bishop preached to the English congregation of the chapel on the

THE recital of the difficulties of the spread of the Protesta: faith in France is nost touching, as heard from various members of the present Conference. The Rev. F. Prunier, one of the pastors employed in this missionary work, called, a few days ago, on the Rev. Dr. Sunderland, of the American Chapel, to enlist his sympathies and aid in the field in which his labors are employed.

MR. Prunier gives several very interesting particulars concerning the state of Protestant-ism in the department of Haute Marne, particularly the portion which most suffered under the persecution of the Guises. At Joinville the very barn—a great stone building—in which three centuries ago a whole congregation was massacred while engaged in worshipping God according to their consciences, now offered for sale to the Protestants for the purpose of changing it into a church where they may, without let or hindrance, perform the rites of the Protestant faith. The barn is still solid on its foundations, and so well preserved that its proprietors ask \$3600 for it-too large a sum for the laboring population of the town to expend at this time. A

letter from this gentleman says:—

""They rise from their ashes,' said the pagans of the Christians whom they had burned. May the same not be said of the Protestants whose blood Papacy has so cruelly shed in France? It is every spot, upon which shed in France? In every spot upon which the stake and the scaffold were erected now arise temples in which the Gospel is faithfully disclosed. Three centuries ago the Reforma-tion made rapid progress in Champagne. The small city of Vassy, where we now have a Methodist Church, with the suburban villages, then counted several thousand Protestants. But evangelical doctrine was forbidden admittance into Joinville, which, was a gen admittance into Joinville, which, was a principality of the Guises, where they had a magnificent chateau, the ruins of which, mingled with like ruins of those of powerful princes who had lowed death to the French Reformers, have long since been grown over by brambles and buried in profound oblivion.
'Thou shalt see,' says the Eternal, 'that the wicked shall be out off.' The Guises have been cut off, and the Evangelical Church has been established upon the same spot where their house, like a tree of renown, held up its arrogant head for three hundred years."

GERMANY.

From Germany we have the account of a new religious movement, the "German Protestant Diet" which was held on June 7th and 8th, at Eisenach. It is a national organization having for its object to "promote relization having for its object to "promote religious sentiments in the Protestant churches of Germany, to unite all the State churches into one Evangelical church of Germany on the basis of the 'Congregational principle,' to defend the rights, the honor, and the freedom of German Protestantism, and to protect

the freedom of investigation from all encroachment of the State and the ecclesiastical authorities." Many celebrated theologians were "I may be excused for the freedom of admirational authorities." present at the meeting, differing widely in their religious opinions, evangelical and rational being both represented. They agree to leave every congregation free to choose a pastor of whatever views, and thus their body will be a kind of blending of Congregational, Presbyterian and Unitarian elements. The Methodist, commenting upon this movement, says:—"There will be much in its development with which the evangelical churches of America can feel no sympathy; but it ought to be remembered that it represents the first national organization among the State churches of Germany, which is sincerely and thoroughly in favor of putting an end to the encroachments of the State upon church rights, and of introducing the era of self-government. And, in the second place, it aims at arousing the masses of the people from religious indifference, and rescuing them from that modern radicalism which avowedly intends to exterminate Christianity and every form of religion. In both respects the Protestant Diet may exercise a far-reaching and beneficent influence.'

ITALY.

THE POPE AND THE KING OF ITALY.—The failure of the last attempt at negotiation between these two powers, is probably final. On the part of the first it was an attempt to re-establish a perfect spiritual supremacy in the Italian Kingdom upon conditions which would, by implication, leave the temporal government of Victor Emanuel at mere de facto one, leaving the de jure question at least an open one. It was probably wise in the king to allow the negotiation to be opened. that his own more enlightened subjects, as well as the better portion of the Catholic world, might be satisfied of the impossibility of any co-indwelling of the Romish ideas of Church supremacy with a liberal govern-ment. The question in debate related to the appointment of Bishops to the vacant sees of the kingdom—whether the appointments should be distributed by the Pope or the King. It was a prerogative which the latter was well disposed to yield, provided the former would accept it upon conditions which should not ignore his rightful temporal do-minion. But the demands of Pius IX. were arrogant and impudent. He demanded, first, that the Bishops appointed should be exempt from obligation to swear allegiance to We have," he says, "come forward wight acknowledge him as King of Sardinia, Cyprus, and Jerusalem but the kingday as defenders of the sovereignty and independent of the sovereignty and independent as defenders of the sovereignty and independent of the distinction between the spiritual authority of the latter, and the temporal supremacy of the Government. "We have," he says, "come forward as the guardians of the public liberties, and as defenders of the sovereignty and independent of the sovereignty and the temporal supremacy of the Government. "We have," he says, "come forward as the guardians of the public liberties, and as defenders of the sovereignty and independent of the sovereignty and in all education was to be in the hands of the

In other words, for the sake of religious reconciliation to himself, the Italian Government The Primitive Methodists are a very efficient and successful body. Their forty-sixth Annual Conference, which is composed of one third ministerial and two-thirds lay delegates, was held in Hull. They have 868 traveling and 13,578 local preachers, 8,963 class leuders, and 149,106 members. The increase this year was far from satisfactory assessible. he goes to his shorn-temporal dominion—a dominion which would soon become the rotten food for its own vermin, were the Imperial bayonets withdrawn. In the meanwhile Italy makes Bishops for itself, and sustains the institutions of a Church whose head it detests.

THE VAUDOIS.—We take the following account of the present condition of the Waldensian churches, as compared with the past, from the report of Dr. Thompson, delegate to their Synod from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. No country has ever yielded so many martyrs to the sword, to the scaffold, to the fire, to the dungeon, and to forms of death even more terrible than especially, peace has been the exception and persecution the rule. Of all the churches hat ever existed on the earth, the Church of the Waldenses has been a martyr Church. This was still their condition to a great extent when I visited them for the first time about eleven years since. Their ministers were not allowed to preach or even to sleep beyond their own valleys. Every attempt at prosely-tism was visited with the severest penalties. It is true that, even then, they had a church at Turin, the capital of their kingdom, and had been permitted to erect a temple at Pignerolo which stood a few miles outside their own territories; but these were understood to be only for their own Vaudois who had migrated to those places. Now, in consequence of the union of nearly the whole of Italy under one king, and the favorable change of her laws and practice in the matter of reigious liberty, the whole of that beautiful land, with its more than twenty-four millions of inhabitants, is open to its evangelistic efforts. The former martyr church has been called by divine providence to become the Missionary Church of the land that for so many dark ages and dreary centuries persecuted its fathers. Nor has it been blind to its new commission, or careless of its opportu-nity. Eleven years ago, I found it with only two churches outside its own valleys; now it has forty churches and stations scattered over Italy, and in general one or more schools attached to each church. Some of those

churches are in a remarkably interesting condition. That under the ministry of M. Ribet, at Leghorn, commands an attendance of 400, and excites the notice of the whole city. That of M. Pilatte, at Nice, in addition to its effects upon the native population, is attended by invalids from every part of the world, especially from Russia—many of them belonging to the Russian nobility, who carry back the Gospel to their own estates, and circulate the Word of God in secret. In addition to all this, the Vaudois are receiving constant demands for new evangelists to other parts of Italy, and their college at Florence, with its seventeen students—one of them an ex-priest and another a monk—cannot supply half the number of men whom the new openings in Italy are ready to receive. The discussions in their Synod were conducted with all the freedom that marks those of a Church Court in our own land. We found them on their first business day discussing the subject of Sabbath-schools. We left them discussing the subject of Sabbath sanctification. There is no representative of a hostile government now sitting in their Synod and vatching their every word and deed. Hours were spent by us in anxious and prayerful deliberation with their leading men in refer-

ence to their future action upon Italy, and the conviction was produced in all our minds to an extent and with a depth which could only be produced by actual eyesight—that the time for giving the Gospel to Italy had come, and that these were, in the meantime at least, the chief men to be its heralds. The only thing in which these Waldenses are wanting is money. They are for the most part an agricultural people, small proprietors of the soil, and they are for the most part poor. But speaking for Scotland, we said to them "If you will go down to the pit, we will hold the ropes." They have taken us at our word.

dressing you, if I mention that my purpose is to awaken an interest in the spiritual condition of a people in a quarter of the globe with which I am connected in business, viz.,

South America. "I am well aware that the Republics of South America claim little notice from the public here; and, as a field for Presbyterian missionary enterprise may be considered as un-known. But numbers of Scotchmen are engaged on the West Coast of South America in commercial and mechanical pursuits, while, in the Argentine Republic, on the eastern side of the continent, there are a considerable number of Scotch employed as above, and also settled as sheep farmers. In the Argentine Republic there are three Scotch congregations supplied by ministers from the Scotch Established Church.

"From Valparaiso, in Chili, a call has re cently come for a Conastor to be supplied, if possible, from the Scotch Disestablished Presbyterian Churches, and which, as far as the Eree Church is concerned, has meantime failed.

"But I do not despair, and hope that mat ters may yet get into such shape as shall lead to a response from the churches in ques-

"This I would regard of great value, not only looking to the results to our own countrymen, but to the bearing it might ultimately have on the welfare of the Spanish-American people, whose minds, though darkened by superstitions, are found at present in many cases in a highly interesting condition. I am most anxious the facts should be known by the Presbyterian Churches.

"I propose being in London on Thursday, and would call at your office during the atternoon, and show you certain papers that have recently come home, in case you should decide on making them public.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC GOVERNMENT SNUBBING THE POPE.—Pius IX., the "Holy Father" has a troublesome family beyond question. Recently he took offence at some f the civil arrangements of the Columbian Republic, and, after his manner, sent over to them a roaring bull. Mosquera, the President, thereupon issued a calm, but very reso lute proclamation, reminding the people and the Roman Pontiff also of the distinction Cyprus, and Jerusalem, but the kingdom of dence of the nation, in repelling, as we do Italy was to be ignored. In the second place, repel, said writing which is an infamous libel in the name of an encyclical, with the following considerations and reasons, which we give in conformity to the constitution and the law that the same may not be complied

of the nation, because the clergy having at tempted to usurp the public authority in many nations and especially amongst our selves, it was therefore necessary to revive the laws which command such obedience, it is

therefore a very different theory to that which Pius the IX asserts."

In another part of the proclamation the President says:—"It is almost incredible that in the face of the world Pius IX. says that the Columbian Government thinks to trample upon and destroy the holy Catholic religion, its venerated rights, doctrines, and the worship of its several ministers, this the worship of its several ministers, this assertion is both false and injurious. Does Pius the IX. believe that by bitter declarations he can subvert the country with the view that his worn and temporal supremacy may take refuge in the virgin soil of America, and in the example of other sanguinary Popes and usurpers of the civil power, which the VI., and others, whose acts have black-ened the pages of Italian and German history, and destroyed these peoples. As men we have religion, and our religion is the Catholic and Apostolic taught by Jesus Christ, whose unity we preserve in confor mity with the evangelical doctrine by the union of the Episcopate with the successor of Peter, but this unity does not go to make the Roman Pontiff absolute lord of the earth; when he is nothing more than the discipl which the Saviour selected as a symbol of union and charity, and not to usurp the kingdom of the earth, because the Son of God did not come to the world, except to save it by the Christian civilization of peace, humility, and charity. We do not believe, and for said reason filled with affliction, we behold the Bishop of Rome, Primate of the Church, breaking those dogmas which he ought to sustain, and defending with bitter and unworthy words a material power which is not that with which the man God in vested his Apostles, but ordained them to

obey Cæsar."
The proclamation closes with the following manly utterances. They are the echo of the rising sentiments of Catholic countries a premonition that the haughty arrogance of the Papacy will soon be a thing of the dark

past. "Inasmuch as our authority emanates from the people and the constitution of the nation which we have sworn to deend, we regret the Encyclical of Pius IX., given on the 17th September, 1863; we abrogate and suspend it, as being contrary to the public peace and the imperscriptible rights of the nation, we remind all the national authorities and the States of the commandment of the law of the 18th November, 1862, to proceed against all or any who may pretend to obey or comply with the orders of the Ency-clical which is a tissue of falsehoods and a seditious document unworthy of a priest who s called the Vicar of Christ on the earth In conclusion, we will prove once and for ever, the preservation of peace in opposition to the hostile conduct of the Roman Pontiff, who is not owner of Columbia. And, as Christians, we cite him from the present before the All Powerful on the Day of His Judgment in the valley of Jehozapheet—on which day, not as Pontiff or Magistrate, will we stand in the presence of God, in whose mercy we confide that Columbia will be vindicated and the Roman Curia condemned in the person of its Prince of the Three Crowns."

MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

THE BANGKOK RECORDER.—The first two numbers of this bi-monthly, published in Bangkok, Siam, have reached this country. It is printed partly in English and partly in Siamese. The editor is Rev. N. A. McDonald, a missionary of the Presbyterian Board, and formerly a student of the Western Theo logical Seminary. We rejoice to see such evidence of progress in that far-off land, and tender the editor our hearty congratulations. The terms are eight dollars per annum, in

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