

ITALY.

CHURCH REFORMATION.—Few of our older readers have forgotten the *spurge* made some twenty or more years since, by Bishop Southgate, then at Constantinople, the purport of which was to supersede the ordinary missionary work among the Armenians and other nominally Christian sects in the Turkish dominions, by the simple process of somewhat manipulating the existing systems, and then accepting them as reformed churches.

We see it stated that an English and an American Bishop, who, during the past spring, were sojourners in Italy, have together been concocting a scheme for an Italian Church reformation, which, from the outline before us, is not dissimilar to that of the ex-legate of Constantinople, and will, if it grows into an effort, assume about the same attitude toward the existing Evangelical agencies, such as the Waldensian Synod and the Missions of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

How extensive a reformation the Bishops propose—how much is to be eliminated of the doctrines of the mass, sacramental grace, indulgences, invocation of the saints, purgatory, auricular confession, &c.—does not exactly appear. The only points which we see named as demanding reformation, are the general abuse of Bible reading, reading the liturgy in a dead tongue, enforced celibacy, Mariolatry, & similar distinctive Roman practices.

1. The dissemination of the Holy Scriptures and such information as may tend to promote a sound and sober reformation of the Italian Church on primitive Catholic bases.

2. Toward the support of such priests, of undoubted moral and religious character, as may, for conscience' sake, suffer loss of their ecclesiastical preferment, and consequently fall into distress.

3. Toward the maintenance of religious services conducted by such priests, as a temporary and provisional measure, until the reformational movement can be expected to become national.

Christian World.—The Government is said to protect and even to support all religion. This may be true, so long as the dissenting sects will confine themselves to their present narrow limits, but I do not think much favor would be shown by the Government even. Certainly not by the people, to proselyting efforts. Our colporteur has had no little difficulty in finding a place of residence in which he could keep his books, and from which he could go forth on his unobtrusive work.

SOUTH AFRICA. GERMAN MISSIONS.—The Berlin Foreign Missionary Society celebrated its anniversary in Berlin, last May. Its work is confined to South Africa, where its stations are divided into five districts. The most southern district is the Cape district, within which during 1865, notwithstanding manifold difficulties, 112 souls were baptized.

BISHOP COLENSO AND THE NATAL CLERGY.—A lengthened conference of the clergy of Natal has, on the strength of the decision of the Privy Council, as explained by the Queen's Attorney General, resolved that Bishop Colenso has no longer any ecclesiastical status, or control over the clergy, churches or church property in Natal.

FRENCH MISSIONS.—The Paris correspondent of the Christian Work writes:—"The news that has thrown distressing gloom over all our Churches, is from our South African Mission. The Boers have forced almost all our missionaries away from their stations, the results of so many years' labor to evangelize, to form, to civilize. A few waggon were sent to remove the greater part of their property, and promise made to respect their land and that of the Society."

THE SYRIAN MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.—Though not strictly pertinent to the news of the month, it will be interesting to read, from the Evangelical Christendom of July, the following testimony of its Syrian correspondent to our work in that region:—"Passing on from Nazareth, we strike the Syrian mission of the American Board at Acra, from which point it extends north as far as Tripoli, and includes the whole of Mount Lebanon."

THE PARADOX, EXACTLY.—Pio Nino has proclaimed the beatitude of the late Queen of Naples. She belonged to the House of Savoy, and was the mother of Francis II., present ex-King of Naples. It is easily understood that the Pope intended a hint for the present King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel, and that he expects that the sainted Queen would, in heaven, intercede for the restoration of that dethroned family of King Bomba and consort.

DEFEAT OF THE CLERICAL PARTY.—During the June election of members of the two houses of the Legislature, the Ultramontanes made a desperate effort to secure the control of those bodies, and thus force the Government into liberal measures toward the Protestants.

cause such agitation. One of the advocates of this measure uttered the most unflattering statements respecting the Presbyterian Church, as well as the Methodist, as if nothing had ever been done for the interior by us.

MADAGASCAR. The last report of the London Missionary Society gives a return of 3000 communicants and 15,000 converts in the churches of its Madagascar mission. With a small addition to their missionary force, it is believed that the employment of native evangelists will soon spread the Gospel over the whole of that island.

RE-UNION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES. The subject of the union of the Old and New School Presbyterian Churches has passed, by the action of the General Assemblies, into the hands of large and respectable committees appointed by each Assembly.

At the same time, we think we represent the public opinion of our branch of the Church, when we say that there is just one thing which the Church will exact of its committees, and that is—thoroughness. The Church does not wish anything overlooked; it does not wish anything blinked; it does not wish any essential matter passed over to the list of non-essential or unimportant particulars.

REPORT ON THE MEMPHIS RIOTS. The Committee on the Memphis Riots reported July 25. They say the outbreak of the disturbance resulted from a collision between some policemen and discharged colored soldiers, and was seized upon as a pretext for an organized and bloody massacre of the colored people of Memphis, regardless of age, sex, or condition.

THE CHURCH AND STATE QUESTION.—The Sydney Presbyterian Messenger for April, in its "Notes for the Month," says:—"There has been an attempt to renew State aid to the four denominations hitherto in receipt of it in this colony. The question has been before the Legislative Assembly. The aim is to get a grant of £28,000 annually for the country districts. This question is likely to

an immense majority, in the affirmative. We shall soon see the dykes torn down, the gates lifted up, and the lines so long separating Presbyterians in Scotland, disappearing in the general mingling of the waters, hereafter, as we hope, to flow together always, and in one direction, brightened by the rays of the Son of Righteousness, and bearing precious, redeemed souls onward to the heavenly and eternal kingdom.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS. THE NEUTRALITY LAWS. We quote some of the concluding paragraphs of a report made to the House by a Committee of which Gen. Banks was Chairman.

The recent memorable invasion of Canada offers a signal exhibition of the spirit and character of our Government. Great Britain has given no cause to respect her sense of justice and her regard for right. Our people, who derive from her their ideas of language, liberty, and law, institutions and religion, might justly expect consideration, if not favor. But with indecent disregard of our situation, she has not lost an opportunity to embarrass us.

Having fastened it upon us, she precipitates the question of its abolition upon us. When abolition threatened our destruction, she ridiculed, resisted, and denounced emancipation. When emancipation was necessary to our existence as a nation, she gave her sympathy to rebels, of whose confederacy slavery was to be the headstone of the corner.

At this period there are but few of the human race unacquainted with the merits of the Pain Killer; but while some extol it as a liniment, they know but little of its power in easing pain when taken internally, while others use it internally with great success, but are equally ignorant of its healing virtues when applied externally.

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men holding opinions obnoxious to them that they showed toward the men who were well disposed toward the Union in 1861. They believe in the principle and doctrine of secession the same as ever; though they have been beaten by arms, they assert and maintain that the principle is the same, and hope for its vindication hereafter in some way.

PURGATIVE PILLS have become a settled necessity with the American people. Indeed, cathartics always have been and always must be used, in some form, by all mankind. In this country, the pillar form of administration has been growing in favor since pills were first made of aloes and rhubarb, rolled into a ball.

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