

Religious World Abroad.

England.
—Recently the House of Commons was convened by a debate on the disestablishment of the Church of All Saints, in Bishops Gate, which has a large endowment, a complete array of clergy, and next to no congregation.

Ireland.
—The Irish Presbyterians are assuming a very decided attitude on the subject of the distribution of the surplus property of the Church.

France.
—The eloquent priest, Father Hyacinthe, has been starting the Roman Catholic world by a new utterance. At a meeting of the Peace Society at the Salle Herz, Paris, under the presidency of M. Michel Chevallier, Pere Hyacinthe poured forth the torrent of his eloquence upon the blessings of peace, and the vials of his wrath against St. Chassepot.

—The Wesleyans of England increase slowly, having added but 3,180 to their membership the past year, giving them a total of 845,562. They have not yet made up the loss of 1851 to 1855, during which period a large number of their membership seceded to form another and more democratic Methodist body.

—A meeting in behalf of "Free Christianity" was held recently in Freeman's Hall, at which an Episcopal and a Baptist clergyman with Revs. Jas. Martineau (Unitarian), and Athanas Coquerel (a French Rationalist) united in "public devotional services" "in illustration of unsectarian Christianity."

—On a recent Sunday evening, the Rev. Mr. Brooks, curate of Taunton St. James, Somerset, prior to giving out his text, publicly thanked two members of the congregation, who had courageously waited upon him to protest—one against the "rapid utterance" of the reverend gentleman, and the other against his dreary, long sermons.

—The case of Mr. Bennett, the vicar of Frome, who is accused of holding heretical views as to the nature of the Eucharist, will be tried in the Court of Arches. The Dean of the Court, Sir Robert Phillimore, some time ago declined to accept the letters of request which were presented to him.

—A Broad Churchman writes to the London Telegraph, pointing out that the Liberal party have been suffering for the sin of Lord Palmerston, in allowing his relative, Lord Shaftesbury, to hold for a time the appointment of all bishops.

Spain and Portugal.
—The strength of the new Protestant feeling among the Spaniards appears from a simple circumstance. One day recently the remains of a Spanish lady, who died in the Protestant faith, were interred in the general cemetery, without any disturbance or opposition.

that of the clergyman or school-master who makes a sinecure of his office that he may enjoy its emoluments without fulfilling any of its duties."

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—Mr. H. C. Hall, of New York, and Senor Nicholas Alonza—the associate of Matomoras—are laboring in Seville, preaching nightly to audiences of a thousand, and publishing *El Eco del Evangelio*, a little weekly religious paper of which we have received a copy. Its circulation is 4000.

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forty persons has been gathered in Vicenza, a house of worship opened, and the Lord's supper observed with primitive simplicity. To disgust the people the priests alleged that the Protestant children were allowed to grow up like dogs without baptism. When a member had his child baptized, to the refutation of their calumny, they secured his dismissal from employment.

North Germany.
—In the Moravian Church the lot is still in use in determining ecclesiastical questions. It looks now as if the church were about to depart from this venerated landmark.

—The Queen of Prussia lately visited the Sunday school of Count A. Bernstorff, in Berlin. She stayed during the entire session, observing with interest the exercises of the school. She expressed herself much gratified with what she had seen.

—The National conference of German school-masters, invited this year to Berlin to secure its moderation, received with tumult and hisses the declaration of one member (Herr Hildebrand) that "no reading-book could be better than the Bible" and "no education which did not lead to Christ."

South Germany.
—The Austrian Minister of Public Worship has addressed instructions to the governors of the provinces, pointing out that when priests are confined in clerical houses of correction by their bishops, the episcopal sentences are valid only so far and so long as the condemned priest voluntarily submits to them.

—Dr. Dollinger, the great leader of the Liberal Catholics, is in ecclesiastical trouble. He endorses Prince Hohenlohe in his opposition to the Ecumenical Council. Stung to bitterness by recent acts of Papal aggression, he published in the *Augsburg Gazette* a series of articles in which the Papacy was severely handled, being struck over the shoulders of the Roman Courts.

—The attempt of the Hohenlohe ministry to secularize public education in Bavaria has been defeated by a coalition of the Romanist and Protestant clergy. The aim was "to take the education out of the hands of a church which defends the Encyclical and the Syllabus," but no discrimination was made in favor of the Church which denounces both.

Eastern Europe.
—A man has appeared in a country district of Poland who pretends to be our Saviour come again to save the world. He has selected 12 apostles and pretends to heal the sick. Having gained considerable popularity, he is now turning to politics.

British Colonies.
—The Jamaica Clergy Act will expire with the present year, and a vigorous effort is being made to induce the Government to pledge itself not to propose a continuance of the system by which the Church of England has held a position of ascendancy in the colony.

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