## PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1869.

## Religious World Abroad.

### England.

-Recently the House of Commons was enlivened by a debate on the disestablishment of the Church of All Saints. in Bishopsgate, which has a large endowment, a complete array of clergy, and next to no congregation. Railway extension renders it necessary to remove the building; and it has been proposed that the compensation shall be devoted to the erection of new schools. In or der, however, that no cause of complaint may be given to the fifteen or twenty people who worship at All Saints, a chapel will be added. A bill for this was sanctioned by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and by the late Bishop of London, now Archbishop of Cantenbury; and it was passed through the Upper House. But on the third reading in the Lower House it was opposed, as it was feared that this was but getting in the lever by which the English Church, as a whole, would be overthrown. But the bill was passed by an overwhelming majority.

-At the late anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society it was announced that this institution has issued, since its organization, 57,210,485 copies of the sacred Scriptures. The American Bible Society has issued about 25,000,millions of copies of the word of God put into circulation within the last sixty years by these Bible Societies.

-A late decision of Vice-Chancellor Stuart in a will case has, in the opinion of many English Congregationalists, done much to endanger the permanence of the pastoral relation, and to impair the rights of the ministry. The effect of this decision, it is feared, will be to put the ministry absolutely at the mercy of a bare majority in the church; who may, if they so choose, eject their pastor summarily, without giving the slightest reason for so

doing. — The Wesleyans of England increase slowly, having added but 3,180 to their membership the past year, giving them a total of 345,562. 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. Such secessions have taken place periodically ever since Wesley's death, but would probably cease with the adoption of Lay Delegation.

-A meeting in behalf of "Free Christianity" was held recently in Free-masons' Hall, at which an Episcopalian and a Baptist clergyman with Revs. Jas. Martineau (Unitarian), and Athanase Coquerel (a French Rationalist) united in "public devotional services" "in il lustration of unsectarian Christianity." Prayers adapted from the Liturgy, a hymn by Charles Wesley, a French sermon by M. Coquerel, and an English one by the Baptist (Rev. W. Miall) were the principal performances. The last preacher proclaimed downright Positivism-" Christ was a symbolical name for collective humanity, which they [the favorers of the movement] understood to cluding nearly all the linen-drapers, be God." All reference to the Trinity | hosiers, silk-mercers and clothiers-will was carefully avoided. -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. Mr. Brooks so far from being offended at these friendly remonstrances, expressed his desire to profit by them. Yet he preached twenty minutes longer than usual. -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 greatly needed in France, where [as Robert Phillimore, some time ago declined to accept the letters of request that class is regarded with great miswhich were presented to him. The matter was thereupon carried before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and that tribunal has decided that Sir Robert should hear the case. —"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. Lord Shaftesbury's nominees, with scarcely an exception, voted against the Government in the late division. "A Broad Churchman" hopes that this will be a lesson to Mr. Gladstone, and that he will give the Liberal school of theologians which really does exist in the Church a fair share of promotion. at a severe criticism of his course, in the terred in the general cemetery, without House of Lords, as an advocate of the any disturbance or opposition. Nearly Disendowment of the Irish Church, which some of his opponents stigmatized as a present. This is the first case of the sacrilegious proceeding, comes out in a correct definition of sacrilege. - The diverting to other and entirely different der of the Alcalde, permitting and deuses, objects set apart for pious or sacred | fending such funerals Formerly even use, is sacrilege. The elevation of the attaches of Foreign embassies had to be human spirit to a conformity of mind and will with the Father of Spirits is the on the sea-shore. highest purpose to which any human instrument or agency can be devoted. Public worship is a peculiarly efficacious mean of promoting that elevation, and all its minute accessories may thus by association acquire a reflected and relative sanctity which may be the subject of is light and venial in comparison with Theological Seminary to train them.

that of the clergyman or school-master who makes a sinecure of his office that found to be at variance with the welfare of the community, and to endanger its circulation is 4000. safety, "all private and particular interests, though in their several spheres each of the highest order, must give way to that which is the common ground in which they all take root and find their sustenance."

### Ireland.

-The Irish Presbyterians are assuming a very decided attitude on the subject of the distribution of the surplus property of the Church. We have the assurance of the Moderator of their General Assembly that "they expect to be placed in every particular in a position of equality with the Episcopal Church." Whether as regards outlay on churches or the granting of glebes, they "emphatically protest against being left in a position of material disadvantage in a settlement which, to be satisfactory and final, must be equitable in every part."

#### France.

-The eloquent priest, Father Hyacinthe, has been startling the Roman Catholic world by a new utterance. At a meeting of the Peace Society at the Salle Herz, Paris, under the presidency 000, other societies about 25,000,000 of M. Michel Chevallier, Pere Hyacinthe more-making more than a hundred poured forth the torrent of his eloquence upon the blessings of peace, and the vials of his wrath against St. Chassepot. But what excited the greatest astonishment was his emphatic declaration, "There are three religions in this world-the Jewish, the Catholic and the Protestant, and all three are equal in the eyes of God." When the thunders of applause

which rent the air had somewhat sub sided, a cadaverous looking youth jumped up, and screamed out in a voice harsh with condensed hatred, "I say that you are a blasphemer. There is but one religion, and the Deity rejects all others as vile idolatries." The objector, however, only secured another explosion of ap-

plause for Father Hyacinthe. A short time previous Father Hyacinthe had been summoned to Rome to answer charges of erroneous doctrine preferred by the Ultramontanes. On his return he said that he had been received with paternal kindness, but refuses to give any particulars,-a refusal for which the Jesuits abused him heartily. [Perhaps a visit to Rome has affected him as it did Luther.]

-A party in Geneva are eagerly endeavoring to prevent the Old Testament being admitted into schools. There was a regular public discussion on the inspiration of the Old Testament history, and the desirability or otherwise of its admission in the teaching of the young-M. Barde represented the orthodox and evangelical school, and the organ of Liberal Protestantism was M. Buison, Professor at Neufchatel. The Old Testament was severely dealt with, but he thought it might be taught, provided it was not represented to be inspired.

-The Sabbath Reform has got so far in Paris that the principal shops,-inenceforth be closed on that day. The employees appeal to the public to help them in making the measure universal The papers discuss the movement in a friendly way. La Presse (semi-official) says:

-Mr. H. C. Hall, of New York, and | forty persons has been gathered in Vi-Senor Nicholas Alonza-the associate of cenza, a house of worship opened, and the he may enjoy its emoluments without fulfilling any of its duries." Even while a present disposition of Church property sand, and publishing El Eco del Evan-prior back of a supper observed with primitive simplicity. To disgust the people the prists alleged that the Protestant chilis productive of much good, if it yet is gelio, a little weekly religious paper of dren were allowed to grow up like dogs which we have received a copy. Its without baptism. When a member had his child baptized, to the refutation of -The trial of James Cassels, an En- their calumny, they secured his dis-

North Germany.

Herrnhut, revoked the rule which re-

quired that the election of a bishop should

-The Queen of Prussia lately visited

the Sunday s hool of Count A. Bernstoff, in Berlin. She stayed during the entire

session observing with interest the exer-cises of the school. She expressed her-self much gratified with what she had

seen. Berlin is to hold a national Sun-

-The Synod of Jewish Rabbis met at

Leipsic, the Radicals being decidedly in

school-masters, invited this year to Ber-

lin to secure its moderation, received

-The Austrian Minister of Public

Worship has addressed instructions to

the governors of the provinces, pointing

that when priests are confined in clerical

houses of correction by their bishops, the

epi-copal sentences are valid only so far

and so long as the condemned priest

-Dr. Dollinger, the great leader of

the Liberal Catholics, is in ecclesiastical

voluntarily submits to them.

poor Jews in West Russia.

day-school convention the coming fall.

be subject to a second decision by lot.

glish merchant, charged with preaching | missal from employment. the Gospel, took place 21st of June, at Oporto; and has resulted in his acquittal and liberation. This result does not still in use in determining ecclesiastical merely affect the comfort of an indiquestions. It looks now as if the church vidual. Religious freedom has now been were about to depart form this venerated conceded by the Portuguese legal aulandmark. The late General Synod, at thorities.

### Italy.

-A short time since the municipal authorities of Milan, one of the largest and most progressive of the Italian cities, addressed a petition to the Minister of the Interior at Florence, requesting him to introduce into parliament a bill to limit the number of church holidays. His reply was most significant: "This government does not recognize the right of the Church to control the consciences of the people of Italy; therefore no action of the Roman Catholic Church, or any other, can determine the number of days of a month, or year, which any citizen shall be required to observe as sacred, and on which he must cease from labor. In Italy every citizen must be free to determine his own action on all such questions."

-The annual Synod of the Vaudois Church held its session this year at La Tour, on the 18th of May, and following days. In addition to the regular members of the Synod there were also present representatives from the Free Church of France, the Church of the Canton de Vaud, the English Church, the Free Church of Scotland, the churches in America. Among the latter were Prof. H. B. Smith, of Union Theological Seminary, and Prof. Elliot of Chicago. The report of the Commissioners of Evangelization occupied the greater part of two days. According to it there are thirtyfive mission stations connected with the Waldensian Church. The number of agents employed at these stations is eighty-eight, being ten more than in 1868. The services for public worship are attended by about 35,000 persons; 1984 of whom are regular communicants. During the past year, 212 new members have been admitted by the different churches; 1641 children attended the week-day schools, and 934 the Sundayschools; 7175 francs were collected for missionary purposes.

-There are still difficulties between the Church and the State in Italy. The clergy do not quietly accept the new order of things. Four priests have just been arrested in Umbria for "exciting to contempt and violation of a State law. Their offense consisted in refusing absolution to all those who had bought any of the ecclesiastical property lately sold, unless they agreed to return the value of their purchases to the Pope. This course seems to have had no effect upon the men, but as the four priests equally refused absolution to the wives of purchasers, grievous trouble soon arose. One woman attempted to commit suicide; others separated from their husbands, on the refusal of the latter to comply with

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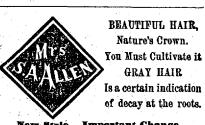
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the Roman Courts. The Court was de-

go farther in its manipulation of the coming Council than the freemen of Germany would endure. Though the articles had no signature, their authorship was detected and ecclesiastical proceedings against Dr. Dollinger have be-

ish ends, and was warned that it might

scribed as packed with scheming Italians, who aimed at nothing but local and self

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ipated.

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

with tumult and hisses the declaration of one member (Herr Hildebraus) that "no reading-book could be better than the Bible " and "no education which did not lead to Christ." In his closing speech the President declared that to thus introduce hostile tendencies was itself blasphemy. South Germany.

"England owes much of her energy and character to the religious keeping of Sunday. Why cannot France follow her, as the Sabbath was made for all men, and we need its blessing."

The leading papers of Belgium avow similar views, while in Germany fortytwo of the fifty seven daily papers have stopped their Sunday issues.

-A Protestant prison chaplain has organized a "Society for the Employ-ment of Discharged Prisoners," which is Victor Hugo shows in Les Miserables] trust and aversion. The Society have in a few years reduced the proportion of those who are recommitted after discharge from 75 to 10 per cent. The Reformed prisoners in the central houses of detention are only one third as numerous as as they were.

-The widows and orphans of Reformed pastors have hitherto been left to the mercies of the Government and the public. A Society, however, has recently organized at Bourdeaux to provide pensions for them.

### Spain and Portugal.

-The strength of the new Protestant feeling among the Spaniards appear from a simple circumstance. One day recently the remains of a Spanish lady, who -The Bishop of St. David's, nettled died in the Protestant faith, were intwo hundred Spanish Protestants were burial of a Protestant in the cemetery which has occurred under the recent orburied in secret or in private grounds, or

-In Seville one of the largest Romish churches has been rented by Senor Cabrera's congregation. It is in the form of a Greek cross, and when the altars are removed, will seat about 2000 persons.

-In the same city a class of promising candidates for 'the Reformed' minissacrilegious desecration. But "The of try has been formed, and the Reformed lense of the robber who plunders a church congregation has resolved to establish a

the demands of the priests.

-The issue of the French elections seems to have caused quite a panic at Rome respecting the probable withdrawal of French troops. Rome correspondents write that a few days ago it rose to such a height that Cardinal Antonelli telegraphed to the Nuncio in Paris for a specific answer as to the Emperor's intentions regarding the future. The answer was clear and concise. "His Majesty contemplates no present change of policy in regard to the Holy See." Not withstanding this, there seems to be very

little confidence in the continuance of French protection. -In Elba, Napoleon's first prison,

the Gospel is preached in three of the places where its 20,000 people are mostly gathered. "At Portoferrajo there is a free church established five years ago; at Longone, a meeting of free brothers. conducted by the pastor of Portoferrajo; at Rio, a Waldensian church. The Sunday schools are two, attended by about 100 children; the two day-schools are attended by about an equal number. The number of Protestant Christians is said to be about 200."

-The editor of the official Italian journal has published in Paris a work on "The Ecumenical Council and the Rights of the State," which has caused great excitement. It is a keen comment on the proposed decision of political questions in the Council, and the measures by which the Church is to be cut loose from modern civilization and all her powers concentrated in the hands of one decrepit old man. The Pope has appointed one of the best writers in his service to answer it, and will revise the proof sheets of the reply.

-The free thinkers of Italy, led by Signor Ricchiardi of the National Parliament, persist in their purpose of hold ing an international conference at Naples on the interests of "Charity and Education" while the Ecumenical Council is in session. The call modestly claims that they are "the true disciples of

Christ." -The Protestant schools of Naples close the year free of debt, and with 500 scholars on the rolls. Hitherto the education has been mostly gratuitous, in principle in this case. but a small fee is to be charged here-

after. Two schools have tried this and The ecclesiastical corps of this State succeeded. The charge will enable them Church, is composed of a pishop, a coadjutor bishop, 4 archdeacons, 22 rectors to extend their operations. -In spite of persecution, a church of and 50 curates.

of the Romanist and Prote ant 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. Reformers must learn, as the Comte did, from Napoleon, that to destroy you must replace.

### Eastern Europe.

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considerable popularity, he is now turn ing to politics. He denounces the peasantry for their indifference to the rising of 1863, calls upon them to repent and Wm. G. Hargis, prepare for new efforts, and prophesies Paper Hanging & Window Shade the speedy re-establishment of the old Polish Kingdom. The authorities might look with indifference upon the religious WAREHOUSE, pretensions of the impostor; but they naturally do not feel quite so easy about passionate appeals to the people to rise Oct8 1y

against the existing government. They are, therefore, using all means to put the movement down. They are appar-ESTABLISHED TROY BELL FOUNDRY, ently finding the task a somewhat more **ROY.**, N. Y.-(Established 1852), a large assort-ment of Church, Academy, Fire Alarm, and other Belle constantly on hand and m.d. to order. Large Il-lustrated Catalogues sent tree on application to mar6-1y JONES & CO., Tsor, N. Y. difficult one than they had at first antic-

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and the tone of his reply to the state-Importer and Retail Dealer in ments submitted to him is certainly not calculated to weaken the report that Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues contemplaces the complete disestablishment of the Jamaica Church. The deputation urged that while the pupulation of Jamaica is upwards of 440,000, of whom only 40,000 attend upon the services of

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