RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The health of Father Tom Burke, the eloquent Irish Dominican preacher, is reported to be failing.

There are said to be 1,000 Scandinavian Baptists in the United States. They held a conference recently at Cokato, Minn.

The centennial commemoration of the first Baptist sermon preached west of the Alleghany Mountains took place at Harrodsburg, Ken., June 16.

It is stated that the Roman Curia, on the nomination of the Saxon Government, has appointed President Bernerte, a moderate, Apostolic Vicar of Saxony.

The Methodists of Indiana purpose to hold "a grand educational reunion" at Indianapolis, Sept. 14. It will be in the interest of Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle.

The Rev. H. Chauncey Riley states that the "Church of Jesus" in Mexico, which he has been largely concerned in founding, now numbers 50 congregations, some of them self-supporting.

At the annual meeting of the English Church Union, which was held in London, June 15, a resolution was adopted remonstrating with the Irish Synod upon its exclusion of the Athanasian Creed from the Prayer-Book.

The fiftieth anniversary of the episcopate of Archbishop MacHale of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tuam, Ireland, was celebrated with much pomp, June 8 9. A marble statue of the Archbishop was unveiled.

The Baptist papers still continue the discussion of the election of the Rev. Dr. Sawtelle as one of the managers of the Missionary Union. This gentleman holds open communion views. *The Baptist Weekly* of this city reports that he declines to accept the office.

The Correctional Tribunal of Ghent has been trying the cases of the persons charged with causing the disturbance which occurred in that city May 17, during a large religious procession. One of the accused has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment and a fine of 300 francs.

The Union Conference which the Old Catholics propose to hold at Bonn will open Aug. 15, and continue in session about three days. During July and August Bishop Reinkens will hold seven confirmations in the Palatinate, and visit the Old Catholic congregations in Westphalia and Baden.

The Sultan of Zanzibar, Say-yid Barghash, has been called upon by the General Committee of the Central African Mission and thanked for the protection given to their missionaries. The Sultan, in his reply, expressed his high opinion of the beneficial character of the Christian work done in Zanzibar.

June 13 was Hospital Sunday in London, when special sermons were preached and collections taken in aid of the hospitals of the metropolis. On the 12th, collections were also taken in the Jewish synagogues. Messrs. Moody and Sankey sent the Lord Mayor a check for £182, the result of the offerings at Camberwell. As much as £9,000 had been reported by the 11th of June.

A Russian Ultramontane paper states that the Government has agreed to restore to the Roman Catholic Bishops full control of their dioceses and free communication with Rome. *The Journal de St. Petersbourgh*, in contradicting a rumor that a Concordat had been established, says that as the Vatican has shown more good-will than formerly toward Russia the relations of the two have improved of late.

On the anniversary of the Pope's election the Cardinals called upon him and presented him with a congratulatory address. The Pope, in reply, said of the present condition of the City of Rome: "The wicked endeavor to destroy religious principles, but on the other hand the good are evidently working to promote virtue. To a bad press they oppose a good one; against irreligious education they establish Christian schools."

The question of the legality of opening the Brighton Aquarium, England, on Sunday has been argued before the Court of Exchequer, Lord Chief Baron Kelly presiding. Judgment was given against the opening. The Lord Chief Baron expressed the hope that this decision would be followed by an amendment of the law. In the House of Commons the Home Secretary stated that the matter could not be taken up so late in the session. The Government, however, intended to prevent undue enforcement of the law as it now is.

The Presbyterian Banner of Pittsburgh expresses the opinion that the overture on synodical representation is not likely to be adopted by the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church. Prof. H. Cameron of Princeton submitted an overture on proportionate representation of the presbyteries according to the number of members in each, which was not acted upon. Something of this kind may in time be accepted as the readiest mode of reducing the size of the General Assembly.

The one hundred and sixth Conference of the Methodist Church of Ireland was opened in the City of Belfast June 16, under the Presidency of the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, LL. D. The Connexional School at Dublin reported 180 pupils, and the Methodist College at Belfast 271 students. The endowment fund of the latter is now £19,880. The ministers and lay members of the Preparatory Committee were entertained at a public breakfast by the Mayor of Belfast.

Representatives of all the churches of England unite in supporting the "Permissive Prohibitory Liquor bill," which is a roundabout description of the measure known in this country as "Local Option." At a recent meeting called to support the second reading of the bill in Parliament, Cardinal Manning moved the resolution, and Mr. S. D. Wadding, an M. P. and a Wesleyan, another. The Cardinal's resolution called on Parliament either to deal directly with intemperance or to let the people do so.

The corner-stone of the Expiatory Church at Montmartre, Paris, was duly on June 16 in the presence of a select company, admitted by ticket. Among the persons present were 80 members of the French Assembly, who attended as a delegation. On this site Parisian Catholicism is said to have had its birth, and near it Gens. Thomas and Lecomte were murdered during the days of the Commune. M. Jean Brunet, a Deputy to the Assembly, is considered the originator of the project, toward which £100,000 have been subscribed.

One of the Presbyterian ministers of Canada opposed to the recent union, the Rev. Gavin Long, has instituted an action at law to restrain the managers of the Temporal Boards of the Presbyterian Church connected with the Church of Scotland from disposing of their funds, which amount to $585,000, except for the benefit of those who still continue their relations with the Church of Scotland. A similar action has been brought by the Rev. Mr. Simpson against the managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which amounts to $73,000.

The annual meeting of the English Palestine Exploration Fund was held in London, June 10, the Archbishop of York presiding. The income of the Society for the year was £1,179; the expenditure, £3,500. The debt with which they began the year has been cleared. The work of the American Society for the exploration on the east side of the Jordan was referred to with praise. A book by M. Clermont Ganneau upon the recent discoveries is expected to appear in the coming Autumn. The total area surveyed in the English is 4,450 square miles, of which 1,500 square miles have been surveyed during the past year.

The Committee of the Wesleyan Conference of England, to which the subject of lay representation was referred by order of Conference, have, it is reported, come "to the unanimous conclusion that, while the time is now at hand when some comprehensive plan for the direct and adequate representation of the laity throughout the Connexion in the transaction of all the business of the Conference (except only that which is regarded as ministerial) must be adopted, and the sooner the better, several years must elapse before a complete and well matured scheme could be brought into practical operation."

The Prince Bishop of Breslau is now held by the Prussian Government to be the Secret Apostolic Delegate of Posen, for whom it has made search. The Bishop, who still remains in Austria, has recently been condemned in Prussia to a fine of £100, or an imprisonment of 133 days, for the excommunication of Dean Kick of the province of Posen, an act that was done in the name of the Delegate. A number of the clergy of Posen known to be friendly to the State have received letters from the Apostolic Delegate threatening them with excommunication if they sign the declaration of submission to the State laws, now necessary in order to receive their public salaries.

Archbishop Purcell publishes a card in *The Catholic Telegraph* of Cincinnati, in reply to two questions which have been mooted. The first is whether he opposed the creation of an American Cardinal. To this the answer is given that Archbishop Purcell did not make any opposition. The second question is, "Was Archbishop Purcell not made a Cardinal because of his having opposed the definition of the Pope's infallibility?" To this the answer is No; "for Archbishop McCloskey also opposed it. He was one of some ten American bishops who signed a paper addressed to the Holy Father, deprecating the definition, as did 70 other bishops." The position of a portion of the American Catholic Episcopate at the Vatican Council is thus authoritatively declared.

Later accounts diminish somewhat the number of the victims of the epidemic of measles now raging in the Fiji Islands, but confirm all that has been reported of the panic prevailing among the natives. It is said that generally the people "refused medicine and medical advice; in the hight of the fever they lay down on the sea beach or in pools of water, and perished from dysentery." Lord Carnarvon, the British Colonial Secretary, telegraphed to the authorities at Sydney to give all possible aid, and to take precautions against disturbances. Though the islanders have entire confidence in the missionaries, they charge on Europeans the introduction of the pestilence. The Wesleyans have on these islands 683 chapels, 283 other preaching-places, 68 missionaries, 893 catechists, 25,620 communicants, and 124,304 attendants on public worship. Their missions date from the year 1835.

The opinions given by Fitzjames Stephen and Benjamin Shaw, declaring that it is contrary to the King's ecclesiastical law for a clergyman of the Established Church to officiate in a Nonconformist place of worship, have increased the excitement already prevalent in England in relation to the union of the Church and the State. A large meeting of churchmen and dissenters almost immediately followed their publication, which was addressed by Mr. Samuel Morley, M. P., Mr. Freemantle, Dean Stanley, Drs. Parker, Stoughton, and others. The Dean moved a resolution declaring that "the restrictions placed about the clergy of England, according to the opinions of counsel now given, are injurious to the fraternal intercourse between the various Protestant churches of this land which is imperatively required in the interests of Catholic Christianity." This was unanimously adopted.

At the recent session of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada it was decided that the next Assembly should consist of all the ministers and elders of the Church, as at present, a motion to form that body of one-third of this number being rejected. A large standing Committee was appointed to take charge of the general subject of Church work. This Committee is to meet on the first of next September, and to report to the following Assembly. A Committee was appointed to consider the use of the Bible as a school-book in the public schools. A resolution was passed that two members of each Presbytery should visit every congregation within its bounds, to explain the history of the union of the Presbyterian bodies of Canada, and the expected results. It was recommended that the churches offer special prayers for the Assembly each year upon the Sunday preceding its annual meeting. The next Assembly is to be held at Toronto beginning on the second Thursday of June 1876.

APPLIED SCIENCE.

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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.—Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty-st. Connects at Somerville with South Branch R. R. at Hampton Junction with Del., Lack. and West. R. R.; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. Commencing May 31, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows: 5:00 a. m.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c. 6:15 a. m.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington. 7:45 a. m.—Way Train for Easton, connects at Junction with Del., Lack. and West. R. R. 9:00 a. m.—MORNING EXPRESS, daily (except Sundays), for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Lehigh Junction for Flemington; at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c. 10:30 a. m.—Way Train for Easton, connects at Philipsburg for Belvidere. 12:45 p. m.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c. 2:45 p. m.—Express for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton. 3:30 p. m.—Way Train for Plainfield. 4:00 p. m.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Del., Lack. and West. R. R. 4:30 p. m.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington. 5:00 p. m.—Way Train for Somerville. 5:15 p. m.—For Plainfield. 5:00 p. m.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg. 6:00 p. m.—Way Train for Somerville. 6:30 p. m.—For Plainfield. 7:40 p. m.—For Somerville. 8:30 p. m.—For Easton. 9:30 p. m.—Way Train for Somerville. 12:30 p. m.—For Plainfield. For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 7:45, 8, 8:15, 9:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 a. m.; 12 m., 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:15, 4, 4:45, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:15, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12 p. m. R. R. RICKER, Supt. and Eng. R. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

ERIE RAILWAY. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT of Trains taking effect Monday, June 14, 1875, from Chambers-st. Depot. (For Twenty-third-st. see note below.) 9 a. m.—The Mail and Chicago Day Express. Drawing-room Coaches to Buffalo and Sleeping Coaches to destination. 10:45 a. m.—Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping Coach to Suspension Bridge. 7 p. m.—Daily, Pacific Express for the West. Sleeping Coaches through to Dunkirk for Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Chicago without change. Trains leave for Jersey City: 7:30, 10:30, 9, *10 and 10:45 a. m., 4:30, 6:30, 7 p. m. Middletown: 7:30, 10:30, 9, *10 and 10:45 a. m., 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, and *7 p. m. The 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. trains connect with New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad. Boonton and Rockaway: 10:30, 9 a. m., and 3:30 p. m. Greenwood Lake: 7:30, *10, 10:45 a. m., 3:30, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30 and *7 p. m. Warwick: 7:30 and 10:45 a. m., 3:30 p. m. Newburgh: 7:30, 10:30, 9, 10:45 a. m., 3:30 and 4:30 p. m. For Gwinn: 7:30, 10:30, and 9 a. m., 3:30, and 4:30 p. m. Suffern: 7:45, 8:45, 7:30, 10:30, *10, and 10:45 a. m., 1:45, 3:45, 5, 6:30, 7, and 12 m. daily. Ridgewood, Hohokus, Allendale, and Ramseys: 7:45, 8:45, 7:30, 10:30, *10, and 10:45 a. m., 1:45, 3:45, 5, 6:30, 7 p. m., and *12 midnight. Paterson: 7:45, 8:45, 7:30, 10:30, 9, 10:45 a. m., 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 5, 5:15, 6, 6:15, 6:30, 7, 8:45, 10:30 p. m., and 12 midnight. Newark: 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:30 a. m., 3:15, 5:15, 6:15, 6:30 p. m., and 12 a. m. daily. Saturday nights only. Rutherford Park and Passaic: 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10 a. m., 12 noon, *1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 5:15, 6, 6:15, 6:15, 10:30 p. m., and *12 midnight. Passaic and Newark: 6:15, 7, 8:30, 9, 9:30 a. m., 12:30, 2:45, 3, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45 p. m., and 11:30 Saturday nights only. Spring Valley: 9:30 a. m., 2:45, 4:45 p. m. Englewood and Jersey: 8:30, 10, 9:30 p. m., 12:30, 2:45, 4, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, p. m., and 11:30 Saturday nights only. Rockaway: 8:30, 10, 9:30 a. m., 12:30, 2:45, 4, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, p. m., and 11:30 Saturday nights only. NOTE.—Trains leaving Chambers-st. on even or half hours leave 23d-st. fifteen minutes earlier than above time; trains leaving Chambers-st. on quarter hours leave 23d-st. thirty minutes earlier. Boat leaves 23d-st. on foot of Twenty-third-st. Ferry. Trains leaving Chambers-st. at 11:30 p. m. and 12 midnight. Tickets for passage and for apartments in Drawing-room and Sleeping Coaches can be obtained, and orders for the checking and transfer of Baggage may be left at the Company's offices, Nos. 241, 529, and 944 Broadway, 366 2 Court-st., Brooklyn, and at the Company's Depot. *Express trains from the West arrive in New-York at 7:25 a. m., 1:40 and 7:50 p. m. Daily. ‡Sundays only. JNO. N. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent, New-York.

FOR WEST POINT, NEWBURGH, P'keepsie, Rondout, Kingston, Catskill, Cornwall, Milton, New-Hamburgh, and Marlboro by DAY LINE, THE MARY POWELL leaves VESTRY-ST., Pier 20, N. R., daily, at 3:30 p. m.

FOR Rondout and Kingston, connecting with Rondout and Oswego Railroad, landing at Highland Falls (near West Point), Cornwall, Newburgh, Marlborough, Milton, Highland (New-Paltz), and Esopus, the steamboat Thomas Cornell, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, leaving Harrison-st., Pier 51, N. R., at 4 p. m.

FOR Rondout & Kingston, landing at Cozzens' (West Point), Cornwall, Newburgh, Marlborough, Milton, Poughkeepsie, West Park, and Esopus, the steamboat James W. Baldwin, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaving Harrison-st., Pier No. 51, North River, at 4 p. m.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, SPRINGFIELD, WHITE MOUNTAINS, MONTREAL, and intermediate points. Steamer leaves Peck-slip daily (Sundays excepted) at 3 p. m. Twenty-third-st., E. R., 3:15 p. m. connect the night express train at New-Haven. Night express leaves Peck-slip at 11 p. m. Tickets sold and baggage checked at 944 Broadway, New-York, and 4 Court-st., Brooklyn.

FALL RIVER LINE FOR BOSTON VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER DAILY (SUNDAYS, June 27 to Aug. 29 inclusive) at 5 p. m. From Pier 28 North River, foot of Murray-st., THE WORLD-RENOWNED STEAMERS BRISTOL AND PROVIDENCE. Capt. A. G. SIMMONS. Capt. B. M. SIMMONS. HALL'S BANDS ENGAGED FOR THE SEASON. The most direct route to Taunton, Middleboro', Plymouth, New-Bedford, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Cape Cod, the WHITE MOUNTAINS, and all principal points in New-England and the Provinces. For Tickets and Staterooms apply at 944 Broadway; Fooshway, corner Twenty-third-st.; 4 Court-st., Brooklyn; or at the office on the Pier, and at all principal Hotels and Ticket Offices in the city. BORDEN & LOVELL, Agents. GEORGE L. CONNOR, Gen. Pass. Agent O. C. S. B. Co.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD—SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS—JUNE 28, 1875.—Depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses-sts. 8:40 a. m. (9 a. m.), through to Ulster, stopping at New-Market, Boonton, Dover, Phillipsburg, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, White Haven, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Towanda, and intermediate stations; also connects with trains for Reading, Harrisburg, and Pottsville. 12:50 p. m. train, through to Manchuck, stopping at the principal intermediate stations. This train has connection also for Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg. 4:00 p. m. train, through to Mauch