

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE Rev. Mr. Dykes has been appointed by the Crown to the first charge of Ayr parish.

THE late Mr. Forbes of Bryndie has bequeathed £500 in aid of the funds of the Scottish Episcopal Church Society.

THE Rev. H. Stirling has intimated his resolution to demit the pastorate of U. P. Church, Dunning, in a short time, as he intends to go abroad.

THE ladies of the Indian and Jewish Associations have to acknowledge with thankfulness the receipt of legacies from the late Miss Davidson, of Forrest Street, Edinburgh, namely, of £600 to the Indian and £150 to the Jewish Society.

CATHART YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—On Wednesday evening the first lecture in connection with this association was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Smith of Cathcart, in the Parish School-Room, to a large and respectable audience. The learned Doctor chose for his subject—"The Evidences of Christianity," which was handled in such a manner as reflected the highest credit on the lecturer. The lecture was frequently and deservedly applauded, and was listened to throughout with the most marked attention.

THE JEWS OF ROME.—What, then, is the present condition of the Jews in Rome? It is shameful, intolerant and unchristian. A ban is upon these poor children of Israel, which is demoralizing to them and unworthy of the century and of the Church. They are branded with ignominy, oppressed by unjust taxes, excluded from honourable professions and trades, and reduced to poverty by laws which belong to barbarous ages. Shut up in their Ghetto, and forced to earn a miserable livelihood by the meanest traffic, they are then scorned as a filthy and dishonest people. Forbidden to raise their head, the Church that has crushed them under its decrees points at them the finger of scorn because they creep and crawl beneath their burdens. The favors

granted them are hypocritical and visionary—the injuries alone are real—*Roba di Roma*, by W. W. Story.

A NEW Protestant Church has been recently opened at Havre. The ceremony was the more remarkable from the character of the congregation, which was composed of various sects of Christians. All the authorities of the town and of the arrondissement were present. A sermon was preached by each of the two pastors of the community, of which the subject was Liberty of Conscience. A collection was then made for the unemployed operatives of the town, which produced 1800*fr.*

THE HOUSE OF PEERS.—We find from "Who's Who in 1863" that the House of Peers at present consists of 1 Prince, 2 Royal Dukes, 3 Archbishops, 25 Dukes, 30 Marquises, 161 Earls, 29 Viscounts, 27 Bishops, and 159 Barons, making a total of 436 members, as the present Bishop of Bath and Wells sits in the House also as Baron Auckland. In addition, there are 19 Peers who are minors, and await their coming of age to take their seats in the House. The Peers of Scotland and Ireland, who are not Peers of Parliament, number 114, of whom five are minors. There are 14 Peeresses in their own right. The members of the Privy Council in England and Ireland are 226. There are 852 Baronets, 479 Civil or Military Knights, and 112 Noblemen and Baronets, who are also Knights of the various Orders of Knighthood. There are 735 Companions of the Order of the Bath, 7 Field Marshals in the Army, 506 Generals, 380 Generals in the Indian Army, 326 Admirals, and 157 Queen's Counsel and Sergeants-at-law.

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HOME MISSION.

February.—Cash East Branch East River Congregation,	£1 17 6
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Ladies' Association, Saint Andrew's Church, New Glasgow,	5 0 0
Saint Andrew's Church Congregation, New Glasgow,	2 12 6
Total,	11 8 10

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YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

February.—Cash Rev.'d G. L. Grant, Prince Edward Island,	£7 13 6
Cash Roger's Hill Congregation,	1 7 6

£9 1 0

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