

tions are causing great excitement all through Ulster. The Home Rulers are watching their chances to enter every constituency even in Ulster, and no doubt they will carry a number of the seats. Besides those that may be carried in that interest in any case, the seats that will be contested by Liberals on the one side and Conservatives on the other will be wrested from both wherever possible. The more moderate of both parties are anxious to avoid such an issue; how far a compromise will be made remains to be seen. Of Presbyterian candidates in the field at the latest accounts were the following: James P. Correy and James Hazlett for two of the divisions of Belfast, William P. Sinclair for the northern division of Antrim, Thomas A. Dickson for the southern division of Tyrone, and William Findlater for one of the divisions of the county of Londonderry. The above named men are all leal-hearted sons of the Presbyterian Church; most of them are prominent elders, and they are equally divided between the two great political parties. The symptoms are that the Sustentation Fund reached its lowest ebb last year, and that the tide has turned for the better. At the last meeting of the Board the report of the Treasurer was encouraging. The receipts for the quarter then ending were considerably in advance of what they were in the corresponding quarter of last year. H.

UNITED STATES.—*Dr. Noah Porter* has resigned the Presidentship of Yale University, which he has occupied with marked distinction for some fifteen years. He retains his place, however, on the professorial staff in the chair of Ethics and Metaphysics. *Dr. James E. E. of Cincinnati* has been placed at the head of the Theological Seminary of San Francisco, in room of the late *Dr. Scott*. Princeton reports a profound missionary feeling among the students, resulting from a new interest awakened by the meeting of the Missionary Inter-Seminary Alliance held last year. The Seminary of the Northwest reports a year of great prosperity. Union and Lane are flourishing. Danville Seminary, with a property of nearly \$200,000, reports but one professor, and not a single student! It reported one student last year!! In proportion to their staffs and general equipment, the American theological colleges have fewer students on the average than might be expected. Union and Princeton have the largest number. Last year, Union graduated 38 and Princeton 34 students. *Rev. Geo. P. Hays, D.D.*, of Denver, the brilliant ex-Moderator of the Assembly, North, has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. The Tenth Congress of the Protestant Episcopal Church was held at New Haven, Conn., in October. Among the distinguished delegates was *Archdeacon Farrar* of London, who read a paper on the "Christian Doctrine of the Atonement." Three hundred theological students, representing thirty-four seminaries, and about half as many de-

nominations, assembled in Rochester, N.Y., on October 22. Here three days and a half were spent in the consideration of the subject of mission work. The Associate Reformed Synod of the South is in correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church, North, with a view to an incorporating union. The number of denominational colleges in the States are as follows:—Methodist, 52; Baptist, 46; Presbyterian, 41; Congregational, 28; and Episcopalian, 12.

THE JEWS.—On the 11th of October the first Hebrew-Christian Church in America was opened for worship in St. Mark's Place, New York. *Bishop Harris* preached an able discourse from Isa., 63:1. *Rev. Jacob Freshman*, the pastor, who is by birth and education a Canadian, gave an interesting account of his work in New York, relating his hopes and his fears respecting the new enterprise which had cost \$20,000, of which only \$5,000 had been as yet received. He had met with much encouragement. One lady had sent him a gold ring, valued at \$150. Mr. Freshman is educating young Hebrews for the ministry, and has a hall, down town, for which he pays \$50 a month rent. *Dr. Hamilton*, of the 14th St. Presbyterian Church, preached in the evening. Interesting addresses were also given by a number of leading ministers. Contributions in aid of this good work may be sent to Mr. Freshman, No. 25 East 7th street, New York.

PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.—The American section of the Executive Commission met in New York on the 27th of October. Arrangements were made for holding a public meeting in New York, in the course of the winter, in the interests of the Foreign Mission Committee. It was agreed to defer the appointment of a permanent Secretary for the Alliance until the meeting of Council in London in 1888. A special meeting of the Commission is to be held on the 21st of April.

TEMPERANCE.—The latest accession to the ever-extending list of Scott Act counties, is Peterborough. A handsome majority of 391 for the Act was the result of a hard and keenly fought contest. The usual forces were in the field on both sides. The gentlemen whose mission it is to press the claims of beer and wine on the attention of our people were "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit." Whether they can, with a good conscience, extend the quotation is for them to say; though doubtless they can, since their contention is that their work is of a highly philanthropic character, and performed solely in the interests of human liberty. But they failed to convince the majority of Peterborough electors that the beer and wine current in those parts are the good creatures of God, to be received with thanksgiving. Indeed "the brave days of old," when "e'en ministers" were