

sion." And from another source we hear that of many reports prevalent in Constantinople with respect to Syrian affairs, "the only one" which has obtained confirmation from the "mouth of an ambassador is the attack on the "Protestant Bishop of Jerusalem; and it is "added, that his life was actually in danger."

What is to be the result of the Bishop's troubles, we do not pretend to foretell; but we cannot admire the foresight or management of those who have exposed him to the peltings of the communions which he comes to conciliate; and would earnestly desire his withdrawal from a position where, with the credit of the English Church and nation depending on him, he can hardly tell whether it is his business to avenge or to suffer—to make himself respected as a representative of our State, or embrace the crown of martyrdom as the missionary of our Church.

**MISSIONARY MEETING.**—On Monday, April 11th, the Methodists of the New Connexion held their first Missionary Meeting in this city. The meeting was of an interesting character. After singing and prayer, J. Dougall, Esq., was called to the chair, which he filled with his usual ability. The Report read by the Rev. H. O. Crofts, stated, that this body of Christians has forty agents employed in Ireland and Canada, preaching the "everlasting gospel" to the benighted and destitute in those countries. The meeting was addressed with great ability by the Revds. T. Osgood, of the Bethel Union, H. Wilkes, A.M., Congregationalist, Wm. Taylor, Presbyterian, J. Borland, Wesleyan, J. Hutchenson, M. N. Connexion, J. Girdwood, Baptist, J. J. Carruthers, Congregationalist, and Mr. J. Morriss. A Committee and Collectors were appointed for the ensuing year, to raise funds to assist the Parent Society in England; and at the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and to the Ministers of other bodies who assisted on the occasion.

#### REVIVAL IN BOSTON.

**THANKSGIVING.**—On Saturday afternoon, 9th April, 1842, many Christians in Boston, assembled by previous invitation, in the vestry of Park Street Church to give thanks to God for the outpouring of his Spirit on this city; remembering the truth, "*Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth God.*"

At three o'clock, within a few minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, so many had assembled, that it became necessary to adjourn to the church above, and in a few minutes more the body of the church was filled.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Some remarks were then made to concentrate the minds of all upon the causes of gratitude for this great and glorious work. A member and officer of one of the churches, was then called upon, who stated, that he had lived in Boston *forty years*, and in his opinion, there had never been, at any one time, such cause for gratitude, in view of what God was doing for the churches, in the city. Another of our most venerable men, and most cautious and scrutinizing observers, was then called upon, who concurred in this opinion. If the names of the persons were mentioned, it would add to the weight of the opinion. They are not men who are hastily moved, one way or the other. If there are any cautious men in the city, who form their opinion on evidence, these are the men. The opinion had been deliberately formed, and was as coolly expressed as the place and occasion would permit; but as they were Christian men, and had seen much of the world for many years, as their hoary heads testified and knew the difficulties of having the attention of many persons arrested, in such a city as Boston, and turned from the world, the flesh, and the Devil, to God, it ought not to diminish aught from the weight of their opinion that they expressed themselves with grateful feeling. They had seen their fellow citizens: they had seen accomplished young women: they had seen giddy and dissipated young men; they had seen numbers of their Sabbath schools and Bible classes; and they had seen baptized children in great numbers, entering the Ark, while floods of indifference, unimportant miscellany, and absorbing worldliness, threatened a few months since to deluge the earth. How could they avoid an expression of grateful feeling with an expression of deliberate opinion, when the causes of gratitude were so unusually great for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this city.

One of the Pastors present then led the devotions of the people of God in grateful praise. He afterwards stated facts which had come under his own observation, going to show what a gracious work of the Spirit had been done for individuals, and for some whole families in this city within a short time.

Another Pastor made a few remarks before closing, to the impenitent and anxious souls present, which we have since learned, proved to be a word in season, at least to one individual present.

The meeting was closed after another prayer with a hymn of praise.—*Recorder.*

#### EUROPE.

**GERMANY.**—There is scarcely a country of the Confederation in which the Pope is not in collision with the Sovereign on the appointment of Bishops. By *Concordats*, dating about twenty years back, he obtained a gene-