

THE SPANISH PROTESTANTS.—Matamoras and his companions, who on their liberation, went to Gibraltar and thence to London, have proceeded to Oran, on the north coast of Africa. Oran is the seat of missionary operations among the Spanish Jews who reside there.

MANSE SCHEME OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Deputations are visiting various parts of the country, for the purpose of bringing before the congregations the manse scheme, in accordance with which, it is proposed to erect a manse for every minister who had a salary from £200 and under. The estimated amount required, is, £45,000. The amount subscribed at present by 400 individuals, is, £25,000, payable in five years by annual instalments.

RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE IN PERTH.—A religious conference was recently held in Perth, Scotland. The object of the meeting was to bring together christians of all denominations, to join together in pleading for a revival, and to seek to stir each other up to greater love, energy, and faith. Many attended, among whom are named, the Earl of Cavan, the Earl of Kintore, Hon. A. Kinnaird, General Sir A. Lindsay, and a number of ministers chiefly from the neighbourhood. The conference lasted three days.

SERMONS ON UNITY.—It is in contemplation to publish, under the sanction of the Puseyite party in England, a volume of sermons on the unity of the church, embracing contributions from clergymen of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Churches.

THE REV. DR. MURRAY MITCHELL.—The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, who was for upwards of twenty years a missionary at Bombay, has been inducted as minister of the Free Church congregation at Broughty Ferry.

COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION.—The whole number of educational institutions of every kind in Upper Canada was, according to Dr. Ryerson's report for 1862, 4,554, being an increase of 95. The amount available for educational purposes, was, \$1,703,216, an increase of \$33,192. The whole number of pupils was, 343,733, being an increase of 13,815. The number of children of school age, reported as not attending any school, was, 42,314, being a decrease of 5,457.

ADDRESS BY MINISTERS IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES.—We referred in our last number to an address by the ministers in the Confederate States, which appeared in the advertising sheets of "*Christian Work*," "*Good Words*," &c., &c. The circulation of such an address in this way, has called forth no small measure of censure. The Rev. Newman Hall, in particular, publishes an address to the editors of the publications, in connexion with which it appeared, protesting solemnly against the views expressed, and the dissemination of them in Britain, where opposite sentiments have so long prevailed. He publishes also a reply by Northern ministers, to the addresses lately sent by French Protestant ministers, and by ministers in England. In the course of this address the Northern ministers declare: "as christian men, we also are fully awake, to the sin and shame of American slavery, and are instant in prayer to God, that the time may be at hand when this hateful institution, which has inspired this gigantic rebellion, shall be utterly destroyed."

PRO-SLAVERY VIEWS.—The Philadelphia Presbyterian says, that the Presbytery of Union, in East Tennessee, has passed a resolution, to the effect that they will not license, ordain, nor receive from another Presbytery, any man who does not sympathize with the South in her struggle for independence, or who holds that slave-holding is sinful, and ought to be abolished.

ORDINATION OF THE REV. J. D. GORDON, MISSIONARY TO ANEITEUM.—The Rev. J. D. Gordon, brother of the Rev. G. N. Gordon who was martyred in Erromanga two years ago, has been ordained at Halifax, and leaves in the Missionary Ship, for the field of his labours in the New Hebrides. The Rev. Mr. Sedgwick delivered an eloquent address on the occasion of the ordination.