

other subjects of Her Majesty. Let there, then, be no grudging in this concession; if persecution and intolerance are discarded, let none of their petty annoyances, their insulting badges, be retained. We do not, however, affirm that the Legislature has nothing to do with this matter. The constitutional arrangements of Great Britain are Protestant, and so long as it is the legal right of a Protestant nation to have its established Church Protestant, its Legislature is bound to exclude Popery from the pulpits of the clergy. The line between tolerating Romanism and endowing Romanism must fall somewhere, and when Romanists demand that chalices and crucifixes shall be bought for them out of the money of Protestants, the place where it ought to fall seems to us not undiscoverable. On points like these Parliament ought to be moved, and it is discreditable to our representatives that they leave them in the hands of the present well-intentioned but hopelessly and painfully incapable leaders of what is called the ultra-Protestant party. But it is not in Parliament that the strength of Protestants against Rome will be found; it is in the intelligent and enthusiastic apprehension of the great truths of Christianity, in clearly discerning that their foundation in the Word of God is more stable than in an imaginary infallibility of the Church, and energetically preaching in church and in chapel, on the village common and in the city lane, to rich and poor, in the wards of the hospital and by the bed of the dying cottager, that everlasting Gospel which is suited to every need of man, and which, by its own vital energy and expansive force, casts away all adhesions and pollutions—in these it is that the strength of English Protestantism will be found.

Missionary Intelligence.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

The Foreign Mission Committee have selected the Rev. J. D. Gordon, of Erromanga as our Missionary. The Brethren present were unanimous in the selection, and of about a dozen communications received from members of Committee by the Convener, a large majority strongly recommended the adoption of this course. The call has been sent to the Mission Board of the Church of the Lower Provinces, and a favourable reply has just been received. In the most generous and disinterested way, they have transferred Mr. Gordon to us on condition of his giving his consent. They have written to him, and from the spirit which he has manifested, they have no doubt that he will also yield a favourable response. We congratulate the Church on securing as her first Missionary to the South Seas, one known and loved by many of the brethren, and who has already made "full proof of his ministry" in the mission field. In Mr. Gordon, we obtain one truly "baptized for the dead," and in Erromanga, a field hallowed by martyrs' memories, and peculiarly fitted to enlist the sympathies of the Church. Will not our Sabbath schools, (in which he has always evinced a special interest) make Mr. Gordon peculiarly their own Missionary? The small sum of £600 would fall very lightly on them. We trust that the Church may feel herself in a position in full Synod to take up the whole subject, and to call one of our own brethren to the work. Two at least will be necessary to put the Mission on a proper footing.

We cordially commend the Mission, and the missionary elect, to the prayers of the Church.

REV. J. NISBET—THE MISSION TO THE INDIANS.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, Aug. 22nd, 1865.

THE REV. R. F. BURNS,

MY DEAR BROTHER,—As the readers of the *Record* may expect a few words from me on the subject of the projected mission to the Indians of this