

and parish of Balmaclellan in the Presbytery and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, vacant by the death of the Rev. William Wilson.—*London Gazette.*

**ROXBURGHSHIRE.**—The valuable living of Welton in this county has been bestowed by the Duke of Buccleuch, the patron, on the Rev. James Stewart, of the *quoad Sacra* parish of St. Mary's, Dumfries, an appointment which, there is reason to believe, will give universal satisfaction.

**REV. DR. PENNINGTON.**—The legal documents of the entire freedom of the Rev. Dr. Pennington from slavery have been received from America. A public meeting of the subscribers to the fund for the purchase of Dr. Pennington's freedom, and of others friendly to the cause of Negro Emancipation, was held in the East United Presbyterian Church at Dunse on Thursday night, in order to present Dr. Pennington with his credentials as a freeman of the United States.—*Kelso Chronicle.*

**THIRD VOYAGE OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS" TO THE SOUTH SEA.**—This beautiful vessel, which is the property of the London Missionary Society, is now making its third voyage to the Islands of the Southern Pacific with a band of Missionaries, eight in number, with their wives and families, comprising Mr. Darling, who is returning to Tahiti, where he has been labouring for the space of thirty-five years, and Mr. Buzacott, who has also spent eighteen years there. Both these gentlemen have had their doings and sufferings recorded in that remarkable work, "William's Missionary Enterprises." The ship takes its name from the lamented Missionary, and was purchased exclusively by the contributions of Sunday-school children. These gentlemen take with them 5000 copies of the entire Scriptures in the language of Raratonga, translated and carried through the press by the Rev. Mr. Buzacott under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is said that these volumes will find a ready sale at a price equivalent to 8s. sterling, which will be returned to the funds of the Bible Society.

**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—The Home Mission, including both the Highlands and Lowlands, received last year £5,592 9s. 10.; this year £6,083 18s. 5d. The Education Scheme, including also the School-masters' Sustentation, received last year £11,196 15s. 5d.; this year £13,906 13s. 10d.—The Sustentation Fund of the College received last year £3,494 3s. 9d.; this year £3,671 4s. 9d. The amount received for the Foreign Mission Scheme last year was £12,328 11s. 1d.; and during this year it received £17,264 2s. 8d. The Colonies received last year £3,686 16s. 9d.; this year £4,900 11s. 8d.; the Jews' Conversion Scheme last year, £4,260 5s.; this year, £5,671 12s. 9d.; the Building Fund last year received £3,144 15s. 7d.; this year it had received £3,365 6s. 4.;—so that on all the Seven Schemes there was an increase, rising, as contrasted with last year, from £42,010 to £50,868, being an increase of £8,858 10s.

Total sums raised from 18th

May, 1843, to 30th March,			
1844, per Report and Abstracts,	£366,719	14	3
1844-45,	384,483	18	9
1845-46,	301,067	5	8
1846-47,	311,695	18	7
1847-48,	276,465	14	5
1848-49,	275,081	4	4
1849-50,	306,622	0	1
1850-51,	303,840	5	4
<b>Sum 1843-51,</b>	<b>£2,475,616</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

**MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IRELAND.**—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was opened in Belfast on Tuesday. The proceedings commenced with the election of Moderator, for which office there were four candidates: and after a scrutiny of votes it appeared that the choice of the Assembly fell upon the Rev. Dr. Coulter, whose name has been

frequently before the public in connection with the Tenant League, of which he is one of the leading champions.

**OLD SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1851.**—The Rev. Dr. Leyburn, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, gives the following general view of the Presbyterian Church of the United States for 1851.

During the year ending May, 1851, seven Presbyteries were organized and reported to the General Assembly, viz: Mohawk, Connecticut, Eastern Shore, Findlay, Cedar, Eastern Texas, and Western Texas.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly, 23; Presbyteries, 134; Candidates for the Ministry, 381; Licentiates, 237; Ministers, 2,027; Churches, 2,675; Licenses, 81; Ordinations, 87; Installations, 116; Pastoral relations dissolved, 98; Churches organized, 81; Ministers received from other Churches, 28; Ministers dismissed to other Churches, 9; Ministers deceased, 29; Churches received from other connexions, 7; Churches dismissed to other connexions, 1; Churches dissolved, 4; Members added on examination, 10,852; Members added on certificate, 7,892; Adults baptized, 2,918; Infants baptized, 10,994; Whole number of Communicants reported, 210,306; Amount contributed to Congregational purposes, \$1,056,023; Amount contributed to other Religious objects, \$406,692.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.**—This Synod met on Monday, the 12th May, and on successive days till Friday evening. There was little business of general interest before the Court. The Rev. H. Angus, the retiring Moderator, preached from Heb. xii. 22—"The Heavenly Jerusalem;" after which Dr. Lindsay, Glasgow, was called to the Chair.

During last year 6 Ministers have died; 16 have demitted, or been loosed from their charges; 4 have been deposed, suspended, or otherwise cut off from the Ministry; 9 have been induced; 1 Minister and congregation received into the Church; 16 probationers ordained, and 3 missionaries.

**THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.**—This Society is doing a noble work in preparing editions of the New Testament in German and English, in Danish and English, in Spanish and English, in French and English, and very recently in Swedish and English. These books have been found eminently useful to emigrants who are swarming in such numbers to our shores.—*American Paper.*

**RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES IN NEW YORK.**—The following is the income reported by the several Societies for the year which has just terminated. American Tract Society, \$310,618 09; American Bible Society, \$276,852 53; American B. B. Foreign Missions, \$176,677 83; American Home Mission Society, \$150,940 25; American and Foreign Christian Union, \$56,265 82; American and Foreign Bible Society, \$45,373 41; Am. Baptist Home Missionary Society, \$29,648 28; American Seaman's Friend Society, \$19,252 61; New York State Colonisation Society, \$22,000 00; American Society for ameliorating the condition of the Jews \$11; 163 oel Total, \$1,098,790 80. £274,697.14

**AN INTERESTING BOY.**—A few days after the first number of the *Semeur Canadien* was issued in March last, Mr. Cyr was met in the streets of a neighbouring village by a Canadian boy, who requested a copy of the paper to be sent to him. Must I pay now? said he. If it is as convenient, it would be just as well, answered Mr. C. Very well, replied the boy, I can give you the money now, if you will be kind enough to wait a little; and he ran to his master's, a shoemaker. In a few minutes he came back and handed out 75 cts. for the yearly subscription. The boy has since read the *Semeur* with interest along with the Bible, and has entirely left the Romish Church, notwithstanding the opposition of his parents. Let us sow the good seed, God will give the increase.—*Grande-Ligne Mission Register.*

**ANNUAL MEETING AT GRANDE-LIGNE.**—The labourers composing the Grande-Ligne Mission have been in the habit of meeting together once in twelve months for the purpose of edifying and strengthening each other for the difficult work in which they are engaged. These meetings are generally much blessed, as they are not only attended by the Missionaries themselves, but by many of the converts and some anxious inquirers, or even Romanists, who come from a distance to be present at the services of this occasion. This year we are happy to say we have enjoyed an unusual share of blessings from our Heavenly Father during the two days we spent together; and we hope that the good impressions then received will be lasting. Our meeting took place on the 15th and 16th of this month, and was well attended. It was probably the largest gathering of Canadians we ever had. The Chapel was full to overflowing. One may imagine the sweet emotions of the Missionaries, especially of those who came to this country some fifteen years ago when there was not a single convert known among the French Canadian population, in beholding such a number listening attentively to the Truth as it is in Jesus. There are enjoyments on such days that are more than a full compensation for all the sacrifices that one can make. A circumstance which added to the interest of the meeting was the baptism of six converts, which took place on the first day. After an address from brother Roussy, who was called to officiate, on the ordinance he was about to administer, we repaired to the baptismal font on the Mission premises, where our brethren and sisters were buried in baptism according to the command of our Saviour. It was a solemn and, we trust, a blessed season. The next day we partook together of the Lord's Supper, commemorating that death which has given life to our souls; and we experienced it was good for the brethren to be together at the table of their Blessed Master.

Among the attendants were some interesting inquirers after the way to Eternal Life. We must mention one especially, with whose progress in the knowledge of the Gospel we are much rejoiced. He was awakened from his deep slumber by a book entitled "*Les Enseignements de l'Eglise Romaine comparés avec l'Écriture-Sainte.*" (The Teachings of the Romish Church compared with the Holy Scriptures.) This book was given to him by a man that had received it from one of our Colporteurs. The perusal of this work opened his eyes to the errors of his Church, and from that time he was led to inquire seriously after the Truth. He was met by some of the Missionaries at different times, who urged upon his conscience the claims of the Gospel. He is now in a very interesting state of mind; his heart is open to the regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit. He is a man that would be likely to exert a very good influence, should he become truly pious. May he find peace in believing.—*Ibid.*

Great disgust has been excited by a decree of the Austrian Government prohibiting the use of any books in public and other schools that have been written by Protestants.

**CLERICAL PRESENTATION.**—The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. John Gibson to the Church and Parish of Kirkhope in the Presbytery of Selkirk. This is a new Parish, recently erected by decret of the Court of Session.—*Northern Ensign.*

We understand that the Rev. Mr. Millican, of Airdrie, is to preach in the *Quoad Sacra* Church of Pulteneytown on Sabbath first. Mr. M. is to be stationed here for some time.—*Ibid.*

The Returns submitted to the late Meeting of the Wesleyan Conference show a defection of nearly 60,000 members of the Society.—*English Paper.*