

## Religious Intelligence.

### Free Church.

Sir David Baxter has left bequests to the Free Church amounting to £53,000, or about \$250,000. The Presbyteries of Edinburgh and Glasgow have adopted the Mutual Eligibility Overture by very large majorities. Up to our latest news, 31 Presbyteries had approved and 5 disapproved, 15 had approved unanimously. None had disapproved unanimously. Dr. Samuel Miller, of Glasgow, is to be next Moderator of Assembly.

### United Presbyterian.

Two medical missionaries, Drs. Clark and Shepherd, have been sent to join the mission at Rajpootana, India. Another missionary, Mr. John Dewar, has been sent to Caffraria.

The Synod's Committee on Theological Education have recommended that students attend a class on Hebrew in the University or Free Church College, either before entering the Theological Hall or between the first and second sessions at the Hall.

A generous friend of the United Presbyterian Church has commissioned Messrs. Marr & Sons, Glasgow, to forward a copy of their edition of "Beecher's Lectures on Preaching" to the probationers of the Church and to the ministers of not more than five years' standing. Another friend has sent to all the ministers of the Church Dr. Charles Brown's closing address as Moderator of the Free Church Assembly.

A biography of the late Dr. William Anderson, of John Street U. P. Church, Glasgow, is shortly to be published (from the pen of the Rev. George Gilfillan, Dundee).

The English Synod of the U. P. Church was chiefly occupied in discussing the subject of union with the English Presbyterian Church. During the discussion not one word was uttered against the proposal that the two churches should unite, the only difference of opinion being as to the form the union should take. After considerable debate, it was ultimately agreed to appoint a committee to ascertain on what terms the English Presbyterian Church would unite with them, and to defer union for another year.

### Missions for Japan.

The Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church have resolved to raise £4000 by subscriptions from a limited number of persons in order to open a mission in Japan.

### The Irish Presbyterian Church.

Great vigor has been infused into all the operations of this evangelical and truly evangelistic body. Their Sustentation Fund is creditable, and secures the stability of the organization. They are better off financially than they were before the *Regium Donum* was withdrawn.

### Church Establishments.

The Episcopal Church in Ireland is doing better than was generally expected. Her disestablishment has not by any means weakened her, but rather increased her energy and devotedness. There is some prospect of the leaven of Popery being expunged from the Prayer Book. The result so far of disestablishment in Ireland reconciles many to the idea of loosening the ties between Church and State in England. Dissent is increasingly powerful in all the great centres of population. In the cities generally there is more church accommodation provided by Dissenting Churches than by the Establishment. The proportionate increase in the Nonconforming communions is greater than in the Establishment. A large number of intelligent and enlightened adherents of the Episcopal denomination in England would cordially aid any movement tending to the separation of Church and State.

The Church of Scotland will not likely continue her connection with the State many years. Her adherents are numerous and wealthy, and abundantly able to support all her operations. It is quite possible that at the next general election in Great Britain the cry of Scottish Disestablishment will be raised. Troubles of this kind are easily borne by Presbyterian Churches, owing to their organization and their system of self-dependence. In Continental countries the fate of Establishments looks rather gloomy. The universal impression is that their doom is sealed.

### Jesuits.

The Jesuits and kindred orders have been expelled from Germany in consequence of their being dangerous to the State. They plotted and planned to break up the German Empire and thus render it an easy prey to the arms of France. They hate Germany because she is predominantly Protestant, and because even her Roman Catholic population, to a large extent, dislike Ultramontaniam. Bismark, understanding their plots, boldly resolved to drive them out of the country. The decree has been carried into effect, and the expelled Jesuits are now flocking to England, Scotland and America. It becomes Protestants to be more vigilant than ever in