

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES IN ENGLAND.—The anniversaries of the Religious Societies in London have been held with quite the usual amount of interest. The receipts have been in general satisfactory. The receipts of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the year were £171,375 10s 2d, there being an increase in every source of income except legacies. The foundation stone of the New Bible House is to be laid on the 11th of June by the Prince of Wales.

THE HYMN QUESTION IN THE FREE CHURCH.—The Hymn question is causing a considerable amount of discussion in the Free Church Presbyteries and Synods. It would appear that while there is strong opposition on the part of some, there is a majority in favour of some addition to the Paraphrases and Hymns in use.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. DR. MILLER OF BIRMINGHAM.—Dr. Miller has received, on his retirement, a magnificent testimonial from his congregation and the community at large. That from his congregation consisted of a purse of £600, with a silver tray, and a tea and coffee service; and that from his other friends of a cheque for £1000. He is succeeded by the Rev. W. Wilkinson, M. A. of Sheffield. He belongs to the Evangelical party in the Church.

BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN JAMAICA.—Sir H. Storks, has expressed a wish that a Baptist Missionary Society should establish a mission at Morant Bay, promising to exert his personal efforts in their behalf, and if necessary, to endeavour to obtain assistance from the Treasury.

PUSEYISM IN IRELAND.—High Church and puseyistic tendencies are manifesting themselves in several quarters in Ireland, where heretofore there has been little of that leaven. The result has been, that in some Churches where the new practices were introduced, there have been strong demonstrations on the part of the people, amounting in some cases to breaches of the peace.

NEW TRANSLATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES.—There is in France a scheme for a new translation of the Scriptures to be executed by the most competent men from the three great religious communities in France,—Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. The proposal meets the opposition of the Ultramontanists on the one side and the Protestant Retemalists on the other; but most of the leading papers, and all the evangelical Protestants are favourable to it.

PRESBYTERIAN ORPHAN SOCIETY IN IRELAND.—For some time vigorous efforts have been made among the Presbyterians in Ireland to establish an institution for orphans. The inaugural meeting was lately held in Belfast. The deepest sympathy is manifested in the movement, throughout the church; and liberal contributions have been made.

THE LATE MASSACRE AT BARLETTA.—The Rev. Mr. Meyre, Free Church missionary to the Jews was at barietta when the outbreak took place and narrowly escaped with his life. He had returned after the disturbance, to comfort and encourage the terrified evangelicals, and vindicate freedom of worship. A meeting was held on the Sabbath evening in a coffee house, where the congregation was about 80, several having to leave for want of room. There was no approach to disturbance; and the happiest effect was produced on the minds of the brethren.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.—The Synod of this Church will meet D. V. on the fourth Wednesday of this month in St. John N. B. It is confidently believed that there will be union with the Presbyterian Synod of New Brunswick. At Halifax the number of theological Students during the late session was 17, of whom ten have completed their curriculum.