

existing missions of other Churches than his own.

#### HEATHEN PREACHERS.

The Report of the American Presbyterian Mission at Lodiána notices a somewhat singular state of things existing in Northern India. The out-door preachings of the mission were attracting multitudes. On this, a number of heathen preachers started up, who tried to attract the attention of the people. Mohammedians, Hindus, and Brahmos were all at first zealous in separately carrying on their work. After some weeks, they united their forces against the Christian teachers; and a grand confederation of Mohammadians, Hindus, and Brahmos afforded a notable illustration of the broadest of Broad Church principles.

#### Spain—San Fernando.

In May last was given a narrative, in the words of the Rev. A. Benoliel, of obstructions in the way of opening a building acquired and repaired by the United Presbyterian Board of Scotland for Protestant worship in San Fernando,—a town of 27,000 inhabitants, a few miles from Cadiz. The building has been re-constructed so as to serve for a church, and for schools, male and female. Over the church there has most ingeniously been erected, at very moderate additional expense, a suitable habitation for an evangelist or schoolmaster and the whole was ready for being opened for public worship at the beginning of the present year. But the presence of a Protestant minister and church did not comport with the desires of priests and town councillors in San Fernando, and was especially repugnant to the tastes and inclinations of the alcalde or mayor of that place. This civic functionary procured a set of official reports, setting forth the *insecurity* and *insalubrity* of the building, arguing that the roof was too heavy for its supports, and that the ventilation was inadequate. Negotiations have been going on between our missionary Mr. Benoliel and the authorities since January last, and at the close of these negotiations the obstruction to the opening remained as insuperable as it was six months before.

San Fernando is in some respects the Woolwich of Spain. Petitions, signed by more than 300 heads of families, had been sent to the Mission Board, entreating the institution in their town of Protestant schools and evangelical worship. The signatures were largely those of Republicans, who indeed knew little of Protestantism beyond the idea that it was, in respect of liberty, the antithesis of Popery. Since these signatures reached the Foreign Committee, many of those who signed them

have been cast into prison, where they lie under charge of being parties to a political rising, the design of which was to take the arsenal.

Our missionaries have undeviatingly repudiated all political discussions and associations, and have done so on grounds of principle as well as prudence. There have been of late not a few indications of a reactionary tendency in Spain against the religious liberty achieved in the revolution of 1868. The hopes of such reaction must sustain deep disappointment and humiliation in San Fernando and all around, when this total defeat of these poor obstructives comes to be known.

This whole case is illustrative of the depth to which Spain has sunk. Those who know the facts connected with this annoying but finally abortive attempt to shut Protestantism out of San Fernando, have information to convince them, that months ago, a definite bargain could have been made, for the purchase of a judicial decision in our favour. In a country like our own, in which a century or two will pass, and not one judge in the three kingdoms be even suspected of selling justice for a bribe, it is difficult to realize the state of a nation, in which, through third parties verdicts by judges can be bought, by those who are prepared to pay the stipulated price, or even perhaps the half of the amount first named.—*U. P. Rec.*

#### United Presbyterian.

The Theological Hall is in session. 130 students are in attendance. Mr. G. Whitelaw has been elected Treasurer of the Church. The following statistics are from the August Record:—

##### PERSONAL STATISTICS, 1873.

Number of Congregations.....	614
Number of Outstations.....	678
Communicants .....	184,033
Sabbath Attendance.....	209,131
Congregational Libraries.....	542
Aggregate Attendance at Prayer meetings.....	27 774
Number of Baptisms, including 119 Adults.....	11,966
Sabbath School Teachers.....	10,963
Sabbath School Attendance.....	84,754
Advanced Bible Classes.....	735
Attendance at these.....	23,000

##### FINANCIAL STATISTICS, 1873.

Congregational Income for Congregational Purposes.....	£241,441
For Missions and Benevolence .....	76,287
Legacies, Personal Donations, etc.....	17,650

Total income for 1873....£338,378

Average annual contribution per member, (exclusive of Bequests and direct personal donations.....	£1 14 10
Amount expended on Ministerial Support.....	£133,236