

times, we believe that the Ministers and other Office-bearers of the Church, and the congregations at large, look with no ordinary interest and satisfaction upon the progress and operations of our Lay Associations, formed for the express purpose of aiding the interests of the Church, and enabled from their position and influence, to render most valuable support to the cause of Education and Missions throughout the Provinces. The formation of local boards, in different parts of the Colonies, cannot fail to add a powerful impulse to the movements of the Associations, as it brings the remote districts into friendly intercourse with the Parent Institutions, and has a tendency to diffuse a healthy and a salutary influence throughout the whole united Society.—[Halifax Guardian.]

NEWCASTLE.—Our neighbours in the Shire town have been edified during the winter, by the delivery of a number of lectures on various subjects. We believe the audiences on all occasions have been large, the community evincing a warm interest in the praise-worthy effort to get up a weekly intellectual entertainment. We believe lectures have been delivered by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Mr. Stewart, Dr. Thompson, and Edward Whiston, Esq.—[Chatham, N. B., Glencoe.]

DR. KALLEY.—This gentleman, who was some time ago driven by persecution from Madeira, is at present in Malta, where he is established as a physician, and it is hoped he may be the instrument of as great a work among the waltzes as he has been among the people of Madeira.

MISSIONARIES IN THE WORLD.—The number of missionaries labouring under the direction of evangelical societies in different parts of the world, is estimated at 1452; assistant missionaries, 151; native assistants, 2028. Number of church members, 190,623. Scholars in missionary schools, 145,706.

CANTON DE VAUD.—The late decision of the Grand Council, in the case of M. Germond, is very unfavourable, with regard to religious liberty. M. Gallienne says, the legislature of the Canton de Vaud has by this decision sanctioned the arbitrary and oppressive measures that have been carried on since 1815. It has set aside a sentence of the supreme court of judicature that acquitted M. Germond, as well as the opinion and wishes of the local authorities of Echallens. Acts both unjust and cruel are thus sanctioned by a so-called Protestant and Liberal Legislature. The persecuting majority in the Grand Council in the late decision is larger than on any former occasion. On the 14th Nov. M. Descombez was sentenced to pay fifty francs for a misdemeanor connected with worship celebrated at Ormoret Dessus. An appeal to the Attorney-General has only led to an increase of costs. It is melancholy that such a state of things should exist in a professedly Protestant country.

We noticed, at the time, an important decision pronounced by the Lord-Chancellor, which found, that a church or chapel in Manchester, erected and endowed by Scots Presbyterians, and to be ministered over by a clergyman in communion with the Established Church of Scotland, cannot be legally held or presided over by a clergyman seceding from that Church to the Free Church, notwithstanding that a great majority of his congregation joined him in such secession. This decision, it is remarked, will affect the right of the Rev. Mr. Hamilton to the possession and ministry of the large and splendid Scots Church in Regent Square, originally built and endowed for the late reverend and eccentric Edward Irving.

THE PROVOSTS AT THE KIRK.—The Edinburgh papers inform us, that "on Sabbath forenoon the new Lord Provost (Johnston,) accompanied by a great number of magistrates and council, attended Divine Service in the High Church. In the afternoon his Lordship was in Buccleuch Free Church, (Dr. Casson's) of which, we believe, he is an elder. On Sabbath last, the Lord Provost of Glasgow quietly attended his usual place of worship, (Greyfriars' Church, Rev. Dr. King's,) and it being his turn, in

ordinary course, fulfilled his duty as an elder of the congregation by "standing at the plate," both forenoon and afternoon.

The Prussian university of Halle, in Saxony, has conferred the degree of Doctor of Theology, corresponding to our D.D. on the Rev. Samuel Davidson, LL.D., of the Lancashire Independent College, Manchester.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The total issues of the British and Foreign Bible Society, since the commencement of its operations on the 7th of March, 1804, have been 7,932,590 Bibles, and 18,933,217 Testaments; making a total of 26,865,837.

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, has conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on our countryman, Mr. James Townsend Mackay, author of the "Flora Hibernica."—[Edinburgh Courier.]

NEW BURSARIES.—We learn that Mr. Lumsden has established two bursaries in Glasgow University in favour of the sons of members of the Incorporated Company of Stationers of Glasgow. The one is for a student in divinity, and the other for a student in medicine, and each for successive periods of four years. Their value is £12 10s. per annum, or a total of £50 for each bursar during the period he enjoys it.—[Glasgow Constitutional.]

The Rev. John Skinner, D., formerly minister of the United Secession congregation, Partick, near Glasgow, and latterly minister of a Presbyterian congregation in Lexington, Virginia, has received a unanimous call from the Scottish Presbyterian Church and congregation in Providence, Rhode Island, United States, to be their stated pastor.

The College of New Jersey, U. S., has conferred the honorary degree of D.D. on the Rev. James Hamilton, of London.

An elegant marble monument, with a suitable inscription, has been erected by the heritors and parishioners in the church of Lunan, to the memory of Walter Mill, the last Scottish martyr who, under Popery, suffered for his adherence to the Protestant faith.

At the commencement of the annual session of Washington College, Pennsylvania, the degree of D.D. was conferred upon the Rev. William Innes, Edinburgh.

Some time ago, through the liberality of John Henderson, Esq. of Park, a copy of "James' Earnest Ministry" was presented to every minister, preacher, and student of the United Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are now being made by John Hope, Esq., W. S., Edinburgh, for supplying every minister of the Church of Scotland with a copy of the same excellent work. We trust that these examples will stir up others to similar acts of beneficence.

ANNUITY TAX.—At a meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council, Mr. Kay brought under their consideration the subject of the annuity tax, and proposed resolutions to the effect, that the Council request Mr. Lefevre to solicit Government to introduce a bill into Parliament to abolish the annuity tax, and that a fair and equitable equivalent should be given to the ministers in lieu thereof, chargeable upon the funds which belonged originally to the Church, such as bishops' rents, or what was called Crown tithes. In support of his resolutions, Mr. Kay said, that bishops' rents in Orkney and other parts of the country had formerly belonged to Edinburgh, and that she had been robbed of them; so that he thought they had a just claim upon the Government. He stated that the Crown tithes in 1836 amounted to £15,871 10s. 1d.; out of which there was paid to the ministers of the Established Church, where the long tithes were too small, £30,155 17s. 8d., leaving a surplus of £15,741 12s. 5d. The long tithes in 1836 amounted to £281,384 14s.; out of which there was paid to Established clergy £146,942 16s. 9d.; while the surplus, amounting to £138,186 17s. 6d., was pocketed by lay proprietors. Total surplus of long and Crown tithes, £153,928 9s. 11d. After some discussion, Mr. Kay's resolutions were agreed to—no member dissenting.

Dr. Gilly has published a version of the Gospel of St. John in the Lingua Romana, or Romanic. He is of opinion that it is a work of the twelfth century, and is part of the earliest complete version of the New Testament which is now known to exist in any vernacular European language.

IRISH FOREIGN MISSION.—The collection this year for the Foreign Mission of the Irish Assembly from the Fisherwick Place congregation, Belfast, amounted to £329 7s. 2d. The same congregation has a Sabbath school, attended by nearly a thousand children, taught by about a hundred members of the congregation.

THE WORKING MEN OF ENGLAND.—At a meeting held a few days since, in one of the large towns in Lancashire, the Rev. Mr. Nunn stated that between thirty and forty thousand copies of a cheap edition of *Butler's Analogy of Religion* had lately been sold among the working classes. We remember that within a few months one thousand and forty Essays on the Sabbath day were written by members of the same class, we have good ground for hope respecting the future, as far as England is concerned.

The Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel preached on Sunday forenoon for the first time since his secession, in the National Scotch Church, in Regent's Square, London, in lieu of the Rev. Dr. James Hamilton, the minister of that church. Mr. Noel's example has been followed by the Rev. John Dodson, vicar of Newcome, near Lancaster, who has thrown up a living of £600 a-year.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the Financial Committee of the French Mission, begs to acknowledge the following Contributions during the last month:

Ormsdown, Ladies' Contribution,	£5	0	0
King, Rev. J. Tawse,	£2	15	0
Additional,	0	10	0
Brockville, per Rev. T. Haig,			3
Nelson, per Rev. W. King,			5
Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill,			1
collection,	3	10	9
collected by Miss Cleugh,	1	0	2
Ditto, Miss Hall,	0	14	0
Ditto, Miss Milne,	0	17	0
Ditto, Miss Jessie Scott	0	13	1
Clarke, per Rev. Samuel Porter,			6
Bradford, per Rev. Alex. Ross,			15
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			1
			10
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Congregations which have not yet contributed are requested to do so as early as possible, and forward the amount collected to the Treasurer, Mr. Hugh ALLAN, Montreal.

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