

our efforts must be proportionately increased. Let missionary associations be formed in every congregation, and the result will soon tell on our mission funds.

SCHEME FOR HOME MISSIONS.—We publish in another column, the draft of plan for Home Missionary operations, as drawn up by the special Committee appointed by the Synod. According to the resolution of Synod, it will be submitted to Presbyteries, who are to report to the Committee before the first April, their suggestions on the plan agreed to by the Committee.

THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.—We have noticed the articles which appeared a short time ago in the *Christian Guardian*, on the subject of Calvinism. If we do not reply to them, it is not because we regard them as unanswerable, but simply because the columns of the *Record* are otherwise engaged. The *Guardian* may however be attended to elsewhere, or at another time. M.

LEGACY FOR RED RIVER.—The legacy noticed in last letter from the executors of the late Mr. G. Wilson, of Fergus was, by a misprint, represented as \$50, instead of £50. The amount is \$200.

General Religious Intelligence.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN JAPAN.—A Protestant church has been organized in Japan, under the designation of the "First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Japan." The movement originated with the American Minister and Consul, by whose influence sites have been secured for a church and for missionaries' residences. Of the members of this church one is a Japanese.

MINISTER DECEASED.—Since our last issue, intelligence has been received of the death of the Rev. Dr. Raffles, of Liverpool. The deceased for more than half a century, occupied a prominent position in the christian community. He was an eloquent preacher, and took a leading part in all the charitable and philanthropic schemes of his time.

CITATION OF BISHOP COLENZO.—The Bishop of Cape Town, as metropolitan of South Africa, has cited the Bishop of Natal to appear on the 17th November to answer certain charges preferred against him, in connexion with his work on the Pentateuch. It is understood, however, that in consequence of a recent decision of the Privy Council, the Bishop of Natal will deny the jurisdiction of the metropolitan, and thus the whole proceedings fall to the ground. Dr. Colenso in the meantime, remains in England.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—A keen discussion was lately carried on in the British journals and religious publications, on the subject of Sabbath desecration, in connexion with the channel fleet, which lately visited several places on the coast of Scotland. Attempts were made by the Free Church Presbytery of Edinburgh, and the Sabbath Alliance, to obtain from the official authorities the closing of the fleet to the public on Lord's day. The efforts were fruitless, and only served to draw forth bitter attacks from most of the secular papers. The true friends of the Sabbath, however, throughout the community, sympathized with the well meant efforts which were made, for the protection of the Sabbath.

REV. DR. DUFF.—Dr. Duff has accepted the appointment of Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, of the Free Church. He, however, deeply regrets that his state of health renders it necessary for him to leave India, with some of his most fondly cherished wishes and aspirations with reference to that land still unrealized.