

to the churches through Dr. Wylie, to unite. It would be the advice of any disinterested friend.

### Special Meetings.

All through the Synod of Fife special evangelistic meetings are to be held during the winter months—the series to last as a rule one week in each place. Thirty-five localities have already been selected.

### Jewish Mission.

The Free Church still maintains its Missions to the Jews in Amsterdam, Prague, Pesth and other centres of Jewish popula-

### Students.

There were 51 Students in attendants on the recent session of the United Presbyterian Theological Hall. There are 48 preachers now on the Probationers' list, and only 11 vacant charges.

### Bereavements.

Four of the European agents employed by the U. P. Church in the Calabar Mission, died within the past year. The climate is very bad, but the mission has been prosperous.

### Union in England.

It is expected that in a short time the two principal branches of the Presbyterian family in England will unite. The U. P. Branch resolved at its last meeting not to wait for the Scottish Union.

### Free Church Funds.

The first five months of the current year show a decrease of £1,152 in the contributions to the Sustentation Fund as compared with last year. There is a small decrease also in the receipts of the Education and Foreign Mission Funds.

### Mormonism.

A great and crying abomination is about to be swept off the face of the earth. Mormonism in so far as it upheld Polygamy was always opposed to the laws of the United States, but the Mormons were strong, fanatical, and far away from the centres of civilization and political action; and so the evil was winked at, and the efforts to deal with it were intermittent and not in earnest. Now, however, a determination is manifested by the authorities to deal with the matter as it deserves. The leaders have been arrested. Some have been tried and punished. Others have fled. Brigham Young, long the leader of the

Mormon church, has disappeared. Outward pressure comes upon the "saints" at the same time with inward divisions and schisms. All the evangelical churches are rushing in to possess the land. There is a Presbyterian church now in Salt Lake City. It is hoped that in a few months Mormonism may be numbered with the things that were.

### Dr. Gibson.

This worthy and venerable minister of the Free Church died about a month ago of paralysis. Dr. Gibson was one of the boldest and most unflinching advocates of all doctrines and causes which he believed to be right. He will be much missed in the Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow, and in the General Assembly. He was 72 years of age.

### Dr. George Johnston.

The November number of the U. P. Magazine contains a fine tribute to the memory of Dr. Johnston of Edinburgh.

### Synodical Meeting.

The English Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met at Park church, High-bury, London, on October 10, when the Rev. John Edmond, D.D., took the chair of Moderator. On October 12, by 38 against 28 votes, the Synod adopted a resolution, proposed by Mr. Graham, of Liverpool, approving an immediate union with the English Presbyterian Church, and directing that the General Synod, to be held in Edinburgh in May next, should be over-tured to advise what steps should be taken. Dr. Cairns, who proposed the rejected resolution, acquiesced in the judgment of the Synod. The next meeting of Synod was fixed for Birkenhead, and Mr. Graham, of Liverpool, was elected Moderator.

### Rome.

Through the efforts of Dr. Stewart of Leghorn, the sum of £6,000 sterling to purchase a new building in Rome which serves as a church, and a school with apartments for pastors and teachers, and a shop for a Bible Colporteur—all to be used by the Waldenses.

### Irish Presbyterian Church.

A Conference on the Sustentation Fund was held in October, at Londonderry. It is found that the capital of the *Regium Donum* has been invested, so far, in such a way as to yield an annual return of £25,000. It is intended to raise £30,000 a year at least, to supplement this amount. The minimum to be secured to the ministers, from all sources, is £135.