

has 6 ministers and 12 lay teachers labouring in behalf of that cause in different portions of that interesting field.

The Robertson Memorial Fund has reached the amount of £1470, only 220 parishes having as yet contributed.

It has been announced that Dr. Guthrie is to be the next Moderator of the Free Church. It would seem that the proposal to elevate a layman to that exalted position had been entertained by a considerable party—a precedent being afforded in the case of the illustrious George Buchanan. The person intended for the honour was Mr. Murray Dunlop the distinguished Free Church lawyer. The idea however for the present at least has been abandoned.

A very important movement is being made by the United Presbyterians in Scotland in sending three of their most popular men, Dr. Lindsay, Dr. Edmond, and Dr. McFarlane, to be permanently located in London. A Fund amounting to £12,000 has been raised for that purpose. An English Episcopalian journal condemns in strong terms the apathy of the Established Church of Scotland with respect to this great field. There are in London at least 100,000 Scotchmen, and only two ministers of our Church Dr. Cumming, and Mr. Macheth, in neither of whose churches can one half the required accommodation be found. It complains with bitterness that none of the great Scotch preachers—Caïrd, McDuff, or Robertson, ever find their way to London, though now and then Dr. McLeod does—"but only to preach by advertisement in some dissenting conventicle." There is much truth in the statement. Thousands of young people, connected with the Church of Scotland find their way every year to the great metropolis—and as a general rule, are either picked up by dissenters or join the English Church, or it is to be feared in the majority of cases go to no Church at all. There would appear to be here both a duty and a remedy.

The persecuting Queen of Madagascar is dead, and is succeeded by her son, who has long been distinguished for his friendship for Missionaries, and is himself a Protestant convert. We may now look for brighter days in this benighted region.

The news from the South Sea Missions continues to be of quite a disheartening nature. The natives are still extremely hostile, and the missionaries live in almost constant danger of their lives, and it is feared that unless some effectual protection be extended to them some of the islands will have to be abandoned.

French finances are in a deplorable state, there being a deficiency for the present year of not less than £54,000,000. This will be the strongest possible argument in favor of peace.

The offer of the Sardinian Foreign Minister, Ricazoli, to the Pope as a bribe to ac-

knowledge Victor Emmanuel as King of Italy is of a most extraordinary nature, and would confer upon the holy father, as he is called, powers more despotic and irresponsible than were ever possessed by Hildebrand. So much for the prospective evangelization of Italy. We fear it is only a game of godless and reckless politicians.

The incident however which overtops all others at the present time, and indeed the only one which absorbs universal interest, is the resolute and dignified action of England in the matter of the "Trent." It was simply the surrender of the American passengers or war, and that she fully expected the latter is evident from the number of powerful frigates despatched instantly, as well as the transports crowded with troops and munitions of war, which have already arrived or are hastening to our shores. A more offensive or dastardly violation of the law of nations was never committed, and now after a perfect torrent of gasconading triumph and bluster and rejoicing all over the republic—votes of thanks in Congress to captain Wilkes, approval of conduct and recommendation for promotion by the Secretary of the navy, approval of the government, orations innumerable, frantic rejoicings everywhere—MESSRS. MASON AND SIDELL ARE TO BE GIVEN UP. Did every nation afford a more humiliating spectacle in the eyes of the world, or was ever public opinion every where more unanimous, that that position is deserved? It is to be hoped it may be a salutary lesson for the future. No other power would have waited for force—to disavow the piratical act except the United States.

In the unhappy contest going on in that country there is little of importance to chronicle: Little or no progress has been made in subjugating the South. A terrible conflagration, supposed to be the work of negro incendiaries, has taken place in Charleston, destroying property valued at from \$5 to \$7,000,000.

It is with the deepest grief we record this month the death of Prince Albert, the illustrious Consort of the Queen of England. This sudden and unexpected calamity, will bring sorrow to every English hearth, and sure we are that hundreds of thousands of prayers will ascend for our revered and beloved Sovereign—that she may be sustained under this terrible blow. Young, amiable accomplished, and virtuous, an example and a model worthy of a great empire, he has gone down to the grave lamented by millions as a personal friend and benefactor. God bless and comfort our gracious Queen. The illustrious prince was only in his 43rd year. He died of gastric fever.

By the mail which has just arrived we observe the deaths of the Rev. Dr. Barr of St. Enoch's, Glasgow; Dr. Simpson of Kirknewton—Assembly clerk, and Principal Cunningham of the Free Church College.