

Many objections have been taken to the proposed plan. It is opposed by the Established Church, chiefly on the ground that it makes no provision for religious instruction. Many Presbyteries of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches are opposed to the Bill, partly on the ground of the increased patronage which would be given to the heritors and parish ministers in regard to the rural schools, and still more because the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics are exempted from the provisions of the Bill and allowed permanent grants for schools of their own. Some modifications may be made by the Lord Advocate, and it is desirable that the Bill should be made such as to command the general approval of the people of Scotland.

LABOURS OF GAVAZZI IN ITALY.—Gavazzi continues his energetic efforts for the advancement of religion in Italy. He has organized an Evangelical church in Florence, and hopes soon to organize one in Naples. The future ministers for both churches are now studying at the Theological Seminary lately established at Genoa.

MEETING OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—We have received intelligence of the meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and of the first two days proceedings. The Rev. D. Smith, of Biggar, was elected Moderator. Several topics of interest were to engage the attention of the court. One of the principal of these was the proposal to extend the session of the Divinity Hall and set apart the Professors exclusively for the duties of their chairs. We shall notice the proceedings more fully in a future number.

AMERICAN RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES.—The May anniversaries, fail this year (as they did last) to awaken that all-absorbing interest with which they were expected and attended before the outbreak of the rebellion. Still they record again, on the whole, the proceedings of a prosperous year. The Societies, in general, have suffered less from the war than was expected, and some are even able to report an increased income.

Princeton Seminary, which celebrated, last week, its 50th anniversary, is one of the best endowed and most flourishing schools in America. It has five endowed professorships, together with nearly forty foundations or scholarships for students whose means do not enable them to sustain themselves. The library building, the gift of a New York gentleman, is an ornament to the State of New Jersey; and while the anniversary exercises were going on, two other New York gentlemen presented to the trustees fifty thousand dollars, as a free gift for the purposes of the institution. The gentlemen referred to were the Messrs. Stewart of New York.

Another of the theological seminaries of the Old School Presbyterian Church, that of Danville, Kentucky, will probably be the subject of an animated discussion at the approaching General Assembly. Dr. Breckinridge, who is one of the professors, has announced his intention to resign, on the ground that he has been charged by Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Louisville, with having perverted the influence of his office, and the funds by which it was endowed, by his advocacy of loyalty. Both Dr. Breckinridge and Dr. Robinson are delegates to the General Assembly.—*The Methodist*.

MURDER OF AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY.—The Rev. J. Coffing, an American missionary stationed at Adana in Syria, was lately murdered by two ruffians while on the way to Antioch. His servant has also died from injuries received, and a Turk who accompanied him remains in a very dangerous condition.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.—This Society, which formerly maintained absolute silence on the subject of slavery, is now speaking out, and has published several works of a decidedly anti-slavery character. It is proposed again to effect a union between the Boston Society and that in New York.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The receipts of the American Bible Society during the year have been \$378,131 81, and the issues 1,099,483. Not less than 650,000 books have been distributed during the year in the army and navy of the United States.