

WALDENSIAN CHURCH.—The number of students last year was 98, of whom 73 presented themselves for examination for honours, and 45 were successful. There has been progress in the missions in Italy. The schools are 58 in number, attended by 1,700 children; Sunday schools 38, with 1,142 scholars. There are 38 churches, with 1,864 communicants. These are exclusive of the ancient churches of the Waldensians, now 16, viz., 5 in the Valley of St. Martino, 4 in the Valley of Perosa, 6 in the Valley of Lucerne, and one at Turin. There are two chapels at Rome, with three day schools. The prospects of the Waldensian Church in Italy are most hopeful.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand met at Auckland in December, 1873. There was a fair attendance of members, although there was great disappointment that there were so few from the Southern Provinces. One Presbytery had no representative, and the Synod of Canterbury was represented by one Elder. A large amount of business was satisfactorily transacted. The Assembly declared in favour of a Sustentation Fund, and appointed a Committee to prepare a scheme to be submitted to next Assembly. The subject of Foreign Missions engaged the attention of the Assembly. The interest on this subject was increased by the presence of Rev. W. Paton, a missionary from the New Hebrides.

TRIAL OF PROF. SWING.—A trial, which in the Presbyterian Church of the United States has awakened a great deal of interest, has lately taken place in Chicago. Charges of unsound doctrine were brought against Prof. Swing, the minister of one of the Presbyterian churches of Chicago, by Prof. Patton, of the Theological Seminary of the North West. Prof. Swing, who, however, was acquitted by the Presbytery, admitted that he did not hold all the doctrines set forth in the "Confession of Faith," but stated his belief that the Presbyterian Church herself had drifted from some of the doctrines, and that there was a difference between their historical theology and their actual theology. Prof. Patton conducted the prosecution with very great ability. Our opinion is that, while the Presbytery of Chicago acquitted Prof. Swing, a different judgment would be given by the General Assembly. It is stated that since the trial Prof. Swing has left the Presbyterian Church.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN ENGLAND.—It is probable that the Union of the English Presbyterian Church and the United Presbyterian Church in England will be soon consummated. The difficulties are chiefly on the part of some of the ministers and congregations of the United Presbyterian Church, who do not wish to break their connection with the parent Church in Scotland.

SUCCESSOR TO REV. DR. MCMICHAEL.—It is suggested that the Rev. Dr. Goold, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, should be appointed to the Chair of Church History in the Divinity Hall of the United Presbyterian Church, in the room of Dr. McMichael, recently removed by death. It is thought that this appointment, while an excellent one in itself, would tend to bring about the proposed union.

REVIVAL IN SCOTLAND.—In Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and many other places the work of revival continues to advance. A conference of a most interesting character was recently held in Glasgow to consider the best means of conserving the results, and turning the work into the more ordinary channels of Church life. The meeting was kept up throughout the day and evening, and thousands were present. We observe that Lord Ardmillan,