

Britain, D.V., by midsummer next year. Recent accounts state that Dr. Duff has left India with his health so enfeebled, that he had to be carried on board the vessel. It is said that the Bishop of Calcutta, Sir C. Trevelyan, and other friends and admirers of Dr. Duff are taking steps to obtain funds to raise a "Duff Testimonial Hall," as a suitable memorial of the great philanthropist.

DISCOVERY OF HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS.—It is stated that the Russian Government has just purchased a celebrated collection of Caraitic writings. The Caraites reject the Talmud and the traditions of the Rabbins, and adhere exclusively to the letter of Scripture. The collection was made by two brothers Firkowick—Jews. The collection embraces 124 Hebrew copies of the Old Testament, more ancient than any that can be found in all the European libraries. There are 25 manuscripts written before the 9th century, and 20 before the 10th. According to the opinion of Messrs. Tischendorf, Doren, Becker, and others, no European library contains Hebrew manuscripts of so ancient a date.

RE-UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS IN THE SOUTH.—A Union is in course of being effected between the New and Old School Presbyterians in the South. Committees were appointed at the last meeting of the Supreme Courts of these Churches, and these committees have been since seeking to carry out the object of their appointment. A draft of a Basis of Union has been drawn up. It embraces the following points:—1. Doctrinal Basis of Union; 2. The Church, an organic Body for the work of Missions; 3. Union of Synods; 4. Union of Presbyteries and Churches; 5. Missionary Agencies. As to the Doctrinal Basis, it is proposed to receive and adopt the Confession and Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and approve of its Government and Discipline. The Basis enters with considerable minuteness into the points which had been held somewhat differently by the two bodies.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRÆFERS.—A Roman Catholic paper of Ireland gives a list of persons, belonging to the higher classes in England, who have been received into the Romish Church. The list embraces 867 names of laymen and 213 clergymen. In the list we find the name of the Duchess of Kent, mother of the Queen; the Duchess of Hamilton, the Duchess of Atholl; the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, and many others of the nobility. In the list we find also the name of the late Sir Allan Macnab. We apprehend that the list is not trustworthy, and that the Romish Church claims not a few as members on very unsatisfactory grounds. Many of those who have really gone over to the Church of Rome were not sincere Protestants, and will do less harm now, than if they had remained within the pale of the Protestant Church. The unceasing energy and zeal of the Romish Church, in adding to its numbers, should stimulate the adherents of a purer faith.

REPLY TO AN ADDRESS OF THE CLERGY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.—A reply to the Address of the Clergy of the Confederate States has just been issued, signed by leading ministers in Scotland. The reply refers solely to the subject of slavery. The writers of the Reply say: "We are reluctant to abandon the hope, that upon re-consideration, and in the view of the sentiments now unanimously held and expressed on this subject everywhere else all over Christendom, our American brethren may yet be induced to take up a position more worthy of our common faith than that which they at present occupy. But, at all events, the obligation lying upon upon us, as things now stand, towards them, towards ourselves and towards the Church and the world, towards the Bible and the Gospel, is to record, in the strongest possible terms, our abhorrence of the doctrine on the subject of slavery which the Southern Clergy teach and upon which they act; and to testify, before all nations, that any State, Empire, or Republic, constituted or re-constructed in these days of Christian light and liberty upon the basis of that doctrine, practically applied, must, in the sight of God, be regarded as founded on wrong and crime, and as deserving, not His blessing, but His righteous wrath."

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS, ETC.

MILLE ISLES.—The Congregation at Mille Isles have addressed a call to the Rev. John Irvine.