

lic inspection, but it seems to be easier to see the evil, than to apply a really effective remedy. The matter has also been brought up in Parliament, but it is contended that the existing laws are sufficient.

A NEW BIBLE HOUSE IN LONDON.—The British and Foreign Bible Society's premises in Earl Street, Blackfriars, being required for one of the innumerable improvements going forward in the metropolis, a special subscription is being made for the purchase of a new site and the erection of the necessary buildings. Not less than £30,000 are required, one-fourth of which had been obtained by the 16th February from less than 100 subscribers. The amount now reaches £9,000.

REV. HENRY ROGERS has resigned the Presidency of the Lancashire Independent College, to the great regret of its friends. A strong effort is being made to retain him.

THE NEW MISSIONARY SHIP.—We are happy to inform our readers that the directors of the London Missionary Society, after a careful consideration of the entire case, have entered into an engagement with one of the most respectable shipbuilders in the north for building a new missionary ship. They trust that, when completed, the *John Williams* will be equal—in some respects superior—to her predecessor; and, although they cannot entertain the hope that she will be ready for sea until nearly the end of the year, yet the advantages to be secured will be an ample compensation for the delay.—*Missionary Chronicle*.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. GUTHRIE.—About six months ago Dr. Guthrie, the celebrated preacher and philanthropist, intimated the resignation of his pastoral charge in Free St. John's, Edinburgh, owing to the state of his health. In testimony of his eminent public services, particularly as the founder of the Edinburgh Original Ragged School, it was resolved to institute a public subscription for a testimonial. Above £5,000, was contributed by 774 subscribers, and on Monday the testimonial was presented by the Lord Provost in presence of a crowded assemblage. The surplus over £5,000, enabled the committee, through Lord Ardmillan, to present Mrs. Guthrie with a silver tea service, value £125. The inscription on the silver plate bore that the testimonial was contributed on the Rev. Doctor's retirement from public life "by a large number of subscribers of all classes and parties and different religious denominations, in token of their admiration and regard for his personal worth, his distinguished endowments as a preacher of the Gospel, and his inestimable services as a large-hearted Christian philanthropist."

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.—The sum of about £60,000, has been transferred by the trustees of the widow of John Scott, Esq., in different proportions to the Church Missionary Society, British and Foreign Bible Society, the Pastoral-Aid Society, the London Missionary Society, the London City Mission, and the Clerical-Aid Society. The three former Societies will receive about £14,000 each, and the three latter about £7,000.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, which has been restored at an expense of more than £100,000, by Mr. Guinness, was re-opened on Friday for Divine worship. There was a full choral service. The Archbishop of Dublin preached. The Lord-Lieutenant, the Lord Mayor, several Knights of St. Patrick, and a large number of the nobility and gentry and clergy, including several bishops, were present. The ceremony was most impressive.