

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

In Otago and Southland the Presbyterians outnumber all the churches put together.

Two Otago ladies, one the daughter of Rev. W. Will, of East Taieri, have taken the degree of B.A. in the university of New Zealand.

The Emperor William has given £150 to the committee appointed to collect money for the new Protestant Missions to the German colonies.

The London Christian (Aug. 12th) contains a most interesting sketch of the life and work of Principal Cairns, of Edinburgh, with portrait.

A DEPUTATION from the Edinburgh students' holiday mission, accompanied by Prof. Henry Drummond, has been visiting some of the Welsh Colleges.

MR. CHARLES CAMERON, who was a member of Dr. Andrew A. Bonar's church in Glasgow, has been ordained in St. Andrew's church, Hobart, Tasmania, as pastor of Campbell Town and Tunbridge.

The induction of a Unitarian minister in a New England town had to be postponed the other day because the "Mikado" was to be played in the theatre that night and the members of the choir must sing there.

A SCOTCHISH parish minister writes: "When I was in London recently I got baptized at Mr. Spurgeon's. Though I belong to the Church of Scotland, I think a Christian should take every blessing that he can get."

It is stated that from the recent editions of the Romanist service book, published by a leading Dublin firm, the prayer for the Queen, which formerly stood in the service for the Mass, has been withdrawn by authority.

MR. HOFF-JOHNSTON, of Annandale, has given £1,000 to the building fund of the new church at Moffat, for which he will also have to pay £3,000 of assessment as an heritor. The church will cost £10,000, of which £4,000 is to be raised by the congregation.

It has been arranged to hold Sunday afternoon Gaelic service in the Scotch Church, Covent Garden, on behalf of the Celts residing in London. Recently a large congregation was attracted, and Rev. W. Thomson preached (in Gaelic) with great power.

A HUNDRED years ago the Anglican Church had not a single bishop beyond the four seas; now it has seventy-seven, not reckoning coadjutors. In the same period its daughter Church in the United States has founded no less than seventy-one Episcopal sees.

The Glasgow presbytery of United Original Secession Church has sent a letter of remonstrance to Lord Salisbury against the appointment of a Romanist as Home Secretary; and a letter of sympathy to Rev. P. Leys as a sufferer for conscience sake.

That is a high sounding title assumed by a society of negroes of Norfolk, Virginia, "The Union State Grand Tabernacle of the Imperial Order of Galilean Fishermen." It is impossible, comments an exchange, to believe that people with such a noisy name could catch any fish.

The Presbytery of Trinidad will be recommended for membership in the Pan Presbyterian Alliance at its next meeting. This presbytery is composed of members from a variety of churches in the mother countries—an example, on a small scale, of union in missionary effort on foreign soil.

The Scottish Law Review says the statement of Mr. Leys in the court of session "will be long remembered by those who heard it as the most excellent example of personal pleading within memory." The writer adds that he never heard sympathy so universally expressed with a person confessedly disobeying the law.

The Irish Christian Advocate, animadverting on Lord Salisbury's selection of Mr. Matthews, Q.C., for the office of home secretary, says: "It would have been much more worthy of an enlightened statesman to have given the appointment to Mr. Henry J. Atkinson, Wesleyan member for Boston. This would have been but bare justice to the Methodists of the empire."

The favouritism shown to Cardinal Moran during his visit to New Zealand originated with the colonial secretary, Mr. Patrick Buckley, who is an ardent Romanist. When notice of the petition for inquiry was given Mr. Buckley expressed a hope that it contained nothing of an offensive character either to the legislative council "or to the Holy Roman empire!" The inquiry is being prosecuted.

GERMANY has at the present day no small part in the missionary work of the world. There are twelve German societies labouring in India, China, Africa, the East Indies, Australia and Palestine. They are represented by 517 missionaries at 342 stations, are employing 2,560 native agents, and have in charge 193,975 native Christians. Of these 72,000 are communicants, while 40,643 children are taught in their 790 schools. The total contributions of these societies last year were \$1,275,800.

TURKISH presbytery has unanimously found Rev. George Fairbairn of Monquilliter guilty of contempt of the courts of the church, and of slandering members of the presbytery by saying they were guilty of falsehood and drunkenness. He appealed to the synod. It

appears that the reason why there is no precursor at Monquilliter is because the worshippers laid down their heads in the pews and prevent the passing of the ladle, and therefore there are no funds to pay a precursor with.

REV. JAMES WATKIN, a Methodist who shared in the revival that made Tonga famous in missionary annals, died last month at Sydney. In 1830 he went to the Friendly Islands, where he laboured with conspicuous success. He was the first missionary of any church who laboured in the South Island of New Zealand, where his principal station was about thirty miles from Dunedin. The last thirty years he spent in New South Wales. He leaves three sons in the ministry, and one of his daughters is a pastor's wife.

MR. DALL, for thirty years the sole Unitarian foreign missionary, has died in Calcutta. In his effort to influence the Brahmo Somaj he joined that society, but without much effect on it. He had charge of a large school. He was a man of a profoundly benevolent nature, impetuous in giving and helping the poor. One day the Elliots, with whom he lived, had just sat down to dinner when Mr. Dall rushed in, exclaiming, "The worst case yet!" snatched the dish of roast meat from the table, and rushed away again to give it to a poor starving family he had discovered.

That is a pretty compliment, says the Christian Leader, which Rev. W. J. Amherst, a Jesuit priest, pays to Scotland in the book he has just published on the history of Catholic Emancipation. He says he "may almost describe" Scotch Presbyterians as having "an instinctive horror of anything Christian." When we consider what the term Christian signifies to Mr. Amherst, we may reconcile ourselves to the acceptance of his statement. It is quite true that Scotch Presbyterians loathe the perverted form of Christianity which is identified with the "Society of Jesus."

The Sydney presbytery is divided on the subject of a divorce bill introduced in the local legislature. Rev. G. MacInnes moved a petition against the bill as opposed to the confession of faith, which recognises only adultery and wilful desertion as grounds of divorce; Rev. R. S. Paterson moved that the presbytery take no action; Dr. Steel moved a petition in favour of making wilful desertion a valid ground of divorce. For twenty-four years, said Dr. Steel, the Presbyterian Church had been in advance of other bodies on this subject. The debate was adjourned; but the preponderance of feeling seemed in favour of the bill.

DR. SOMERVILLE, in the prosecution of his Highland mission, has visited Iona, Salen, and Kilmorie. On the 8th ult. he preached at Tobermory in the Free Church to the largest congregation that has ever assembled in that building. Since then the doctor has delivered stirring week-day addresses at Stronachan, Aharacle, and Ardnamurchan. On Sunday, 15th ult., he again preached to an overflowing congregation at Tobermory. Rev. Charles Ross, of that town, accompanied the doctor to all the places in the regions which he visited. The reception accorded to Dr. Somerville was everywhere most cordial.

The General Assembly of Delegates of the Liberal Church, held in Paris last May, nominated a committee, charged to study the best methods of making Liberal Protestantism known to those persons whose religious needs are not met by the superstitions of Catholicism, nor by the negations of Freethinkers. One result was a meeting held in July, in the theatre at Rive-de-Gier, attended by six or seven hundred of the working-classes. Addresses were given by two Liberal pastors, and received with marked attention and applause. It is hoped that some good will accrue from this movement to the Liberals themselves, thinking that this mission to Atheists and Materialists must turn the missionaries from negations and criticisms to definite dogmas.

It appears from the annual report of the committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on statistics that there are 556 congregations on the roll, consisting of 73,855 families of whom 102,027 are communicants. There are 42,265 contributors to the Sustentation Fund, which amounted at the close of the financial year to £22,119 12s. 1d. The amount paid to ministers is £55,683 8s. 8d. There are 404 manse belonging to the Church. The Congregational Debt amounts to £81,528 12s. 10d. The sum of £31,434 12s. 10d. was raised during the year for building and repairs. Sabbath collections amounted to £20,584 6s. 6d.; mission collections, £13,560 6s. 2d.; missions in Sabbath schools, £2,834 14s. 7d.; other charities, £17,444 15s. 8d. Total, £156,828 13s. 11d. Contributed to poor, £2,016. There are 742 national schools connected with the Assembly; 1,057 Sabbath schools; 3,797 teachers; 100,156 scholars enrolled, besides 10,211 on roll of Bible class. There are 903 prayer meetings conducted by members of the Church. The ordinary Sabbath collections are greater by £465 18s. 10d. and the amount paid to ministers is almost £1,000 in advance of what it was previously, although steadily increasing for the last thirteen years.

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