

Jesuit missionaries set themselves to destroy Protestant churches; and their sinister efforts are usually backed up by the civil power. Over and over again this has been shewn in the Pacific isles and elsewhere. The combined efforts of our own Church, the Free Church of Scotland, and the Australian Churches will, we trust, suffice to move the British Government to an attitude of constant vigilance on behalf of the New Hebrides.

It will be noticed from the Reports placed before the General Assembly that our Church withdraws from her work on the beautiful and beloved island of Aneityum, so dear to thousands of our people on account of Dr. Geddie's labours. Most gladly do we hand over our share in that work to the honoured missionary who represents the Free Church on the island. There was not scope enough for two missionaries, and our missionary, Mr. Annand, cheerfully withdrew, and is to occupy another field. Aneityum has in fact been a Christian island for many years, and has sent forth many native Christians to labour (and not a few to suffer) among the heathen in the neighbouring isles.

While we express our regret that our honoured sister, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, is in danger of being divided on the question of the use of instruments of music, we have most cordially to congratulate the Irish Presbyterian Church on a blessed truce—a cessation of the cruel internal strife that marred her beauty and her usefulness for many years. The strife is over for the present. There is peace; may it be a peace of God!

From all quarters we have had good reports and kindly echoes regarding the late General Assembly. A better, fairer sample of what an assembly of Christian men should be is very rarely seen. The Church is happily free from party strife and from faction in every form. Ever may it be so!

Literature.

WOOD, HAY, STUBBLE, by Kate W. Hamilton. Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia. An instructive story, intended to show the supreme value of a sincere ear-

nest, honest Christian character. The same publishers issue an elegant little book by Rev. Dr. Miller, entitled "THE WEDDED LIFE." Very wisely, Dr. Miller offers his counsels to husband and wife with a view to happiness in this life and in the life to come. W. DRYSDALE & Co., Montreal, sell the Board's books, and furnish catalogues; so do MacGREGOR & KNIGHT, Halifax.

"BEITIGHEIM," a cheap book published by FUNK & WAGNALLS, New York, describing the great battle of 1932 between Despotism and Democracy, the author seeing into the future as far as any of the rest of us—perhaps.

THE LORD'S DAY: ITS UNIVERSAL AND PERPETUAL OBLIGATION. A premium essay. By A. E. Waffle. Second edition. Toronto: S. R. Briggs, Willard Tract Depository. Price, \$1.25. Here we have a thorough discussion of a most important practical question. The book takes up the right ground, and vindicates it with ability and success. A vast amount of useful information on the subject is condensed in these 418 pages.

NEW TABERNACLE SERMONS. By T. DeWitt Talmage, D.D. Published by E. B. Treat, New York. Anything from the pen or the eloquent lips of Talmage justly commands attention. This volume contains 32 sermons, brilliant, sparkling, racy, heart-stirring, as usual. We can warmly commend them to the reader.

THE ENGLISH PULPIT OF TO-DAY, published by Alfred E. Rose, Westfield, N. Y., contains discourses by leading British divines on a large variety of themes. It is published monthly,—\$1.50 per annum.

THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOUNG READERS, Vol. I. Edited by Professors Bartlett and Peters, Philadelphia. New York and London, G. P. Putnam's & Sons; Dawson Bros., Montreal. The object of this work is to serve as an introduction to the study of the Bible, and the story is told pretty much in the words of the Bible, although considerably condensed and re-arranged. Young readers will find the work interesting and instructive, while those advanced in years will also be pleased and edified by its perusal.

THE STORY OF NORWAY. By Professor Boyesen, Columbia College, New York. G. P. Putnam's & Sons, New York and London; Dawson Bros., Montreal. This is an addition to the series of "THE STORY OF THE NATIONS," and gives an interesting and graphic account of the Norsemen, from the earliest times down to the present date. Few works, comparatively speaking, have been published on Norway, and this will, therefore, be all the more acceptable to the general reader and the student of history.

VICK'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE, June & July, Jas. Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Contain much valuable information.