

met about the same time, the Free Church Assembly on the 18th of May, and the United Presbyterian Synod on the 15th. It was agreed at the last meeting of the latter Synod that its sittings be extended to the second week, so as to give sufficient time for increasing business. In regard to the constitution of the Free Assembly, the *Presbyterian* says, "The return of members to the General Assembly is now nearly complete. If there has been 'packing' anywhere, it has been in such remote places as Lochcarron, Dornoch and Skye, where the rule of exclusion against all Unionists has been declared absolute. Elsewhere, at Dingwall and Caithness, the same tactics have, to some extent, been followed, very short-sightedly, we think, on the part of those who have adopted them, considering how easy it would be for the 58 Presbyteries in the majority to do the same thing, and how necessary it will become to do it if such policy is persisted in."

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Irish Presbyterian General Assembly will meet in Rutland Square Church, Dublin, on Monday, the 5th of June, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.—The Synod of our sister Canadian Church will not meet till the last Wednesday of June, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in St. David's Church, St. John, N. B. We hope to be able to give reports of the principal matters under the consideration of the respective Supreme Courts of the above named Churches, with the decisions arrived at in regard to them, in the July and August numbers, so as to furnish thereaders of the RECORD with a view of the present state of our great Presbyterian Church throughout the world.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPAIN.—The General Assembly of this infant Church met in Seville on the 12th of May, for the revision of its Confession of Faith and Code of Discipline, for the further evangelization of the Church, and the extension of the cause of Christ in Spain.

OBITUARY.—The Rev. Dr. Burns, of Otago, New Zealand, a nephew of the poet Robert Burns, and the father of the New Zealand Church, died on the 2nd of January last, at the age of 75.

Another Disruption minister, the Rev. Andrew Mackenzie, of Penicuik, Scotland, died on the 18th of March.

On the 30th March, the Queen of Sweden, daughter of the Prince of the Netherlands, and cousin of the present King of Holland, died, at the age of 43, in the faith of the Gospel.

On the 24th of the same month died Rosa Madiai, at the age of 75 years, during twenty-five of which she had witnessed for Jesus. In 1852 she and her husband, Francesco, were imprisoned by the bigoted and intolerant Tuscan Government for reading God's Word to their fellow-countrymen; but, after many sufferings, were released, owing to the earnest and persevering efforts of English nobles and the British Ambassador.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS, &c.

The Rev. John Baikie has been called by the congregation of *Brampton, Knox's Church, and Malton*; Rev. R. N. Grant has been called by the congregation of *Knox's Church, Ingersoll*; Rev. G. Bremner has accepted a call from the congregation of *McNab*; Rev. J. Eadie has been called by the congregation of *Boston Church and Milton*; Rev. R. Stevenson has been inducted as pastor of *Admaston, etc.*; Rev. H. J. McDiarmid has accepted a call to *Russell and Gloucester*; Rev. N. Clark has been inducted into the