

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

IN South Australia there is a movement for the union of the Bible Christians and the Primitive Methodists.

THE Samaritans at Nablus, in Palestine, who, as of old, worship on Mt. Gerizim, now number only 151 persons.

DR. FLEMING STEVENSON, Dublin, and Rev. Dr. Meneely, Belfast, have been suffering recently from severe illness but are now recovering.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society has issued a "penny" New Testament in the Welsh language, and an amended version of St. Luke's Gospel in Irish.

A NEW Presbyterian church was opened lately at East St. Kilda, Melbourne, for the congregation of Rev. S. Robinson. It cost \$70,000. It seats 800.

THE Presbyterian Alliance, says The Christian Leader, are requesting the Scottish churches to select delegates for a meeting to be held in October in Edinburgh for the purpose of considering the question of co-operation in the mission field.

DR. WALTER C. SMITH, Free Church, has published his recent address to the students of the Lancashire Independent college under the title of "Progress in Theology."

MESSRS. BARON and Barnett, Midway Mission, left Dover on September 13 for Berlin, to commence the work of distributing 100,000 Hebrew New Testaments amongst the Jews.

MR. C. H. SPURGEON, says a contemporary, has, up to the present time, admitted into membership ten thousand persons in connection with the work of the Metropolitan Tabernacle and its missions.

CLASSES are to be formed in Trinity college, Dublin, for the instruction in Scripture of Presbyterian students; they will be conducted by the Revs. J. L. Morrow, J. S. Hamilton and R. McChesno Edgar.

REV. NEIL TAYLOR, of Dornoch, in a letter to the Times, denies the statement of Mr. Baumann, M.P., that the authors of the disorder and discontent in the Highlands were the Free Church ministers.

REV. J. G. PATON, who has returned to Sydney from the New Hebrides, where he was at the time of the French hoisting their flag, reports that the natives are greatly concerned about the threatened annexation.

EVERYWHERE in England, according to the Congregationalist, the crusade of the establishment is being carried on against every form of dissent, which has not for many a year had so hard a fight to maintain as at present.

REV. THOS. HAMILTON, Belfast, has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for the vacant chair of sacred rhetoric in the assembly's college. Revs. Dr. T. Y. Killen, Dr. W. Rogers, and A. Robinson are now the candidates.

DR. A. C. THOMPSON, one of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, has written a pamphlet on the "New Departure," in which he pithily describes the doctrine of probation after death as "incipient theological dry rot."

MR. RICHARD DAVIES, her Majesty's lieutenant at Anglesey, and late M.P. for that county, has announced his intention of erecting a new chapel at Menai Bridge, at a cost of £4,300, which he will afterwards present to the English Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member.

THE Australian Churchman complains that its subscribers are extremely averse to paying for their paper. "Many of them like to see their doings chronicled, and their thoughts given to admiring readers; but too many do it at others' expense." Pio upon them and all such!

THE late Miss Mary Farrar, of Halifax, England, whose personal estate exceeded £60,000, has bequeathed £32,000 for the benefit of poor women of that town; and after payment of various legacies, the residue of her estate goes to the Congregational pastors' retiring fund.

DR. SOMERVILLE, Moderator of the Free General Assembly, opened recently the new church in the island of Benbecula. It has been erected with a manse, mainly through the influence of Principal Rainy, and presented to the congregation free of debt, with an endowment of £1,000.

THE Rev. Dr. Seller, of Aberlour, has bequeathed \$6,250 to establish a Bible reader for the parishes of Keith, Aberlour, and Boharn; \$1,250 to the schemes of the Church of Scotland, \$500 to the parish poor, \$1,000 for bursaries and prizes for essays; \$500 for Craigellachie mission, and other sums for the good of the parish.

THE late Prof. Calvin E. Stowe, at a time when Andover seminary, in which he was a professor, had no sympathy for abolition, made a vow that he would never shave his beard until the fugitive slave law was repealed. That was in the day of smooth faces. A beard was a wonderful sight, and Prof. Stowe, wherever he went, was a marked man, and the very sight of him an abolition appeal.

REV. NORMAN L. WALKER, of Dysart, in a powerful letter to the Scotsman, says Bishop Wedderburn should not offer himself as a mediator in connection with Scottish ecclesiastical differences in his language in "Prefatory remarks on

the St. Olaf's lectures" breathes the spirit of the Spanish inquisitor. Arguments such as he employs would justify the expatriation of heresy by the sword everywhere.

THE German congregation of Jerusalem numbers one hundred and twenty-four members at present, twenty of whom are natives of Palestine, but masters of the German language. Dr. Lepsius, the son of the great Egyptologist, is the pastor. The parochial school has four classes and embraces English, French, Latin and Greek in its studies. The Lepers' Asylum gives shelter to seventeen of those unfortunates.

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Kilkenny, Ireland, declares that the penalty of excommunication will be visited upon all Catholics marrying Protestants, and upon the witnesses to such marriages as well. Furthermore, notice of the marriage will be read from the altar of the church which the Catholic party attends for three consecutive Sundays, and thus "the crime of the offending party brought out into open light before his or her fellow parishioners."

REV. JAMES FULLARTON, LL.D., of Sydney, has died in his 80th year. A native of Ireland, he was the fourth son of the Rev. Archibald Fullarton, of Aghadowey, county Londonderry; and forty-nine years have elapsed since he joined the synod of Australia in connection with the Church of Scotland, being induced to emigrate in response to the stirring appeal of Dr. Lang for Presbyterian ministers. He was the most widely known as well as the oldest Presbyterian minister in Australasia.

THE Independent says that "in 1870 Princeton Theological Seminary had 118 students and Union 117. In 1885 Princeton had 146 and Union 144. This year Princeton ran up to 152 and Union fell to 121, due to a failure of the funds at Union to supply scholarships to students. The total number of students in the seven Presbyterian seminaries was 437 in 1870. In 1886 there are 624 in twelve seminaries. Princeton's endowment is \$200,000 more than Union's, but Union's real estate being in the city, is worth \$400,000 more than Princeton's."

SAYS The Christian Leader: "Sometime ago we recorded the deplorable fact that a daughter of William Howitt had entered the Romish Church; and it is now asserted by a Unitarian contemporary that the venerable Mary Howitt herself has taken the same step. A phrase or two in her latest article in Good Words excited a suspicion in our mind with respect to her present ecclesiastical position; but we hope to hear that the widow of the author of 'The History of Priestcraft' has not in her old age become the victim of the cunning strategy of the priests."

THE Congregationalist says that "the victims of the great Archbishop Purcell defalcation in Cincinnati have met with continued ill-fortune in the public confession of Mannix, the assignee of the estate, that he had misappropriated funds to the amount of \$200,000. The creditors have held indignation meetings, in which they not only demand that the new trustees of the property, which includes the cathedral, the archbishop's house, and other ecclesiastical buildings, should collect rents of the church for their benefit, but appeal to Irish Catholics everywhere to dispossess the priests of their secular power as business managers of the churches."

THE Presbyterian churches (United States) which received more than 100 members on confession of faith in Christ last year were—Tabernacle, Brooklyn (Rev. Dr. Talmage's), which received 158; First church, Chicago, 157; church in Liberty, Ind. (Rev. Mr. Mackintosh's), 124; Memorial church (Rev. Mr. Brandt's), 113; church in Connersville, Ind., 111; East church, Buffalo, N.Y. (Rev. Mr. Ward's), 106; Brick church, Rochester (Rev. Dr. Shaw's), 106; church in Lambertville, N.J. (Rev. Dr. Studdiford's), 104; Third church, Chicago, Ill. (Rev. Dr. Kittredge's), 102. The church in Towanda, Pa. (Rev. Dr. Stewart's), came very near being on the list—the admissions on profession of faith last year having been 99.

AN "Anti-Tithe League," says The Messenger, has been organized in North Wales, which will resist the payment of tithes and defray the costs of those farmers who may be distrained upon. One of the leaders of the movement says that the farmers would never again pay tithes voluntarily to the clergy, and they would obey the law in their own way. Since they had seen clergymen so grasping and so unsympathizing with the agricultural classes, they had determined to aim at disestablishment, which appeared to be the only possible remedy. It would be unwise for them to agitate against a total repeal of the tithes, as the landlords would simply raise their rents. The feeling of the Welsh was strongly against paying tithes to the clergymen, because it seemed to them simply to be binding a dead Church to a living people. When disestablishment came—and in his opinion it would come speedily—one-fifth of the tithes should be given to form scholarships for intermediate schools. They would have no objection to paying tithes to the Government, but they thought it iniquitous that they should have to support a Church with which they had no sympathy, and from which they derived no advantage.

IN GOOD REPUTE. James M. Murdock, writing from Kinsale, says— "It is, as a remedy for diseases of the blood, liver and kidneys, has an excellent reputation in this locality. I have used it, and speak from experience, as well as observation. It is the only medicine I want, and I advise others affected to try it."

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