

Ministers of the Church of Scotland. The secretary reported that he had received £1111 16s. in subscriptions; £931 from a bazaar in Edinburgh; and the large sum of £5950 as the proceeds of a bazaar in Glasgow. Encouraged by this success, the promoters of this undertaking are about to erect a large house on the south side of Edinburgh, capable of accommodating between fifty and sixty pupils. It is expected that this institution will be opened by the end of next year.

**PROTESTANTISM IN SOUTH AMERICA.**—Light is beginning to break from different points in nearly every country of this great continent. In British and Dutch Guiana, the London Missionary Society, the Wesleyans, Baptists, and Moravians have missionaries with flourishing churches. In Brazil, though Romanism is the established religion, toleration is enjoyed, and pure Christianity has more than a foothold. The Presbyterian Board has three missionaries at Rio, and at several other points there are Christian pastors. Within five years the British and American Bible Societies have circulated over 20,000 copies of the Bible, through colporteurs in Brazil. In Paraguay, there are no Protestant agencies. In Uruguay there is an interesting colony of Vaudois, and English, German, Lutheran, and American Methodist ministers. Buenos Ayres is without doubt the least bigoted and most promising part of South America. There are several chaplains for the foreign population, the Bible has had a large circulation, and the Protestant schools, which are the best in the country, in which the Bible is a text-book, attract many native children and youth. In Patagonia and the Falkland islands, are a few laborers from the Patagonian Missionary Society of England. In Chili, the most priest-ridden country of the continent, the foreigners have some agencies, and Rev. Mr. Trumbull a flourishing church. In Peru, there is a British chaplain at Lima, and at Callao, two from the Seamen's Friend Society. In Bolivia and Ecuador, Rome is supreme. In Granada and Venezuela there have for many years been bloody civil wars based upon the question of freedom of conscience and worship, in which it is to be hoped that those who have boldly resisted ecclesiastical tyranny may ultimately triumph. The Presbyterian Board and the Christian Union have missionaries in New Granada. On the whole continent of South America there are about sixty ordained Protestant ministers, who are endeavoring to introduce a pure Christianity where Rome has held an almost undisputed sway.

**RELIGIOUS READING IN FRANCE.**—The two French Bible Societies have, during the past year circulated more than 15,000 Bibles and about 91,000 New Testaments. During 18 years, three million copies of the Scriptures have been disseminated in France. This

large circulation has caused a great change in the sentiments of the higher and educated classes, so many of whom were bigoted Romanists or scoffing Infidels. Now eminent Roman-catholic writers recommend the daily reading of the Bible, and influential Pantheists and Deists acknowledge the sublimity of its doctrines. The increase of Protestant literature has also been astonishing. The Paris Religious Tract Society has issued 1,105,000 copies of its little works; 200,000 of its religious almanacs have been sold; and its monthly for the young has nearly 10,000 subscribers. Sabbath-schools are multiplying in France, and the colporteurs of the two societies for evangelization are so successful, that the Romanists unable to induce the government to prohibit the sale of Protestant tracts, have been compelled to form a Roman-catholic Tract Society to counteract their influence.

**A MOURNER GIVING CONSOLATION.**—The rector of the church at Osborne, England, on visiting an aged parishioner, saw a lady in deep mourning sitting by the bedside of the invalid, reading the word of God. He was about to retire, but she bade him stay, saying that she did not wish the invalid to lose the comfort a clergyman might give her. She then left, and the clergyman found lying on the bed a book with texts of Scripture adapted to the sick, from which passages had been read by the lady in black, who was the widowed Queen of England.

**TWO YOUNG LADIES IN A LIFELESS CHURCH.**—For many years not a soul had been added to the Church in A—. Minister after minister came, labored a while, and growing discouraged, left the barren field to, as they hoped, some more successful husbandman. Among the members were two young ladies between whom great intimacy existed. Often had they sorrowed over the lifeless state of the church. At last they concluded to go secretly to God's own house, and there beseech of him the blessing he had so long denied. Through all that spring and summer daydawn found these two young girls earnestly praying before the altar, not discouraged that as yet there came no answer to their prayers. Now mark the result. Much to the surprise of the pastor, one after another of the young of his congregation came enquiring the way to be saved, and the love of Christ was rekindled in many hearts where it had once burned brightly, but the world creeping in had nearly extinguished it. That winter the number of the church was doubled; and though years have since passed, it has never relapsed into its former state of coldness. Only a few knew of the "fervent, effectual" prayers of these two girls, one of whom was early called to heaven, the other has but just gone there.

**A BAKED BIBLE.**—A Mr. Schebold, a na-