

The Rev. Dr. Candlish, of the Free Church, and the Rev. Dr. Alexander, of the Congregationalist Church, joined with the United Presbyterian brethren in the solemn services.

RELIGION IN PARIS.—The July number of the *News of the Churches* contains an interesting letter with reference to the state of religion in France, and especially in Paris. In the district of the Drome, the Gospel is rapidly spreading. There is one congregation of four hundred members, lately come out from Popery. The Paris Christians are organizing an open air meeting near Fontainebleau.

AN AMERICAN HIGH CHURCH BISHOP.—The Bishop of New Jersey, Dr. Odenheimer, is reputed to have made a most extraordinary speech at a meeting of the Diocesan Convention. According to the *Church Journal*, the chief organ of the High Church party, the Bishop, in the course of a discussion, declared "that he should do his duty in this cause of missions, which was a plain and simple one. He had no fears of the result. The Diocese was his; the clergy were his priests; he was the representative of Christ in the diocese, charged with the duty of missions; he was entitled to have and to direct the use of the funds of the people; and if his clergy did not make collections for missions, and send them to him, he would go himself into the parishes, and it would soon be seen whether his wishes or those of the clergy would be carried out. He knew his people; already he could count their contributions given him, and not by fifties or hundreds only. He should go on in his work. If the Convention could devise machinery to help him, well! It is their duty to do so; but he should go and do his work, with or without such machinery. The laity are bound to contribute to the lawfully constituted authority of the diocese the means for this great work; and it should be his province to have this duty performed."

Communications.

To the Editor of the Canada Presbyterian Record.

SIR—I have not observed, in any report I have seen of the proceedings of our Synod, that any action was taken about the *Central Fund*, and the whole working of our Home Mission Scheme. If it so happened, that it was not taken up at all, perhaps it was just as well; for at the time it *could* have come under review, any decision to which the Synod might have come, would have had exceedingly little weight from the smallness of the attendance. And, yet, it is surely matter for regret, that the real business of the Synod should have been put in a corner, and precious time all but lost, in the consideration of matters which I shall not allow myself to characterize. For another year, accordingly, it is to be presumed that matters will be allowed to proceed as during the past. How they *have* proceeded during that time, the published accounts make painfully manifest. While the Synod ought to exercise a wise discretion in ordering collections, yet it is very evident that, according to our