

with great attention and apparent interest. A few questions of practical a kind, connected with the business that had been before the Synod, were asked by the deputies; formal thanks were, in the name of the Synod, given by Professor Van Velzen; and the interview, which was so pleasing to all parties, was brought to an end. The addresses have been published in Dutch in a news paper, conducted by the professors; and our prayer is, that the Lord may bless them for the encouragement of those esteemed brethren, who, amidst many difficulties, have lifted up a banner for the truth, and are contending for the faith once so prevalent in Holland.

**MINISTERS FROM SCOTLAND.**—Two missionaries have lately arrived from Scotland, under the auspices of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, viz., Rev. Mr. McDonald, now in the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal, and the Rev. W. Wright, at present in the Presbytery of Hamilton.

**DEPARTURE OF THREE MISSIONARIES.**—Three missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church have just departed for India—Rev. Messrs. G. Martin, Jas. Gray, and Dr. Andrew Shields, together with Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Gray. A free passage was generously offered by Messrs. George Smith and Sons, of Glasgow.

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EPISCOPACY IN SCOTLAND.**—Bishop Wordsworth, apparently led on by the avowed episcopalian tendencies of a few ministers in the Scottish establishment, has, in a recent charge, promulgated the idea of union between the Established Church and the Episcopal Church. We apprehend that such a proposal will find but small favour among the Presbyterians of Scotland.

**DAY OF THANKSGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES.**—President Lincoln has issued a Proclamation appointing the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and inviting all the citizens to observe such day. The proclamation speaks of the year just drawing to its close as having "been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies, to which other blessings have been added."

**DEATH OF EMINENT PERSONS.**—Intelligence has been received, from recent papers, of the death of Lord Lyndhurst, the oldest British statesman, and also of the death of Dr. Whately, Archbishop of Dublin. Dr. Whately was well-known for his eminent talents, and the works which he published on various topics. As a leading Bishop of the Church of England he was liberal in his views. He was long a zealous and steady supporter of the National System of Education in Ireland.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.**—The annual meeting of the Social Science Association opened on the 7th ult. The meeting was largely attended, and its proceedings were of an exceedingly interesting character. Various topics connected with the social and educational interests of the country were discussed. Lord Brougham took a prominent part at the meeting, and, as President of the Association, delivered the opening address. Many will dissent from the terms of eulogy employed by Lord Brougham with reference to the Sisters of Charity.

**ORDINATION AT VICTORIA TOWN, JAMAICA.**—The novel spectacle of an Ordination was witnessed at Victoria Town, on the 17th June. The missionary ordained was the Rev. Joseph Hannah, who, after having acted as a catechist and teacher, was lately licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Hannah has had upwards of 20 years experience in missionary work in Jamaica. At Victoria Town there is a church with sixty members and four elders, and an attendance of about two hundred. The population of the place is very considerable and is increasing.

**DR. DUFF.**—Dr. Duff, who has been suffering anew from severe illness, proposed to visit the missions in the different Presidencies in India, and thereafter to return by the Cape of Good Hope visiting the Caffre missions, and reaching