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RENAN's *Life of Jesus* may be forgiven, as it is on its face a bold lie; but for Ingraham's "Prince of the House of David" there is no tolerance possible; for it is an unmitigated lie, concealing itself under the guise of God's grandest and most blessed truth. Only a novelist of the Minerva press could have had so little reverence for the Divine Being and His truth, and so little genuine regard for man, as to perpetrate it.—*Princeton Review*.

EVANGELICAL work is making progress in France. The number of preaching stations has doubled within the last four years. In the cities of Lille, Croix, etc., the centres of flax and silk manufacture, hundreds of workmen gather to hear the gospel and join in singing the hymns.

THE Free Church General Assembly has by a vote of 394 to 231 removed Professor Robertson Smith, of Aberdeen, from his chair, and thus ends the case which for the last three or four years has sorely vexed the Free Church of Scotland.

DISTRESSING news has been received from New Guinea of the massacre by natives of a number of missionaries connected with the staff of the London Missionary Society. The intelligence of the outrages was forwarded to Melbourne by the Rev. Mr. Beswick, who, with others, made a miraculous escape in the attack on the band of the messengers of peace. For the outrage there was not the slightest provocation, and yet it was of the most cold-blooded character. The persons killed were twelve in number, consisting of four members of the London Missionary Society's corps of agents, the

wives of two of the number, four children, and two servants. An attempt was also made to massacre four native youths who accompanied the missionary party, but they, happily, escaped by swimming. The despatches forwarded to this country further state that, dreading a renewal of the attacks, the missionaries have deserted the station at Kato to Port Moresby.—*Edinburgh Daily Review*.

THE seventy-seventh annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was recently held in Exeter Hall, London. The free income of the Society, for the year ending March 31st, 1881, was £114,382 13s 8d. The amount received for Scriptures sold at home and abroad was £90,015 14s 8d, making, with receipts from another small fund for Indian colportage, a total income of over one million dollars. The issues of Bibles, Testaments and portions during the year were 2,846,039 copies. The total issues of the Society from its commencement amount to 91,114,448 copies.

BISMARCK is taking measures to prevent Mormon Missionaries from carrying on their work in Germany.

THE Evangelical Church of Egypt is making progress. The Church membership of the United Presbyterian Mission there has increased during the last year from 985 to 1036.

THE income of the English Wesleyan Society for the past year was \$650,465. The debt has increased to \$191,550. The Thanksgiving Fund is expected to pay it off.

AFRICA, that has so long groaned under the curse of slavery is not yet free. The slave trade is still enormous. Dr. Livingstone estimated it at half a million yearly for all Africa. And a competent authority estimates the loss of life from the slave trade, in but one district of Africa, at from 30,000 to 50,000 annually.

MR. Moody has invited Dr. Andrew Bonar, of Scotland, to take part in the conference for Bible study, to be held at Northfield this summer. The invitation has been accepted.