

ministers, so that they may, under episcopal sanction, be able to preach in each other's pulpits. Several leading Broad Churchmen have joined an association started for carrying out this object, and the most prominent Dissenting ministers who have joined it are Dr. Raleigh, Mr. Baldwin Brown, and Mr. Allon."

"A petition to the Archbishop and Bishops of the province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, is in course of signature by a number of priests of the Church of England, declaring that they are unable consistently with their duty to God and the Church to acknowledge the authority in spiritual matters of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council, and praying their lordships of the Upper, and the reverend the clergy of the Lower House, to shield the Church from such unconstitutional interference of the civil power in questions belonging to spiritual jurisdiction."

SCOTLAND.—The Theological Professors connected with the various Presbyterian denominations in Scotland, united recently in a cordial address to Dr. Tholuck of Halle, on the occasion of his commencing the fiftieth year of his professorate, expressing their gratitude to God for the eminent services which the veteran Professor has been the means of rendering to the causes of theological learning and evangelical religion.

The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church for this year shows a very considerable advance upon last year's amount.

IRELAND.—The Bible and Colportage Society for Ireland, sold during the past year 12,914 Bibles, Testaments and Psalm-books, 60,166 books, 521,406 periodicals and 83,420 tracts. Since its commencement in 1859 the Society has sold 4,876,974 publications. There are 435 book agents and 42 colporteurs.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School Society reports 915 schools, 7,740 teachers, and 62,402 scholars on its roll.

A fresh list of contributions to the Sustentation Fund of the Irish Episcopal Church has been published. The list commences with a donation of \$100,000 from the Earl of Egmont, \$30,000 each from Lords Abercorn and Clermont, \$25,000 from the Duke of Devonshire, \$15,000 from Messrs. Kinahan of Dublin and London, \$10,000 from Mr. Mulholland of Belfast, and a number of sums of \$5,000 and 2,500.

FRANCE.—Father Hyacinthe has sent an address to the Bishops of the Church of Rome, rejoicing in the disappearance of two despotisms, the Empire of the Napoleons and the temporal power of the Pope. He speaks of five wounds of the Church, which are: the darkening of the Word of God, the oppression of the intellect and conscience by the abuse of the hierarchical power, the forced celibacy of the clergy, worldly policy and superstitious devotion. The Italian government, acting in opposition to its usually liberal principles, seized the newspapers in Rome which published this address.

An agitation is going on in France in connection with the proposed disestablishment of the Protestant National French Church. The Free Churches are rabidly republican. The National Church falls far short of the work it is called upon to perform, and other agencies are not numerous enough to overtake the demands for evangelical teaching that are being made all over France.

"In M ———, in the great room of the railway station, filled with wounded soldiers, an eye witness saw a few christian men and women distribute 500 francs worth of warm clothing in the space of an hour. The