

behind, probably through commercial distress, between March and September, has again almost entirely recovered itself during the past month. The Irish Presbyterian Church has lost two of its leading members, the Rev. Richard Dill of Dublin, and the Rev. Dr. Goudy of Strabane, within a few days of each other. The professors of Romish colleges, affiliated with the London University, protest against the including of mental philosophy in the examination for degrees, since they say it is a branch of theology, the foundation principles of which must be established and recognised by ecclesiastical authority. The Crystal Palace Company have again had a division as to the opening of the Palace and grounds to shareholders on Sabbath. It was resolved, by a small majority, to continue this practice; but a scrutiny was demanded, and the result is, on good grounds, expected to be favorable to Sabbath observance. Lord Stanley stated to a deputation, which presented recently a memorial for the entire discontinuance of the opium trade, that his own views were, that the growth of opium in India should not be prohibited, but that Government should cease to have any connexion with the growth, manufacture, or sale, and should levy a reasonably heavy duty on it as on spirits at home.—*News of the Churches.*

SCOTLAND.—It is stated in the Edinburgh papers that the late Mrs. Mary Barclay, of Carlton terrace, has bequeathed her entire property, amounting to about £30,000, it is estimated, to the Free Church. Of this, the trustees are to apply 10,000 for the purpose of building a Free Church in the New Town; but the will gives them power to allow that sum to lie in abeyance till it accumulate to £20,000, when the erection of the church may be proceeded with. The other £20,000 or thereby, is to be devoted to the education of the sons of the clergy.

HANDSOME LEGACY TO THE FREE CHURCH.

—We understand that by the death of Mrs. Forbes, Buckie, whose name appeared in our obituary of last week, between £500 and £600 became available for the Supplementary Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland, in terms of a trust settlement executed by her husband, the late Mr. Forbes, shoemaker, Buckie. Mr. Forbes was for many years an efficient and highly respected elder in the Buckie congregation.—*Banffshire Journal.*

REV. DR. CUNNINGHAM.—It is proposed to nominate the Rev. Principal Cunningham, as Moderator of the General Assembly at its next ordinary meeting.

The *Evangelist* quotes from *The Presbyterian Witness* the following tabular view of the numerous "branches" into which "the great Presbyterian Family" in this country has divided itself by the working of its own tendencies under our free institutions:

We may begin (to follow Mr. Joseph M. Wilson's Historical Almanac) with the Old School General Assembly, which met in New Orleans last May. That is one, and the larger branch of the Family.

Second, The New School General Assembly, which met in Chicago, Illinois, in the same month of May.

Third, The United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which met in Knoxville in April last.

Fourth, The Associate Synod of North America, which met in the First Associate Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa., May 19, 1858.

Fifth, The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, which met in Alleghany City, Pa., the 17th of May, 1858.

Sixth, The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, which held its last sessions in Eden, Illinois, May 27, 1852.

Seventh, The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which met in Huntsville, Ala., May 22, 1858.

Eighth, The Associate Reformed Synod of the South, held in Old Providence Church, Augusta county, Va., October 12, 1857.

Ninth, The Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, which met in Northwood, Ohio, May, 1857, but did not meet in 1858.

PRINCETON SEMINARY.—The number of students at the Theological Seminary at Princeton, according to the Catalogue just published, is 181, of whom 49 are in the Senior Class, 48 in the Second Class, 82 in the Junior Class, and 2 are resident graduates. The spectacle of such an unwonted number of young men preparing for the ministry at this old school of the prophets, is enough to make the hearts of God's people leap for joy. The students are from the following States:—Maine, 1; New Hampshire, 1; Vermont, 2; Massachusetts, 1; Connecticut, 2; New York, 44; New Jersey, 24; Pennsylvania, 48; Maryland, 3; Virginia, 2; North Carolina, 2; South Carolina, 3; Georgia, 1; Mississippi, 3; Tennessee, 3; Ohio, 9; Michigan, 3; Indiana, 10; Illinois, 4; Missouri, 5; Wisconsin, 6; Iowa, 1; Canada, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Ireland, 1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—This is the new province just organized on the northwest coast of this continent, including Fraser's River with its gold mines. The British Government has changed its policy within a few years, with regard to the establishment of religion in its colo-