

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS IN NEW ZEALAND.—There was lately held in the diocese of Wainpu, New Zealand, a Synod, attended by two English clergymen, three native clergymen, and nineteen native lay delegates, the proceedings being conducted in the New Zealand language. There were two secretaries, one an English minister, and the other a New Zealand layman. The amount of £1,004 had been collected in the congregations for endowment purposes.

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.—The annual meeting of this body took place at Melbourne, on the 1st April, the Rev. A. Paul, Moderator. The Rev. W. Miller gave an account of his mission to Scotland, and of the state of feeling there on the subject of the Australian Union. The Synod recorded their satisfaction with the conduct of Mr. Miller in the business entrusted to him, and their gratitude to God for the grace vouchsafed to their deputy during his visit to Scotland.

LORD BELHAVEN'S BILL.—Many Presbyteries of the Free Church, and also of the United Presbyterian Church, are petitioning against Lord Belhaven's bill giving certain statutory rights to the Established Church in connection with church discipline. Even in the established Church itself, there are several who express their dissatisfaction with the provisions of the bill.

DEATH OF BISHOP MCKENZIE AND MR. BURRUP, OF THE AFRICAN MISSION.—We regret to observe that Bishop McKenzie and Rev. Mr. Burrup, of the African Mission, have both been removed by death. Under the direction of Dr. Livingstone, they had settled in a healthy region, and organized a mission, with encouraging prospects. On their way to meet Miss McKenzie and Mrs. Burrup, they had their canoe upset, losing their medicines, &c. The consequence was they were seized with fever, from which first one and then the other died. The conduct of the natives who accompanied them was beyond all praise.

MEETING OF WALDENSIAN SYNOD.—The Waldensian Synod met on 20th May, and continued in session three days. The Synod applied the first degree of discipline—censure in private to the Pastor of the French parish in Turin, on account of Latitudinarian views. The work of evangelization is making gratifying progress. There are now eighteen posts or centres of important home missions:—three in Lombardy, three in the former Papal States, and one in Sicily.

ASSEMBLAGE OF BISHOPS AT ROME.—At the recent meeting of Bishops in Rome, in connection with the Canonization of the Japanese Martyrs, there were three hundred Bishops present from various countries. On the Monday after the canonization, there was a Consistory held, when the Bishops signed an address to the Pope, declaring the temporal power necessary to the independence of the Pope, approving of all that he has done in defence of the rights of the holy chair, and exhorting him to *continue firm in his resistance*. The proceedings show that the Pope and his Bishops are blinded by bigotry or self-interest, so as not to be able to see the indications of the times. The effort is but a spasmodic one. The temporal power is certainly held by a very slender thread.

GERMAN MINISTER IN EDINBURGH.—The Rev. Mr. Blumenreich, who has been labouring for some time among the Germans in Edinburgh in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, has been ordained to the office of the Ministry.