

great branches of the Presbyterian Church in America have united, the so-called United Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church still holding aloof. In the United States the High and Low Church parties of the Episcopal Church have now and again come into collision, and in one case the collision has developed a question of ecclesiastical polity of a very interesting and delicate character, the defendant, a minister, having appealed to the civil authorities for protection against his own Church Court's decision.

The world of missionary enterprise has not been without its record of interest, stories of triumph and defeat, its roll of gain and loss. Madagascar claims a large share of attention from the remarkable additions that have been made to the Church there since the conversion and public Christian profession of the Queen and her prime minister. In South Africa the evangelization of the Kafirs has been steadily progressing. The South Sea Islands have received a temporary shock from the inauguration by some Australian adventurers of a new slave trade, but that impediment in the way of missionary effort and success has now been removed, and great results may be hoped for from the band of devoted men who labour in that large and interesting field. India has been laying a basis of secular and religious education that will soon sap the foundation of present antiquated and decaying anti-Christian belief. New races to the missionary explorer, lying to the north of Britain's vast possessions in that quarter of the world, have been visited, and promise to yield large returns to the Lord of the harvest and his labourers. But China, a short time ago the theme of congratulation among those who love the cause of Christ and the extension of His name, has suffered from a worthless, worldly, short-sighted policy, that has already cost the lives of missionaries, British and native, and checked the proclamation of the truth that can alone truly civilize and enlighten. In other parts of the world, such as Western Africa, and portions of South and Central America, the ground has been broken up, and future years may show good results from the labours of the past year. Mexico, especially, has been brought into notice as a field promising much encouragement to the Gospel labourer.

The news lately received from Dr. Livingstone is among the most deeply interesting of the many causes for gratitude which God has been pleased to bestow upon the Church and the world during the past year.

In Canada, the year 1869 has not been marked by any great changes, yet to our own Church it has been one long to be remembered. It was ushered in with a religious awakening both in the east and west, but more particularly in the latter, starting there from Galt as a centre. This revival, about which many widely different opinions were expressed, and about which there were many things to regret, has doubtless been productive of good. Its influence in stirring up the Church at large to greater watchfulness and activity has not been the least of its beneficial results. Simultaneous with the movement, and also subsequent to it, have been the evangelizing efforts put forth by the Plymouth Brethren. These have met with considerable success, and, had they been exerted among the class most in need of the Brethren's labours, would have been worthy of commendation.

The meeting of Synod in Hamilton in the month of June was one of unusual interest and harmony. It is also worthy of notice as the last General Synod of the Church, a General Assembly with four district Synods having taken its place. Other features of interest connected with