

stated that it drew its warmth and vitality from Christianity ; a statement which its organ, the *National Paper*, denied without entering into particulars. The Missionaries are glad of the movement which the establishing of this Church has inaugurated, and look forward to great results flowing from it as a preparation.

The Mission to the Jews in Turkey has been putting forth efforts for the release of Elieser, who, as was stated in last month's RECORD, was arrested on a false charge in Galata and taken to Russia. The Dutch Ambassador at St. Petersburg has become interested in the matter, and Elieser will probably soon regain his liberty.

A new Mission building has been opened at Pesth by Mr. Moody, who labours assiduously among the Hungarians.

During the summer months the Free Church has been in the habit of sending Missionaries to the more important watering places and places of summer resort on the continent. At Interlaken, Lucerne, Marienbad, Carlsbad, Vienna, Pesth and Berlin, regular services in English have been held during the past summer, with most beneficial and gratifying results. Montreux, Mentone and Cannes, being places to which invalids who need a mild climate resort during the winter months, are also supplied by the Foreign Mission Committee ; and interesting cases occur from time to time of those in search of health and prolonged life gaining health of soul and the saving knowledge of a better life.

The Colonial Mission is more a name than a reality in the Free Church. Following the noble example of the mother Church, those which its Colonial Committee has founded or assisted have generally entered on the career of independent existence, and have become missionary churches themselves. It appears, however, that in the Dominion of Canada there is still need for the assistance of the parent Church. The Rev. D. Mackenzie, from the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, in Cape Breton, was in Scotland a short time ago, pressing the claims of his own and the sister Presbytery of Sydney, in the same island, upon the Colonial Mission Committee of the Free Church. It appears that the want which he complains of is one of men more than of money, and particularly of men speaking the Gaelic language, since the fifteen pastoral charges on the island are composed almost exclusively of Highland congregations. During the past year but one Gaelic-speaking student was licensed by the Church of the Lower Provinces, and the application which that Church made to our own Synod was necessarily fruitless, since we need more labourers for our own wide field than have yet come forward. Five or six Gaelic-speaking Ministers are required for the Cape Breton Presbyteries, and the Church had no option but to call upon the Churches of the Mother Country. We trust that the application may be a successful one.

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The United Presbyterian Church is collecting largely for what it terms a Famine Fund for Rajpootana. Rajpootana is the Indian region where the Mission of the United Presbyterian Church is placed. It has suffered terribly from famine. Want of rain for successive years made the crops insufficient to support the population of the district. Then came the locusts, committing fearful ravages upon the scanty crops that remained. Pestilence was added to these calamities, and people died by thousands. The neighbouring State of Marwar has lost by famine and pestilence one-third