

ing forth all her energies. She has greatly increased within the last twenty-five years. Her missions to the heathen, to the Jews, to the Roman Catholics—her aid to the Colonial Churches, her evangelistic efforts at home and abroad are all most honorable to her zeal and faithfulness. Such a church cannot be injured by any mere political revolution or the withholding of the *Regium Donum*. We rejoice to see her girding on her armour for renewed and more extensive effort in all her fields of usefulness. She numbers 543 congregations. These contributed about £96,000 during the last year.

PROGRESS IN CALIFORNIA.—Twenty years ago there was not a Protestant place of worship in all California; now there are 300. There are 60,000 church members, and more than 50,000 Sabbath school children. It is thus that the world is being conquered to Christ.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.—The United Presbyterian Church has embarked again in a Jewish Mission. Her first accepted missionary is the son of a rabbi, a Spanish Jew.—The Foreign Mission Committee still call for ten new missionaries, and the announcement is made that 20 would not be refused.—The scene of the Indian Missions of the church has been visited by a protracted and severe famine, followed by Asiatic cholera. Some of the missionaries were attacked by cholera, but recovered.

FREE CHURCH.—Says the *Record*: It is very cheering to hear how heartily the General Assembly's Call to Prayer is being responded to throughout the Church. The Presbyteries are everywhere agreeing to set aside an hour for worship during their sittings; ministers are remembering the call every Sabbath-day, and pressing on their people the duty of recollecting it in the family and closet; and in many congregations special monthly concerts for prayer have been already established to seek for themselves and others the shower of blessing. We cannot believe for a moment that all this will be in vain. The strong desire which has been awakened is surely the precursor of a "time of refreshing;" and considering the urgent need that there is of a revival of God's work, we cannot too earnestly warn such as may hitherto have overlooked the call against the awful risk they run of being "left dry" while all around them are "wet with dew."

Mr. Moody Stuart and Mr. Wilson of the Barclay have been sent by the Committee on the Conversion of the Jews as a Deputation to Prague and to Bohemia, and at the same time to visit Pesth. They are

to be joined by Mr. Abraham Herschell of London, who addressed last Assembly on our Mission to the Jews. The prayers of the Church are requested on their behalf, that their mission may result in the furtherance of the gospel message, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.

A young rabbinical Jew having heard in the heart of Russia that in "Stamboul they preach in the open streets that Jesus is the Messiah," left his home, travelled to Constantinople, devoted himself to the study of the Scriptures, and was publicly baptized on the 19th of April.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Queen's Square Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 28th July. Members present: Revs. D. McNeill, Moderator; I. Murray, A. Campbell, A. Munro, A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer, Clerk, and J. G. Cameron, and Messrs. J. Simpson, McNiven, McKenzie, and D. Laird, Elders. Commissions were read and sustained from the Sessions of Richmond Bay East and Summerside, Queen's Square, Charlottetown, Free Church, Charlottetown, Woodville, Cavendish, and Princetown, appointing Messrs. Roderick McLean, David Laird, Kenneth Henderson, Norman McKenzie, John Simpson, and James Benriss, respectively their representative Elders for the current year. Rev. A. Cameron was appointed Moderator for the current year. It was moved and seconded that Rev. A. Falconer be Clerk for the current year. Mr. Falconer decidedly objected to such an appointment, on account of his onerous duties as one of the editors of the *Presbyterian*. On motion, Rev. R. Laird was appointed. The thanks of the Presbytery were very cordially given to Mr. Falconer for the impartial and very efficient discharge of his duties as Clerk for several years.

From the Free Church congregation, Charlottetown, Mr. George Walker presented papers in reference to steps taken to secure a pastor, with the request that the Presbytery appoint one of its number to moderate in a call, and appointing Mr. Walker commissioner to appear before Presbytery. After due inquiry, the moderation was granted, and Rev. A. Munro was appointed to preach in the church, and moderate in a call on Thursday, the 12th August, at 7½ o'clock, p. m., Rev. J. Allan to give intimation to the congregation on Sabbath first.