CHURCH NEWS,

BRITISH AND POREIGN.

An additional missionary is asked from the Irish Presbyterian Church for the city of Damascus, where mission work is quite prosperous.

THE Rev. J. B. Logan, late paster of the Kentville church, has applied for admission to the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland.

Tuz editor of Good Words is the probable future dean of the Order of the Thistle. The honour is the highest which a Scottish clergyman can receive.

THE Scottish Presbyterian Union Association has passed a resolution rejoicing "in the wide-spread feeling in favour of union that is being manifested."

AN Interesting conference on temperance and home missions has been held in Edinburgh by one hundred ladies of the Church of Scotland. Lord l'olwarth presided at the meeting.

THE contributions by evangelical Christendom to-day for missions to the heathen come to \$3,000,000, a sum more than thirty-fold greater than that raised eighty or ninety years ago.

RRY, DR. RAY PALMER, the author of the hymn, " My faith looks up to Thee," is seventy-eight years of age, and is suffering from an apoplectic attack, from which it is feared he cannot re-

MISS TUCKER, A. L. O. E., according to our latest advices from India, was recovering from her dangerous illness. She was able to bear removal to Umritsur in the hope that she might derive benefit from a change of air.

THE U.P. Missionary Record, Match, contains oblivary notices of Rev.]as. Knox, D.D., Pollok St. church, Glasgow, Dr. Angus McDonald, of Bdinburgh, and Principal Tulloch; the Church of Scotland Record, of Rev. W. Robertson, Orkney.

THE Prime-Minister of Hungary, himself a Presbyterian, has succeeded in passing a bill through the Hungarian Parliament by which the Presbyterian Church; is, to be represented by five ministers and five elders, to be elected by their congregations, to sit in the Upper House of the Hungarian Parliament, so as to be a counterpoise to the prelates of the Roman Catholic and Greek churches, who have seats in that

AT a meeting of the Poreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England (the London members) held on the 16th ult., the convener reported that a very handsome offer has just been made by Mr. J. T. Morton, a mem-ber of the Church, to defray all the expense of sending out to Western China by the new opening through Burmah' four missionaries, two ordained and two medical, and to pay their salaries and all incidental expenses for a period of three years. This generous offer will be considered at the full meeting of the committee this month.

"THE TONGUE GUARD" is the name of a society in Connecticut, in which the members-young ladies-enter into an agreement to say nothing ill-natured of any person, male or female, old or young, rich or poor; and they further agree, should they in some unguarded moment violate their obligation, to pay a fine of five cents for each and every violation of the same. The poor of that Connecticut town are enjoying a winter of unprecedented abundance. The Poor Association and the Church Aid Societies have disbanded, as the

AT a social meeting on Thursday evening of the members of Prospect Buckbaven was to come among them as the successor of the late Dr. McKay. Of course, he had to await the decision of the Presbytery of Kircaldy, but it was only one case in a thousand in which the presbytery's power was exercised to prevent a minister leaving one church to go to another. Mr.Train within three years had received a dozen calls, and his acceptance of the call to Hull showed that he was clear in his own mind that he went at God's command. In about six weeks Mr. Train might be expected amongst them.

Mr. Finlay has drafted a second bill on Scottish ecclesiastical matters in addition to his bill for declaring the Spiritual Independence of the Church of Scotland. He wishes to exempt all over their grimy faces, as if the whole lands not exceeding £5 of real rent from world were the happier for their having lands not exceeding £5 of real rent from assessment. His bill further proposes to abolish compulsory payment of the from one of the Homes appeared upon ecclesiastical assessments at present the platform, dressed in bright sailor imposed in Scotland, and the only punsuits, which made four thousand eyes ishment that would in future attach to failure to pay, should the bill pass, would be the loss by the sinning heritor would be the loss by the sinning heritor boys who had found good homes by the of his right to sittings in the parish church. Vested rights would be recognized, and the passing of the bill would ing who would accept the training of not affect any assessment for building the passing of the Act. Another rather and a large number additional were important alteration is proposed by the bill. The jurisdiction of presbyteries was given to all who had not forfeited to be transferred to the sheriff.

DR. NATHAN BROWN, the distinguished missionary and linguist, author of the well-known hymn, "The Missionor the well-known hymn, "The Mission-ary's Call," died at Yokohama, Japan, on the first day of the year. A native of Vermont, and a graduate of Williams College, he sailed in 1832 as a mission.

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ary to the Shans in northern India, and remained among them for twenty years, during which he translated the New Testament into Assaman. Returning to his native land in 1855, he was for a number of years editor of the American Baptist. In 1872 he went to Japan; where he has been engaged in the translation of the Hible into the Japanese language. A large portion of this work has been published, and millions of copies of the Gospels are now in circulation through his efforts. Dr. Brown had reached his 79th year; his health had been falling for several months, but he did not desist from his loved employ until a few weeks before his death.

REV. DR. ORMISTON, of New York, in a series of articles in the Ilomiletic Review, tells his readers how he fell into insomnia and lost his health, and finally got out of it and found his health again. He sums it all up in "the Massage Treatment." Returning to New York, worked down and feeling that his work was done, and desirous of resign-ing his pastorul charge, to which, how-ever, his consistory would not accede, as a last resort he tried Massage Treat ment, and for three months "was sub-ject to all kinds of shakings, and rub-bings, and turnings, and twistings, and knucklings' applied by various lugeniously contrived machines, and also by the hand of the manipulator." As a result, "sleep and light and peace and strength" came back to him, and his resignation was not written. Dr. Ormiston promises to give in a concluding paper the remainder of his story and its practical lessons, which will doubtless have interest for very many.

THE assumed occupancy of the Islands of Samoa has created not a little stir among English Congregationalists, and for a very obvious reason. For years the inhabitants, who have been brought almost to a man under the influence of Christianity, have been under the care of the London Missionary Society-a society mainly supported by the Congregational body. Not in-cluding foreigness, the population amounts to about twenty thousand. Of these, about four thousand are Roman Catholics, and about three thousand Wesleyans. The rest are under the care of the Congregational missionaries. The islands form a little archipolago to the northeast of Fiji, and they used to be known as Navigators' Islands. The climate is mild and healthful and the soil productive. A desire was long since expressed by the natives for annexation to great Britain. If Germany should be allowed to have her own way in the talends the missions will be in the islands the missions will be imperilled. There will be a loud howl of indignation raised by the British churches if the Germans be permitted to follow the example of the Prench in Madagascar.

THE National Bible Society of Scotand has just completed its semi-jubilee. It stands next after the British and Foreign, and the American Bible Society, in the extent and usefulness of its labours for Bible circulation throughout the world. Its Twenty-fifth Annual Report records an income for the year 1885 of £32,000; a circulation of copies of the Scriptures amounting to 645,662; theforeign countries touched by its work 20; and the colporteurs supported or aided by it no fewer than 300. The year has seen the printing of the Chinyajan vertion of the New Testament by the Rev. Dr. Laws, of Livingstonia, com-pleted for the benefit of the tribes around Lake Nyasa; the completion funds of the new society are ample to the Chinese New Testament in an meet all the wants of the poor in that locality. Halifax is to have a similar society next year. and issue of an improved version of AT. a social meeting on Thursday of span, almost completed. All this evening of the members of Prospect street church, Hull, it was stated by the chairman, Mr. Andrew Mouat, that it was all but settled that Mr. Train of lation are shared with the British and Proches among them. Foreign Bible Society.

DR. BERNARDO'S annual featival for the homeless boys of London, which took place in that city the other day, was a most interesting event. For days before the streets and byways of East London were scoured for guests, and the result was the gathering of 2,000 in the great "Gospel Hall," the majority being under fifteen years of age. A third of this number were innocent of shoes, although the streets were covered with snow and ice, and the air was biting. The ragged and dirty crowd were treated to the music of a brass band, and were humanely stuffed with bread and butter, cake and tea. It was amus-ing to watch the look of content steal dined. A company of well-drilled lada gleam with satisfaction. A gospel talk followed, and the reading of letters from or repairing a manse during the incum-bency of a minister appointed before till after midnight. Sixty wern accepted, in questions as to the building or repair-ing of churches and manses is proposed night at least a bed was within the reach of this homeless mob.

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