

moration of the 200th anniversary of the refusal by two thousand ministers to read the Act of Uniformity in the time of Charles II.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—THEOLOGICAL CURRICULUM.—Dr. Peddie in the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Edinburgh has given notice of an overture suggesting whether the Session might not be extended from eight weeks to four or five months; secondly, whether the curriculum might not consist of four instead of five years; and thirdly, whether the Professors ought not to be relieved of their pastoral charges, and allowed to devote themselves to the duties of their chairs.

NEW EDUCATIONAL BILL FOR SCOTLAND.—The Lord Advocate has brought in a new Educational Bill for Scotland. It establishes different classes of schools as rural, district, and burgh, and vests the management of schools in school committees. It is meeting with opposition from the Established Church.

VACANCIES IN NEW COLLEGE, EDINBURGH.—The Presbyteries of the Free Church are generally availing themselves of their privilege of nominating individuals for the vacancies in the New College. Dr. Candlish, Dr. Duff, and Dr. Buchanan, have been nominated for the Principalship, Dr. McCosh and Mr. Rainy for the Professorship. Most of the Presbyteries recommend the appointment of Mr. Davidson, at present Hebrew Tutor, to the situation of colleague and assistant to Dr. Duncan.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION.—Steps are being taken to provide for the spiritual instruction and improvements of the foreign visitors who may be expected in London. A number of foreign ministers have been requested to preach, including Dr. D'Aubigne, Dr. Krummacher, Dr. Tholuck, and men of similar standing.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.—Matters in Italy appear to be approaching a crisis, so far as Rome is concerned. Garibaldi is again on the stage and is meeting with an enthusiastic reception wherever he goes. He is agitating for the settlement of the Roman and Venetian questions. The *Neus of the Churches* mentions that a protest has been lately presented to the Pope by the Societa Clerico-Liberale Italiana signed by 600 priests and 4000 of the laity. The same society has started a bi-weekly journal to advocate its views. The first article in the protest refers to the temporal power, which they insist shall be given up. One article contends that the "august majesty of the Catholic rites shall be purged of all the superstitions and pagan excesses of the worship of the Virgin and of the Saints, which weaken the sublime simplicity of the christian worship."

AUSTRIA.—We find in the *Neus of the Churches* a sketch of a new Religious Liberty Code presented to the Chamber of Deputies at Vienna. If faithfully carried out it secures a certain share of religious freedom, allowing every one at least of 18 years of age to choose a belief according to his or her conviction.

EFFORTS OF ROMAN CATHOLICS IN CHINA.—The Roman Catholic Church is making great efforts in China. A Bishop of Peking, seven missionary priests and fifteen sisters of mercy have lately gone to Peking.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN BOSTON, U. S.—The Rev. Dr. Scott, formerly of San Francisco, and a few years ago Moderator of the General Assembly (O. S.), has been called to the vacant Presbyterian Church in Boston—the church formerly under the pastoral charge of Rev. W. McLaren, now of Belleville, and more recently under that of Rev. Mr. McGill.

ADDRESS OF KINGSTON SABBATH REFORMATION SOCIETY.—We have received a copy of a very excellent address issued by the committee of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society. The address urges the duty of petitioning the Legislature for the abolition of Sabbath labour in Post Office Department, Sabbath traffic on Railways, &c.

NOBLE EXAMPLE OF LIBERALITY.—Mr. Peabody, for many years an American Banker in London, has given £150,000 for the establishment of some institution for the especial benefit of the working classes.