

large bodies of Roman Catholics, many children, rather than be deprived of all education, attend them and receive instruction in scripture truth. "I was particularly struck," says Mr. Duff, a minister in Connaught and visitor of these schools, "with some of the answers I had from those Roman Catholic children. Let one or two examples suffice: Q. How can we be saved from everlasting ruin? A. By faith alone in Jesus Christ. Q. Was the Virgin Mary the mother of God? A. No. Q. Why? A. God is the Creator of all, and was from everlasting, and therefore could have no mother. Q. Who can forgive sins? A. God only. Q. To whom should we confess our sins? A. To God, for He only can pardon."

Mr. Moore, the missionary to Spain, has been spending some time in Madrid. He speaks of largely attended Sabbath services, and interesting Sabbath Schools. One of the most interesting parts of his communication is that in which he speaks of the many warm-hearted Christians, British, American, Spanish, &c., who have devoted themselves to the work of God in the Spanish metropolis. Mr. Moore thinks of settling in Valencia, which is yet almost unoccupied by evangelists, a colporteur being the only labourer in that portion of the vineyard.

General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLAND AND WALES.—The so-called Welsh Calvinistic Methodists are really Presbyterians, and, it is supposed, will soon unite with the English Presbyterian Church, the only obstacle in the way being the present use of the ancient language in the church courts. As, however, all the ministers understand English, the case will not be different from that of the Highland presbyteries in the Synods and Assemblies of Scotland.

The Congregationalist year book gives the following statistics:—County Unions and Associations—England, 45; Wales, 16; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 1; Colonies, 8. Churches—England, 2050; Wales, 846; Scotland, 102; Ireland, 27; Islands of the British Seas, 16; British America, 125; Australia and New Zealand, 146; Cape of Good Hope, Natal, &c., in South Africa, 10; Foreign Mission Churches, 133. Ministers and Missionaries—England, 1875; Wales, 390; Scotland, 103; Ireland, 23; Continent, 7; Colonies, 220; Foreign Lands, 160; native ordained ministers in heathen lands, 54.

The Rev. Dr. George Smith, Secretary to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, who recently visited this country as delegate to the Congregational Churches here, is dead.

In the parish of Heapey, near Manchester, on account of the refusal of the incumbent, who is infirm, to appoint the Rev. J. Shaw his curate, the greater number of the congregation of the parish church have withdrawn, and have resolved to join the Free Church of England.

Dr. Temple, as Bishop of Exeter, has withdrawn his paper from all future editions of the Essays and Reviews, but took occasion, while intimating the fact, to defend the publication of the whole work.

Ritualism is still rampant in spite of the recent judgment in the Court of Arches, which really sanctions transubstantiation. It is an easy matter for a Church, whose religion lies principally in form, to reform sufficiently to admit even the corrupt Greek and Abyssinian Churches into fellowship.