BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

DR. JOHN HALL, of New York, is now in Rurone.

THERE are seven hundred religious papers published in America. REV. John W. Tolmer, M.A., of Contin, died in Edinburgh on 27th ult.,

REV. A. S. LAIDLAW, B.D., Stewarton, Free Church, was ordained last Wednesday at Kilmarnock as missionary professor to Madras.

THE honorary degree of D.D. has been conferred by Edinburgh University upon Prof. George P. Pisher, Yale, and of L. D. on Prof. Noah Porter, D.D., ex-president of Yale,

A PLEBISCITE of Newark church, Port Glasgow, shows 250 against too in favour of instrumental music, and the kirk-session has agreed to accede to the wishes of the majority.

THE widow and children of the Ettrick Sheptierd joined the Pree Church at the Disruption, and his daughter, Mrs. Garden, who lately published a blography of her father, is the wife of a Pree Church elder,

EDINBURGH Presbytery (Established) has agreed to consult sessions as to their practice regarding fast-days. Mr. Arthur, Leigh, deplored the possibility of their abolition as they are "the last remnant of Presbyterian Protestant-

MISS STROY, of 5 Cheyne Street, Edinburgh, has died, leaving over a quarter of a million, of which £4,000 goes to Ringlish Church missionary organiza-tions. If one of her legatees has no family, his portion is to go to build and endow an Established Church in Eng-

It is rumoured that a Roman Catholic Hierarchy is to be established in India. For the sake of the inhabitants of that country, we sincerely hope, says the London Christian, this report will prove unfounded. History records nothing but strife, and consequent nilsery, whereever it has held sway.

THE hospital Sunday collection at Dr. Dykes' church, London, was made up of 3 \$5 notes, 41 sovereigns, 48 halfsovereigns, 81 half-crowns, 116 florins, 271 shillings, 311 sixpences, 91 threepennies, 187 pennies and 32 half-pennies —giving a total of £125 os. 8d.

THE Baptist Mission in Italy have just held their General Assembly at Bologna. The reports read, and the discussions they gave rise to, prove the missionary spirit is strong in them, and that they are quietly but steadily carrying on their work of evangelization in

THE society for the relief of persecuted Jews has had offered it for purchase in Palestine most suitable land on which trained men could be placed, and thus a permanent settlement secured by Christian love for Jews driven out by persecution from Russia and other lands. Surely many will respond to Mrs. Finn's earnest appeal in this matter.

PROF. W. G. BLAIKIE, of Edinburgh, writing in an American paper, says the story goes that once, in preaching before her majesty, Canon Liddon violated etiquette by addressing the Queen per-sonally—as Bourdaloue and others used to address Louis XIV.—and that it is the penalty of this offence which keeps him from an English mitre.

Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the memorative, in a sense rather too gener-Scriptures were issued, making a total ous for many strict Presbytetians, of of 108,320,860 since the society commenced its valuable labours. Fifty years ago the society's income was only a little over £100,000, and at that time the cheapest Bible was published at three shillings, whereas to-day one can be obtained for aixpence, or a beautifully printed Testament for one penny. "In thy light we shall see light" (Pa.

THE report of the Poreign Evangelizaof God in permitting it to bear some part, though but a humble one, in the great conflict between His cause and that of His adversaries on the continent of Europe. In regard to this work, it is still "a day of small things." Yet in many places in France, in Belgium, in Germany, in Italy, and in Spain and Portugal, the work of making known the Gospel is being earnestly prosecuted, though often under great difficulties. In Spain the death of King Alfonso removed a very formidable repression of the work of the Gospel, for with the fall of the Canovas-Pidal Ministry fell also the hopes of the Romish hierarchy for the time being. The hon secretary is the Rev. Horace Noel, Woking, Surrey.

An enterprise which is attracting the attention and support of prominent Christians in America is the proposed Christian College for China. The prospectus has just been given to the public by Rev. A. P. Hopper, secretary of the board of officers, who is a Presbyterian missionary resident for the past forty years in China. A public appeal is made for fonds with which to establish this institution, where native preachers and physicians may be educated for regular evangelical work among the three hundred million people of the Chinese Empire. The college is to be similar to Robert College in Constantinople and the Syrian college in Beirut. The trustees hope to erect a building as

ing to his parishioners:-"The rector has much pleasure in announcing that funerals may shortly be conducted with full Catholic ceremonies. There will be a handsome violet pall for adult communicants; a white pail and suit-able bier for the funerals of children. There will be six funeral lights flanking the coffin on either side. A burlal guild is in contemplation, with the object of securing increased reverence in the treatment of the dead, and especially of providing choral burial for deceased members of the congregation, being communicants, and their children. The crucifix will be used on these occasions, with scolytes and surpliced choir.
Where thought desirable, incense will be employed, so beautifully symbolical of the mutual intercession by which living and departed are bound together."
What rubbish is this talk about incense in the churches. Canon McColl tells us he uses it to remove bad smells. Incense was probably first introduced as a dis-infectant.—Freeman.

Dr. Colin S. Valentine, of Agra, Dr. Mackinnon, of Damascus, and Dr. Lyall, of Swatow, are now in England, but hope to return to their respective spheres of labour in the autumn. Swatow Medical Mission, which is, during Dr. Lyali's absence, under the charge of Dr. P. B. Cousland, has been greatly blessed. During 1885 the number of in-patients was 3,867, and the average daily number of in-patients was 200. In addition, 1770 out-patients were treated. All the patients who are able are expected to attend morning and are expected to attend morning and evening worship in the hospital chapel, and as a result over eight patients last year publicly declared their faith and their desire to join the Church. The so-ciety has been enabled to send funds to Mr. McAll for the support of the two dispensaries which he has opened at Les Ternes and Ivry. Dr. Anderson contributes an interesting account of the inauguration of the work to this month's Quarterly Paper, which also contains a letter from Miss Whateley giving a cheering description of the work of the Cairo Medical Mission, the pioneer of the work in Egypt. At Smyrna, Dr. L. Prinski Scott, who is a Jew with special qualifications for misslonary work amongst his people, is working with much acceptance. From 6,000 to 7,000 patients pass under the doctor's hands every year, and a house with grounds attached has now been purchased for a hospital.

THE Free Church Monthly for August says it is understood that the Free Churchman who was announced in last General Assembly of the Established Church to have given his lawyer instructions to divert a bequest of \$\int_{20},000\$ from the Free to the Established Church is Dr. R. H. Gunning, of Rio Janeiro. The letter announcing this decision was read to the Established Canana Assembly to the Canana Assembly to General Assembly, and created great enthusiasm among the members. In it the writer declared himself to be ready and willing to join the National Church as soon as it was wise to do so. The bequest which he proposed to make was for the carrying on of territorial work in a great city in Scotland. Dr. Gunning in his youth was a fellow-worker with Dr. Chalmers in West Port, Bdinburgh, and after a long residence at Rio Janeiro, on his return to this country, he took great interest in the movement for erecting a new church for the Free church congregation in West Port, founded by Dr. Chalmers. He is also Last year the income of the British and Foreign Bible Society reached f238,391, the proceeds from the sale of the Scriptures being no less than £105,517. During the year over four millions files on another pillar com-Cathedral in commemoration of Jennie Geddes, brought out, it is believed, in Dean Hannay, at whose head Jennie is said to have thrown her stool.

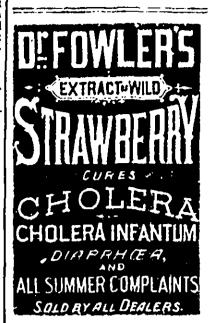
Tite results of the wide spread revival influence of last winter are begin ing. influence of last winter are begin ing, says the N. F. Independent, to spear in Church statistics. The "coriparative summary" of the Presbyterian Church, which Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk, has just sent out, shows that the number added the past year, "on examination" was 51,177, the largest ingathering in the history of the Church, showing an increase of 8,205 over the previous year. In 1881 the figures were only 25,344, so that the figures were only 25,344, so that the results of 1886 are more than twice those of 1881, which yielded the smallest returns of any year since 1872, if not since the reunion. The nearest approach to the figures of 1886 was, curiously enough, in 1876, just ten years ago, when 48,240 were added on examination. The average received on examination in the past fifteen years, is 35,337. It is a little curious that, notwithstanding the large number added on examination, the past year, the net increase of members is only 17.784, while in the previous year it was 29 083 on a smaller basis of additions. The number added by certificate does not explain the discrepancy, for while it was 27,316 in 1885, it was 28,490 the past year. There is a gain in baptisms of adults of more than 3,000 this year, the total being 18,474. The number of infant baptisms also indicates continued increase. The Church has gained in ministers, having 5,516 against 5,474 in 1885; in churches, having 6,28t against 6,005 in 1885, and in all its contributions except those for education. Freedmen, and miscellaneous purposes. It takes nearly ten and a half millions a year to conduct the various operations of the Presbyterian Church.

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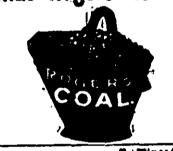
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