

reasonable time and give full effect to the Church Act, it is suggested that it would be desirable to have a supplemental Act, in order to enable the Commissioners to sell the rent-charges, or convert them into annuities with liberty to redeem them.

PROGRESS IN MISSIONS.—In 1833, Presbyterian Church United States had but one mission, now she has 13. Having then one station, now she has over 200, and nearly 800 missionary labourers, 128 of whom are ordained. Marked progress has also been made in her rate of contributions. In 1833 contributing a little over \$3,500, last year nearly \$331,000 were given to foreign missions, \$21,000 of which was raised by the children of the church. Such progress is worthy of being chronicled, and should incite us to go and do likewise.

ROME.—Two Sabbath schools have lately been established in Rome, having over 130 scholars.

AFRICAN EVANGELIZATION.—A seminary has lately been established at New Orleans for the purpose of educating coloured missionaries to labour among poor Africa's sons. One of the professors, writes scores of young men of promise have applied for admission, but a want of means bars their entrance. The Seminary has no funds and relies upon such free will offerings as God may incline His people to make. The object is a worthy one, and deserves encouragement.

JAPAN.—Brighter days are evidently dawning upon this country. A proposal has lately been made for the establishment of as many as 55,000 public schools in Japan. Containing a population of over 32,000,000 of benighted people in great ignorance, what a vast work will yet have to be done here.

LOYALTY ISLANDS.—The Christians in some parts of these islands, a few months ago, suffered some terrible trials from the Roman Catholics. A number of them were brutally put to death because they would not give up their faith in the Saviour and their Christian books.

CENTRAL TUREEY.—A proposal has lately been made to establish a Christian

college in the interior of Asia Minor. The primary object of this college will be the thorough education of young men for the Christian ministry. A good education will also be furnished to young men at a moderate expense. Funds are already forthcoming, and we trust that the enterprise will be successful.

LONDON.—City Missionaries are now employed to labour among the foreigners in London. Eleven of these missionaries are now supported, and are more or less acquainted with seventeen different languages.

Miscellaneous.

Humility.

The violet bows its lowly head
And bends its pliant form,
While overhead high towering oaks,
Defy the embattled storm.

The tempest o'er, while shattered oaks
Their desolations mourn,
The violet lifts its smiling face,
Without a petal torn!

Does your Scholar Understand it?

Teachers are too apt to take it for granted that their scholars understand the meaning of all words in the lessons which are of common use. If they would test the scholar's knowledge by frequent questions as to the meaning of words employed, they would be surprised to find how many words need explanation. A good mother was telling the story of Joseph sold by his brethren to her bright little daughter. The child seemed greatly interested, and the mother supposed she understood it all. But when asked if she knew what a "pit" was, such a pit as Joseph was cast into, the child answered quickly, "Yes, it's what you find inside a peach-stone." She had heard the kernel of a peach-stone called a "pit." She had never heard an opening in the ground so called. Probably she counted the story of Joseph something of the fairy-tale order, wherein the hero was encased in a peach-stone, much as the fairy of Cinderella was enwrapped in the pumpkin. That child was by no