

mentioned in an Act passed by her Majesty Queen Anne, entitled "An Act for securing the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government." He is now required to state that he will never endeavour, directly or indirectly to teach or inculcate any opinion opposed to the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, or to the Westminster Confession of Faith as ratified by law in the year 1690, and that he will not exercise the functions of his office to the prejudice or subversion of the Church of Scotland as by law established, or the doctrines or privileges thereof.

THE IRISH SYSTEM OF EDUCATION.—Dr. Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, has lately withdrawn from the Board of Commissioners, followed in this step by Baron Green and Mr. Jackburne. The Archbishop has since explained the state of things which has led to his resignation. It appears that of late, especially since the death of Dr. Murray, Popish influence has begun to work upon the system, which was previously advancing in a harmonious way. Teachers and individual officers sometimes took it upon them to dispense with the Books on Religious Instruction, which had received the unanimous sanction of the Commissioners. Dr. Whately remonstrated, but the result was that the Scripture Lessons, and the Lessons on the Evidences of Christianity, were excluded from the list sanctioned by the Commissioners. Dr. Whately, after waiting to ascertain what the Government would do, at last tendered his resignation, on the ground that he could not with honor consent to be a party to proceedings which amounted to an abandonment of all fixed principles, and a consequent subversion of the existing system, and a misapplication of the Parliamentary Grant. It is deeply to be deplored that the Government appears to sanction the proceedings of the Romish party.

POPERY UNPOPULAR AT HEAD QUARTERS.—Of the sum of £12,932, collected for the purpose of defraying Dr. Newman's expenses in the suit brought against him by Dr. Achilli, only £163 came from Italy, the head quarters of Popery.

EASTERN QUESTION.—This question is still unsettled. Indeed, the accounts by the *Atlantic* state that war had actually been declared by the Sultan. It is evidently the most anxious desire of all the powers of Europe, with the exception of Russia, to prevent war. It is to be hoped that, even yet, their efforts will be successful. However, whatever turn matters may take, we know that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and that His counsels stand forever. He can overrule all things for his own glory, and for the furtherance of the Gospel.

HOPF STREET FREE CHURCH, GLASGOW.—The Rev. Duncan McGregor of Stornoway was lately chosen unanimously and cordially to be Minister of this congregation.

REV. DR. DILL.—Dr. Dill is indefatigably employed in the North of Scotland, in addressing the people on the evils of Popery, political, social and moral, as well as religious, and in forming branches of the Scottish Reformation Society.

ST. ANDREW'S, ORKNEY.—The Rev. Archibald Smellie has been ordained and inducted as successor to his late venerated father.

FREE CHURCH SUSTENTATION FUND.—There has been an increase in this Fund during the past quarter amounting nearly to £1200. In the Education Fund there has been a decrease of about £90.

LEOCHEL CUSHNIE.—The Rev. Mr. Cushnie (a minister of the Church of England) has given a site on his property for the erection of a Free Church. The congregation now under the spiritual charge of the Rev. T. Alexander, formerly of Cobourg, have remained steadfast in the midst of many difficulties.

DEATH OF DR. SYMINGTON.—The Rev. Dr. Symington of Paisley, Professor of Divinity to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, died on the

22nd September. This intelligence will be received with sorrow by many.

SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The Clergy and lay Delegates of the Church of England lately assembled in the city of Toronto, constituting themselves into a Synod for the transaction of ecclesiastical business. In his opening address, the Bishop recommended co-operation between his own church and that of Rome, with the view of keeping the Clergy Reserves. We hope many of the ministers and members of the Church of England would rather see the Reserves gone forever, than see such an alliance.

THE CHOLERA.—The Cholera has spread from the north of Europe to Great Britain, and has been prevailing fatally in Newcastle and some other towns in the north of England. It is to be hoped that the cold weather will arrest its ravages. This pestilence may, in the providence of God, again visit our continent. And surely now, while it is still at some distance, it becomes all to prepare for its approach, by temperance, and cleanliness, and especially by acquainting themselves with God, that they may be at peace.

SINGULAR AND MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.—A subscriber residing in Mono informs us that, on the 7th ult., while he and another person were walking along the centre road, opposite Lot No. 13, they observed by the road side what at first they took to be a large band-box, but, on going to examine more narrowly, found it to be three large copies of the Scriptures. On searching farther they found two copies more, each copy wrapped in paper, and marked, "Quarto Bible, Phinney & Co., Buffalo." The circumstance certainly calls for investigation on the part of the authorities. The Bibles remain in the possession of our informant, Mr. D. McNaughton, of Mono.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.—The examinations of the Normal and Model Schools lately took place, and were most satisfactory to all who were present. These institutions appear to be conducted in an admirable manner; and will, we doubt not, be the means of elevating the standard of Education in our Province.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.—Our Brethren in Nova Scotia are making a vigorous effort to collect a sufficient sum for the endowment of Professors in their Theological College. The Rev. Mr. Forrester was lately in New Brunswick, and in the course of a month raised £1000 for this purpose.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITIONS.—The recent exhibition at Hamilton, and also that at Montreal, have been described in most favourable terms by the newspaper press generally. They give most decided indications of real progress in the Province. One thing connected with the Exhibition at Hamilton we deeply regret, viz., the sale of intoxicating drinks, which appears to have been sanctioned, or at least permitted by the Directors. We trust this will not be allowed on future occasions.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

We have just received the October number of the *Home and Foreign Record*. It contains much interesting and encouraging information, especially with regard to the missions in India. "Every successive letter received from India," the Editor remarks, "has a more hopeful tone about it." The Rev. Mr. Milne has commenced a most important and interesting work at Calcutta, among the intellectually convinced but not converted youths, who have gone out from the mission, and entered upon business. The follow-

ing extract from his letter will no doubt be interesting to our readers:—

A NEW FIELD OPENED IN CALCUTTA.—It is strange how the growing light meets you in most unexpected ways. One day I stopped my carriage to enquire after some place I could not find. A young Hindu came forward, dressed like others, but having an intelligent look; he spoke in English; I took him with me to find the place, and we got into conversation. He had been educated at one of the institutions, but had left it unconverted, and was now a merchant in one of the bazaars. I got his name and address, and felt here is a mine opened up, for there must be many scattered about. I endeavoured to get a hold of a few of them, and had an experimental meeting on Thursday night. Perhaps twenty came, mostly young educated, unconverted Hindus, and a few East Indians, all of them either attending institutions, or engaged in the public or mercantile offices. I got their names and addresses, had a short Bible lesson, and then very fairly discussed our plans. They were very grateful to me for thinking of them. We settled that we should take up Romans for our Bible lesson; the last volume of D'Aubigne—the English Reformation—for our reading lesson. And one of them suggested that if we had a few spare moments I might read a few sentences of Young's "Night Thoughts;" another thought Milton might be better, but we agreed to give Young a little trial, and then turn to Milton. I found some at the institution fond of Cowper. On Monday night we had our first meeting, and the large room I have taken for my class-room was crowded, so that I saw it would not do, and we determined after this to meet in the church. I gave away twenty-five Bibles, which Mr. Milne had got for me from the Bible Society. One young man of whom I heard when I was visiting one of my people at the Treasury, is, I think a hopeful case. He had been educated at our institution, but had left it, like so many others, unchanged, and entered into business. I was told that he was such, so I wrote his name upon a little book, "Come to Jesus," and sent it to him. About a fortnight after, two young men came with a note of introduction, and it was my young friend and one of his companions. Since then he has been several times with me; I have got him a Reference Bible, and he has begun to read from the commencement. I trust he will ere long make an intelligent profession. He is living with his father, but could support himself with his salary independently. I should like to see more converts of this kind, who might be a help to us and not a burden.

Mr. McKay in a letter to Dr. Tweedie, dated Calcutta, 16th July, 1853, gives the following interesting account of another Indian convert:—

ANOTHER INDIAN CONVERT.—You will, I am sure, rejoice to learn that another convert has been added to our little flock. His name is Mudra Sudan Singh. He belongs to the first school class, and is about twenty-one years old. He ascribes his conversion mainly to the ordinary class-reading of the New Testament under Mr. Ewart; and, though deficient in the knowledge of English, and not in any way distinguished as a student, there was an evident sincerity about him, and he gave such a satisfactory account of his spiritual exercises for the last two or three months, and his felt need of the Saviour, as quite to satisfy Mr. Milne, Mr. Ewart, and myself; and he was accordingly baptized by Mr. Milne in the Free Church, on Wednesday evening, July 6—an evening which had previously been set apart for special social prayer in behalf of the Calcutta mission; and you may well imagine that our prayers were not the less fervent in the face of this token of the Lord's mercy and favor.

The young man is very respectably connected. He is a nephew of Rajah Radakaut Deb—the head of the orthodox or bigoted Hindu party,