

ACTON.—It is but a few months since we recorded the ordination of the Rev. L. Cameron as pastor of the congregation of Acton. We rejoice to hear of the growing prosperity of the congregation under Mr. Cameron's care. Mr. Cameron has recently received from the ladies of the congregation as a token of their esteem, a gift of the value of seventy dollars.

MODERATORSHIP OF SYNOD.—The Rev. J. Dick, of Richmond Hill, has been nominated by the Presbytery of Toronto for the Moderatorship of the Synod.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—An obituary notice of Mr. R. Grant, of North Easthope, and several other deferred articles, will appear in next number.

General Religious Intelligence.

UNION TENDENCIES.—The cause of Presbyterian union is still advancing. In Paisley a union soiree of the office-bearers and members of the Free, United, and Reformed Presbyterian churches was lately held, for the purpose of promoting ecclesiastical union among the three bodies. There were a number of ministers and influential office-bearers of all the three denominations present. Effective speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Thomson, and Rev. W. Arnot, of Glasgow, as well as by others. Meetings of the kind will no doubt prepare the way for union. The Rev. Dr. Cairns, of Berwick, lately spoke in Newcastle at considerable length and in very favourable terms of the prospect of union between the churches in England.

THE BISHOPS OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH AND SABBATH EXCURSION TRAINS.—A memorial, signed by the two Archbishops and twenty-five Bishops, has been laid before the directors of the principal railways in England, praying that Sabbath excursion trains may be stopped. The Bishop of Hereford alone declined to sign, but he speaks of the object of the memorial as excellent. Similar memorials have been forwarded by the Congregational body of England and Wales, the Methodist Conference, the Presbyterians of London, and other religious bodies.

PROGRESS OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN ENGLAND.—Almost every month we have to note some progress in England. The last number of the *Messenger* records the commencement of Presbyterian services in Torquay, under the charge of the Rev. A. Edersheim. A hall has been obtained for service in the meantime, and a commodious church is in progress. Torquay is resorted to by many invalids from Scotland and elsewhere, and a Presbyterian church will be a great boon.

INCREASE OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN IRELAND.—Presbyterians have increased three-fold in the province of Leinster, and four-fold in the provinces of Munster and Connaught, since 1834.

DEATH OF REV. DR. ROSS, OF SYDNEY.—The death of the Rev. Dr. Ross, of Sydney, N. S. W., took place on the 25th October. Dr. Ross was educated at Edinburgh. He laboured first in Russia, afterwards in Kidderminster, and then for upwards of twenty years at Sydney, where, in addition to the duties of a pastoral charge, he acted as agent for the London Missionary Society's missions in Polynesia. Dr. Ross was a man of ability, and was long identified with the cause of Christian missions.

MADAGASCAR.—The contributions for the memorial churches now amount to upwards of six thousand pounds. Four additional labourers have been appointed to Madagascar.