

attending the means of grace in Episcopal Churches. There are about 100,000 persons belonging to the Roman Catholic Church, and of these 22,750 are reported as attending the services on the Sabbath. There are 35,000 Presbyterians, and of these 7356 are in attendance. There are some 53,682 Methodists, yet 24,398 are returned as attending their places of worship. There are 5411 Congregationalists, and 4705 persons attend their service. The large attendance reported by the Methodists indicates that their organization provides for the necessities of a people living in a very scattered condition, more effectually than the other and greater churches do. By the employment of an agency somewhat akin to that of the Methodists, including itineracy and lay agency, other churches might do more to carry religious ordinances to the people.

Summary.

REV JOHN BONAR, D.D.—In the January number of the *Record* we expressed ourselves as glad at tidings of the recovery of Dr. Bonar; but before the *Record* had reached many of our readers we received the melancholy tidings of his death which took place in Edinburgh on the 20th December. Though he was unwell for some days, his death was sudden and unexpected. Sitting up in his bed to receive some refreshment he was seized with a spasm, laid himself down and expired. The name of Dr John Bonar is familiar to most of our readers, he having been Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland. The Presbyterians of many Colonies are under deep obligations to him; and not a few of our ministers regarded him with all the affection of children to a father and they mourn over his death as if it were a personal bereavement. Dr. Bonar was the firm and intelligent advocate of Presbyterian Union in the Colonies, and he lived to rejoice in the success of his liberal and enlightened policy.

THE CARDROSS CASE.—This case has at last come to an end, Mr. McMillan having relinquished it from "desire of peace" and "lack of means!"

THE JOHN WILLIAMS.—This well known Mission ship left Sydney for the Pacific Islands on the 26th September last.—Among the passengers were Rev. Dr. Turner, W. A. Murray, Whitnee, King and Mills and their wives.

DR. MONOD.—Our readers will regret to hear that Dr. F. Monod of Paris is no more. His death was expected for some months past.

The Foreign Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, advertise for one missionary to be sent to Ningpo, two to Western Africa, and one to New Zealand.

News of the Church.

TIDINGS OF THE "Dayspring."—The English mail which arrived here on Monday the 25th January, brought letters from our beloved missionaries, dated the 10th December, South Latitude 14° . 50', West Longitude 31°. All on board were well. "We are" says Mr. Morrison, "receiving abundant answers to the thousand prayers that are daily ascending for us to the throne of grace from the family altars of our dear native land." Mrs. McCullagh had been much reduced by sea-sickness; Mrs. Morrison also suffered considerably; but both were recruiting, and "beginning to enjoy the wonders of the deep." Mr. Morrison himself we are glad to learn, was scarcely at all affected by the sea, and was able to minister to sick companions. "We are all well occupied here. On the Sabbath we have preaching in the forenoon, and a Bible Class for the crew in the afternoon; a prayer-meeting every Wednesday night; family worship morning and evening, at which all attend except one man at the wheel and another on the watch." All on board were passing the time cheerfully and industriously. The *Dayspring* proved an excellent sailer, leaving behind every vessel that she fell in with in her course. Our letters were put on board the *Parana* on the 10th December, mailed at Pernambuco, Brazil, on the 15th, taken thence to England, and brought here by last mail. We trust to hear shortly by the way of the Cape of Good Hope, if the Captain find it desirable to call there.

MR. GEDDIE COMING HOME.—It will be seen by the Letter from Mr. Geddie, which we publish in this number that our pioneer Missionary and his family may, by God's blessing, be expected in this country in the