

### Religious Miscellany.

TWELVE new Churches are to be built in Montreal:—2 Episcopal, 4 Presbyterian, 3 Wesleyan, 1 Congregational, and 2 French Protestant Churches.

A SUBSCRIPTION has been raised in England for Bishop Colenso. Among the contributors are a number of individuals who have greater faith in scientific theories than in Scripture facts,—such as Mr. Darwin, the author of the "Development Theory"; Prof. Huxley, who claims that he descended from a Gorilla; and Sir Charles Lyell, the Geologist.

THE following curious advertisement appears in the *Gospel Standard*:—"The Ministry.—A few lovers of Gospel truth are in want of a minister. One who understands gardening, hothouses, and greenhouses, and who would be willing to employ himself in the same, would receive £40 per year, in addition to what might be raised by the friends."

THE widow of the late Dr. John Kitto has, we learn, presented a copy of her husband's last work, "Daily Bible Illustrations," to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The volumes were elegantly bound, in a style similar to the copy presented to the Queen by the author himself, when the work, which is dedicated to her Majesty, was first issued. Her Royal Highness has been pleased to accept the gift and to express her gracious pleasure in receiving it.

It is rather singular that the name of God should be spelled with four letters in almost every language, viz.: In Latin, Deus; French, Dieu; Greek, Theos; German, Gott; Scandinavian, Odin; Swedish, Codd; Hebrew, Aden; Syrian, Adad; Persian, Syra; Tartarian, Idga; Spanish, Dias; East Indian, Esgi or Zeni; Turkish, Addi; Egyptian, Aumn or Zent; Japanese, Zain; Peruvian, Lian; Wallachian, Zene; Etrurian, Chur; Irish, Dieh; Arabian, Alfa; and others still with four letters.—*American Paper*.

THE TOMB OF EZRA THE SCRIBE.—This is the age of commemorations. While we here in England are preparing to celebrate the three-hundredth anniversary of the bard of Avon, the Jews in the heart of Asia are bestirring themselves to erect a monument to the memory of the great restorer of their sacred writings. After having rested in his honoured grave for nearly 2,500 years, the Jews of Bagdad have been roused to erect him a monument on the spot which the most ancient tradition has designated as his grave, and the correctness of which there is no reason to doubt. This spot lies in the desert, near the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris, and the monument to be established is the only one befitting the memory of a man as much venerated by Christians as Jews. The proposed monument is a college for the study of the writings preserved through

his care for the civilized world. Contributions for this purpose have been forwarded from Bombay, London, and Paris.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

DESECRATIONS AT JERUSALEM.—The proceedings of M. DeSauley in the "Tombs of the Kings," Jerusalem, have excited considerable attention and still greater indignation, among the Jews of the Holy Land. The desecrations with which the Frenchman is charged have been denied; and Mr. Williams, of King's College, Cambridge, has written to the *Times* to vindicate M. DeSauley from his charge. We regret to say Mr. Williams is in error. Authentic news has reached London, placing the fact beyond all doubt. In a letter to the Board of Deputies, from the heads of the Jewish community of Jerusalem, these desecrations are minutely described. We, too, have received a letter to the same effect, bearing the signature of a very respectable Rabbi of Jerusalem—Rabbi Sneersohn, known also in Europe from his extensive travels—in which an account is given of these proceedings. We may add that, as we are credibly informed, the Porte has put a stop to those proceedings, and that the tombs of Joseph and Joshua, which M. DeSauley had singled out for his operations, are at present safe from the hands of the despoiler.—*Id.*

RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS IN IRELAND.—The last census of Ireland divides the religious professions of the people into Established Church, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Independents, Baptists, Quakers, "all other persuasions," and Jews. In looking over a table showing the religious professions of persons as described by themselves, included under the head of "all other persuasions," we find some curious particulars. 112 people have written themselves down simply as "Christians," and 68 as "High Church." Then there are 51 "Christian Israelites," and 40 "Brethren." 28 rank themselves as "Disciples of Christ;" 14 are "Derbyites;" 9 "Kellyites;" 3 "Walkerites;" 3 "Morrisonians;" and 1 "Cameronian." 9 simply declare themselves "Believers in Jesus;" 5 as "Members of Christ's Church;" 8 as "Sinners saved by Grace." We find also such designations as these: "Brethren in Christ," 2; "Church of Christ," 2; "The Word of God Alone," 2; "Self-opinion, or the Church of God," 1. One man writes himself down "a saint of no sect," and a man and a woman say they are "of no particular persuasion." Two go a little further than the last, and say that they are "undecided." Two others are "doubtful;" 44 males and 28 females say they are of "no religion." One is a "philanthropist;" another a "positivist;" and another a "Cromwellian Protestant." There are 4 socialists, 21 freethinkers, 20 secularists, 19 deists, 1 unbeliever (a woman), and 1 atheist. Two