

**LORD BELHAVEN'S BILL.**—The Bill introduced by Lord Belhaven with reference to the administration of discipline in the Established Church, among other things compelling the attendance of witnesses at Church Courts, has been postponed for the Session.

**OPENING OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN DIVINITY HALL.**—The Hall opened at the usual time, when Prof. McMichael delivered an introductory address. The subject of the address was the life and character of Augustine. The number of students enrolled was about 170.

**POPERY UNCHANGED.**—Our readers will have heard, by the daily and weekly newspapers of the alleged conversion of the late Sir Allan Macnab to the Romish faith a short time before his death. Statements have been published both by Rev. Mr. Geddes, the Protestant Clergyman, and by Bishop Farrell. We believe it will be the general conviction of the community that a gross outrage was committed by the agents of the Pope. One lesson which this occurrence may teach Protestants generally is, that Popery is unchanged.

**MURDER OF ANOTHER AMERICAN MISSIONARY.**—It is stated that the Rev. W. Meriam, an agent of the American Board of Missions stationed at Philippopoli, who had been on a visit to Constantinople with his wife, was on his return, and when only about nine miles of his station, attacked by brigands and cruelly murdered. Mrs. Meriam reached her home in safety.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In our last number we referred to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and noticed the fact that the Rev. Dr. Cooke had been elected Moderator. We subjoin a few of the more prominent items of business which occupied the attention of the Assembly.

### STATE OF RELIGION.

The Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Dublin, presented the report on the state of religion. The report stated that although the excitement connected with the revival of 1859 had passed away, the result of that gracious awakening was still felt, and the condition of the Church was more satisfactory than before the revival. Prayer meetings, Bible classes, open-air preaching and other means had still been employed to reach the lowest classes of the people, and there was every reason to believe that abundant fruit had been the result. The report noticed some causes for humiliation, and certain doctrines which should at present be specially brought forward. After some remarks from Dr. Johnston (originator of the open-air preaching system) and others, the report was adopted.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION.

The Rev. Mr. McNaughton presented this report. It stated that in the Connaught Presbytery there are now 15 congregations with ordained ministers. From 14 of these, answers to the usual queries have been received. In connexion with these 14 congregations there are 36 preaching stations. The attendance is in all the congregations 866, and at the preaching stations 767; there are 52 day and Sabbath Schools with 1,732 scholars. There are also employed 14 colporteurs and Scripture readers. Of the 15 congregations 9 had no existence at all ten years ago. The happy fruits of the mission are seen in many different spheres. More than 100 of the female pupils have gone to fill situations of