

PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN ENGLAND.—An influential meeting was lately held in London for the purpose of considering the subject of union between the Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church. About 150 Ministers and Elders were present. A happy spirit prevailed, and a committee was appointed.

DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES IN SYDNEY.—At one time the Wesleyans in Sydney determined to erect a denominational college to be affiliated with the Sydney University. They have recently determined *not* to prosecute the scheme. The only denominational college there is one in connection with the Episcopal Church.

MURDER OF MISSIONARIES.—Intelligence has been received of the murder of two missionaries in China, the Rev. Mr. Parker, of the Episcopal, and Rev. Mr. Holmes, of the Baptist Missions. They were murdered by marauding bands of Chinese rebels.

BISHOP FOR HONOLULU.—Previous difficulties having been removed, the Rev. Dr. Staley has been consecrated as the first Bishop of Honolulu.

SUPPRESSION OF MONASTERIES IN ITALY.—Victor Emanuel, under the advice of his new minister, is busy suppressing monasteries in Italy. The buildings, in most cases, are to be appropriated to educational or military uses, and the monks are to be supported by their own labour, aided, in some cases, by the State.

BICENTENARY OF THE EJECTMENT OF TWO THOUSAND PURITAN MINISTERS.—The Congregationalists in England are preparing to celebrate, on the 24th August of the present year, the ejectment of two thousand ministers from the Church of England by the passing of the Act of Uniformity.

PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF THE MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE IN GENEVA.—There are already blessed results from the meeting of the Alliance at Geneva. It has originated a new era of christian life and activity in Geneva itself—it has introduced the work of open air preaching and of "Bible women." It has also produced good even in Spain, whither the Rev. Messrs. Dallas and Eade went on their return from the Conference, for the purpose of conveying the salutations and sympathy of the Conference to the imprisoned brethren. Mr. Dallas, who speaks Spanish fluently, had opportunities of conferring with the prisoners, and was the means of greatly cheering and strengthening them.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN NEW YORK.—In New York, as in the leading cities in the United States, arrangements were made for holding special meetings during the first of January. Central meetings were held on several days, and on each evening there were meetings in most of the churches.

THE NEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES.—There is now duly organized a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States. The Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, is first Moderator. Committees on Home Missions, Publication, &c., &c., have been appointed.

HALIFAX COLLEGE.—There are 17 Theological students in attendance in the Halifax College. There are about 40 in attendance at Truro.

TESTIMONIALS TO REV. DR. LEITCH, PRINCIPAL OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—We observe that previously to his finally leaving Scotland, Principal Leitch received many gratifying tokens of respect and regard. Dr. Leitch was highly esteemed in Scotland, not only by his own brethren and those more immediately connected with him, but also by others.