

proposed. The Rev. W. Cochrane addressed the Assembly as Delegate from the Canada Presbyterian Church.

THE BIBLE IN SPAIN.—By the new constitution of Spain, recently promulgated, religious liberty is guaranteed, and already many zealous friends of the Bible are taking advantage of the change for circulating the Word of God. At the great annual fair at San Isidro, about a mile and a half from Madrid, which was attended by about 300,000 persons, 22 Bibles, 70 Testaments, and 5,000 Gospels, were sold, and 16,000 Tracts were distributed. The Rev. A. N. Somerville, of the Free Church, Glasgow, was one of the active distributors of the Scriptures. It is cheering to know that in various parts of Spain movements in favor of evangelical religion are going on.

NAPLES.—At a Bible meeting recently held in Naples, it was stated that the British and Foreign Bible Society had sold nearly 350,000 copies of the Scriptures, valued at \$250,000. Most of them had been taken by Catholics.

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS IN JAPAN.—Although the laws of the Japanese are still adverse, converts are beginning to come into the Church. Two men, of high intelligence, were baptized by the American Presbyterian Missionaries in February, and the first female convert was received at the same time. The Presbyterian Mission has now six Church members in Yokohama, while over sixty have applied to enter the school.

LAY REPRESENTATION IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, U. S.—The question of Lay Delegation, which has been before the Church for some time, is now virtually decided in the affirmative, the great majority of returns from the circuits being decidedly in favor of the lay element.

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EARLY LABOURERS IN THE FIELD.

MR. EDITOR.—In the short, and generally accurate sketch of the late Rev. George Murray, of Blenheim, given in your last issue, there are some *historical notes* regarding other early labourers which are not quite correct, and which, as being of some importance to the future historian of the Canada Presbyterian Church, are worthy of a brief notice in the way of explanation. First of all, the writer of the sketch is mistaken when he says that Messrs. "Proudfoot, Christie, and Robertson came out together." Messrs. Proudfoot and Robertson did come out together; but Mr. Christie was several weeks later; and often has the writer heard Mr. Christie state how he was appalled and cast down when, on his arrival in Montreal, and on calling at the lodgings of Mr. Robertson, he found that he had just died. Thus, instead of being welcomed by one or both of the brethren, as he had expected, he had to wend his way westward solitary and sorrowful, Mr. Proudfoot having already reached the London District. Secondly, a reader would naturally infer that the writer of the notice states the *order* of subsequent arrivals, when he says, "these brethren" (*viz.*, those above mentioned, and also Mr. Murray and Dr. Taylor, of Montreal), "were speedily followed to this country by Rev. Jas. Skinner, late of London Township, Rev. Jas. Cassie, of Port Hope, Rev. R. H. Thornton, now D.D., Whitby," &c.; whereas, the *actual order* was, that Dr. Thornton, entering by way of New York, was in the country as early as Dr. Taylor and Mr.