

Society in Lyons, £150; and therefore it may be said that we have not only a special interest in French evangelism, but that we may regard it in part as our own work. These grants of £900, there is little doubt, the Synod will renew at its meeting in May; but as these were all required to uphold the work when France was in a state of comparative prosperity, it is evident that they must be utterly inadequate for the present terrible crisis. Something special and more effective is needed. But besides this, Dr. Fisch says that the evangelical societies that have their seat in Paris, one of which expends £6000 a year in preaching the Gospel to the Roman Catholics, and another of which conducts foreign missions, chiefly in South Africa, are wholly without funds, and unable to embrace the particular openings for usefulness which, in the altered circumstances and feelings of the people, it is expected that the cessation of war will present. It has been publicly stated that one of those societies, that used to receive in a given period £1500, obtained only 6s., and in regard to another, that their missionaries in South Africa have not had remittances, and are in great distress. Now the Committee on Foreign Missions have no authority either to recommend or to appoint a collection to be made in the congregations of the Church. This is the province of the Synod. But as our Government has, in anticipation that Parliament would condone the deed, sent from the national stores several thousand tons of food to assist in preserving the lives of the Parisians, as soon as an entrance into the city was found—a deed which all men will applaud—a like indemnity would doubtless be granted by the Synod were the Committee formally to recommend a collection. But they do not venture to take this step. All that they do is, after the manner of Agabus at Antioch, to make known the wants and the sufferings of their French brethren, in the conviction that it needs but such a notice to induce ministers, sessions, and congregations spontaneously to raise funds for the purpose."

News has arrived of the deaths of the Rev. Mr. Welsh and Mrs. Welsh, of Goshen, Jamaica, and of the Rev. Mr. Granger, of Old Calabar. Dr. Robb is again constrained to bear testimony against the people among whom he labours. He says, "Of all barbarians in the world, surely the West Coast heathen negroes are the least noble."

The Rev. J. F. Cumming writes from Engwali, Caffraria, announcing additions to the Church membership and to his young people's Bible Class.

The Rev. Jolin Traill sends a very cheering letter from Beavr, telling of the convalescence of the orphans under his care. During the past nine months he has lost only fourteen per cent. of his patients. Forty are still in hospital, but the trying season is over, and their restoration to health may be looked for with confidence.

In Xeres, the Rev. A. Bendiel has obtained a vacant Catholic Church for Protestant worship. It is a large building, and has been crowded at every service on the Sabbath. Even at the Tuesday evening prayer meeting he tells of an attendance of two hundred. In Cadiz, many copies of the Scriptures and a large number of religious works have been sold or given away, two Israelites received into the Church by baptism, and a number of persons admitted to full communion; the Bible Class, Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting, as well as the Sabbath Services, being well attended. A large meeting was held lately to protest against the infallibility dogma, and the protesting document was signed by 535 men and 28 women.

The Theological Hall Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church raised last year the sum of \$1,870, which was devoted to the work of carrying on Spanish Evangelization in Seville, Cadiz, Madrid &c.