

recommended by the Conference. We shall publish in another number the recommendations of the Conference on this subject.

ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

COLLEAGUE TO REV. DR. CANDLISH.—The Free Synod of Glasgow and Ayr has decided in favour of the translation of the Rev. Mr. Dykes from East Kilbride to Free St. George's. Appeals have been taken to the General Assembly against this decision.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN ENGLAND.—A proposal has been made to form a joint committee of the Free Church, the United Presbyterian Church, the English and Irish Presbyterian Churches, to co-operate in re-establishing, so far as may be practicable, Evangelical Presbyterianism in England. It is proposed to hold a conference in London in May next. The proposal originated with the Moderator of the Irish General Assembly, the Rev. J. McNaughton.

NEW REQUIREMENT IN CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.—The Bishop of Rochester requires a certificate from each candidate that he has power of voice sufficient for his public ministrations; that he has no impediment or hesitation, and that his manner of reading is not heavy or monotonous. He also requires every candidate to read before him. This, although a new requirement, is not perhaps uncalled for.

SEASON FOR PRAYER APPOINTED BY SYNOD OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church at its last meeting resolved, that daily meetings should be held for special prayer during the week commencing on the Monday after the 1st Sabbath of October, and ending with the Monday after the 2nd Sabbath. The Presbytery of Edinburgh, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, issued special recommendations on the subject. It is believed that the season was duly observed and improved.

CARLISLE, ENGLAND.—The Rev. W. McIndoe has been inducted as pastor of the newly formed Congregation there.

LARNE.—The Rev. John McMurray has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of that place.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN IRELAND.—Notwithstanding the exultations of the Roman Catholics over the census returns of 1861 they have little real ground of triumph. They at present amount to little more than two-thirds of their estimated number in 1834. Episcopalians have lost about *one fifth* of their numbers at that time, whilst the Presbyterians have not lost *one sixth*. Within the last ten years many Presbyterians have left the country. But they have also received, as the result of their Missions, large accessions.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION IN ENGLAND.—The autumn meeting of the Congregational Union has lately been held in Birmingham. The Rev. Messrs. Marling and Clarke appeared as delegates from the Union in Canada, and were cordially received. Mr. Marling referred, in favourable terms, to the position occupied by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to the Union recently consummated. His observations were warmly applauded.

THE FAST DAY IN THE STATES.—The last Thursday of September, the day recommended by the President to be observed as a day of humiliation and prayer was generally well observed in the North. Appropriate sermons were preached, and special devotional services were held in many churches. The breach between the Southern and Northern portions of the Presbyterian Church appears to be complete.

SUCCESSOR TO DR. MURRAY.—The Rev. Mr. Kempshall has been inducted as successor to the late Dr. Murray of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.