

applied to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church for aid both in regard to means and labourers.

The Students of the U. P. Theological Hall last year handed over 10,000 Bibles and 5000 dollars to the American Missionary Society for the freedmen of the United States. This year they propose to devote the funds of their Missionary Society to the training of Spanish evangelists.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Chinese mission of this Church still exhibits signs of progress. The Rev. C. Douglass, of Amoy has been interesting himself in the fishing population of Sing Si, where already some twenty souls meet for mutual instruction and edification in the Christian faith. In Swatow Dr. Thompson and Mr. Duffus are perfecting themselves in the language, and Mr. MacKenzie reports three recent baptisms. He also reports the collection of four hundred dollars in Swatow, in aid of the hospital fund. Mr. Ritchie, of Formosa, writes from Takao with the intelligence that six men and three women were received into Church fellowship at Alikang, and that two men and their wives were baptized. The number of adults baptized at three stations, Alikang, Petaon and Takao during the past year is fifty-three. These three Formosa stations form but a small part of the entire mission.

General Religious Intelligence.

We are glad to see that, while the Scottish Sabbath Alliance is endeavouring to close the five hundred shops open in Edinburgh on the Sabbath, the Scottish Reformation Society is exerting itself against the infamous and unlawful lottery system of the Roman Catholic Church.

In accordance with an overture to the Free Church General Assembly of last year, a deputation, consisting of Dr. Duff and Principal Lumsden, has been sent to Syria and the neighbouring Bible lands, to ascertain if there be not missionary fields yet unoccupied, upon which it may be the duty of the Church to enter.

One good work that Fenianism has accomplished is the weakening of the authority of the Roman Catholic priesthood, which is every day more manifest in Ireland. The influence of Protestant Schools is another powerful engine of a better kind for the enfranchisement of the Irish mind and conscience.

The Church Association, composed of Evangelical members of the Church of England, held its fifth annual meeting lately in London. The language made use of by some of its members against the bishops and the majority of the clergy of that church, by their brethren of the Association, was quite out of keeping even with a spirit of forbearance. If Mr. Ryle and his friends are sincere, why do they not come out from so uncongenial an atmosphere.

The United Presbyterian Missionary *Record* contains a letter from the Rev. H. Fisch, of Paris, giving an interesting account of the progress and present condition of the Union of Evangelical Churches in France. He tells of a constant breath of revival blowing since a year and a half in the far south, at the foot of the Pyrenees; of a converted priest, M. Fournieu, visiting in the bigoted city of Avallon, in Burgundy, where even at the time of the Reformation no preaching was allowed, one solitary