

ed for taking so important a step. Nothing could have been more courteous or friendly than the deliverance of the New Brunswick Synod on the proposal made to them by the sister Church, while the kind and christian spirit which pervades the letter of Dr. Brooke, the Synod Clerk, is altogether unexceptionable. But instead of making these documents the groundwork of his argument, this letter water-seizes upon certain apocryphal speeches, attributed to members of Synod, which bear on the very face of them many appearances of crudeness and incorrectness in the reporting, which appeared without the authority or knowledge of the speakers, and which, in fact, have no official existence at all. Disregarding all this, Mr. Bennet attempts to make out a case, after a fashion, the principal object, it would appear, being to insult and hurt the feelings of two of the ablest and most highly respected clergymen in New Brunswick. We regret that the columns of a newspaper which has more than once gone out of its way to compliment these gentlemen, and some at least of their brethren, should now be thrown open to assail their judicial character, and even throw out insinuations against their candour. What could exceed the friendly advance of a few months ago? Well may either of them, should they live to see the biased aspect again resumed, exclaim with the old Trojan priest, "T. meo Danaos et dona ferentes." One result will certainly be, that all prospect of Union, on any terms, has been indefinitely postponed. So much for polemical bitterness.

The Rev. Mr. Gordon, a young Missionary of the United Church, with his wife have been murdered in a most cruel and treacherous manner, by the natives of Erromanga, one of the South Sea Islands. This sad catastrophe, will fill the Churches with grief, but will nerve them, we doubt not, with fresh resolution, to spread the light of Gospel truth over these benighted lands.

A very successful meeting of the Evangelical Alliance has been held in Geneva, in the Cathedral of St. Pierre, the church in which Calvin preached three centuries ago. The proceedings which were important and embraced a great variety of subjects, such as Sabbath observance, the evils and the remedy for the immoralities of large populations, Missions among the Heathen, the Scepticism of Modern France, the Jews, Italy and the Gospel, Sunday Schools, Religious Liberty, &c. were handled by such men as Godet, St. Helier, Granpierre Naville, Gausson, D'Aubigne, Tholuck, and other eminent continental theologians. Several of the papers read are both interesting and exhaustive, and we may present our readers with a specimen of them in a future number. Rationalism for many years has held almost supreme sway, in the once great strong hold of Calvinism, but this meeting may perhaps inaugurate a better state of things.

Preaching by unlicensed students, has been brought in a marked manner before our Church Courts, for the purpose of being checked. The feeling especially among probationers, seems to be very strong against the practice which has never been sanctioned by our Church Courts.

The Civil War in America, has interfered with Missionary operations, breaking up several extensive agencies. Complaints of lukewarmness and waning Missionary zeal, are general over nearly all the Churches. The position occupied by our own Church in India was animadverted on in strong terms at the last General Assembly. Dr. Duff of the Free Church, complains that death and resignations have so reduced some stations that they are in danger of extinction; while the United Presbyterians have funds and outfit for a Missionary to China, at Aberdeen, without a claimant.

The Glasgow University buildings after a service of more than 400 years, have been declared inadequate, and unfit for the educational requirements of the present day. The Government Commission has named £84,000 as the sum necessary to erect a fitting structure in a proper locality. The average attendance at the University is stated at 1200.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser, late of St. Clement's, Aberdeen, has been inducted into St. John's Parish, Glasgow.

The Queen has presented the Rev. Mathew Roger to the Church and parish of Shettleston, near Glasgow.

The Presbytery of Haddington have ordained the Rev. James Hill Tait in the parish Church of Aberlady.

The Presbytery of Perth met in the parish Church and ordained the Rev. John Hagan, late assistant to Rev. Dr. Caird, as minister of the Church and parish of Forgandenny.

An unusual crowd of correspondence in the present number has obliged us to defer several articles intended for insertion. The pastoral Address prepared and published by the Synod of New Brunswick will appear in our next.

Receipts of Monies received for the different Schemes of the Church, as well as for the Record, will be found on the cover, to which we direct the attention of our readers.

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