

as a missionary to either China or India. His name is G. L. McKay. The Board cannot accept his services for either of the fields named, but they will submit the matter to the General Assembly.

Union in Scotland.

The opposition to Union continues, on the part of a minority of the Free Church. The Presbyteries of Glasgow and Edinburgh have adopted deliverances in favour of Union by considerable majorities. Other Presbyteries have gone in the same direction with increasing majorities. Still the minority is so able and earnest that the probability is that union will be postponed at least for a year or two. Professors McGregor and Smeaton, Dr. Begg, Dr. Gibson, Mr. Moody Stuart, Dr. Forbes and Mr. Nixon are the champions of the Anti-Union movement. On the other side are Drs. Candlish, Buchanan, Rainy, Blaikie, McLachlan, Duff, Arnot, C. J. Brown and other influential men.

Patronage.

There is an influential section of the Established Church of Scotland anxious to get rid of their old trouble, Patronage. They believe that should this grievance be got rid of a large number of Free Church people would return to the Establishment. It is likely that some would return. But by far the larger number of Free Churchmen regard *spiritual independence* as the all important matter. Patronage might be abolished, and the church might still be held under bondage to the Civil Courts. There does not however appear to be much prospect of the movement for the abolition of Patronage meeting with success.

Church of England.

Mr. Mackonochie, a rank Puseyite, has been suspended for three months from the exercise of the ministry by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, for conducting worship in Roman Catholic style in St. Alban's Church, London. This is mere trifling with a most perilous heresy. Mr. Mackonochie is a thoroughgoing Papist, and he and his confederates ought to be expelled from the Pulpits of a truly Protestant Church.

United Presbyterians.

The Foreign Mission Board still advertize for six or more Foreign Missionaries.—On the second Sabbath of each month special prayer is offered for the success of Foreign Missions.—The children are engaged in raising £1200 for a Mission

Church and other Orphanage premises at Jeypore.

Free Church.

By the death of Mrs. Thompson, of Banchoy, Scotland, an endowment of £30,000 has been secured for the Free Church College in Aberdeen. The Free Church has three theological seminaries—one at Edinburgh, another at Aberdeen, and a third in Glasgow—and they are all now well endowed.—

Fruits of Missions.

A hundred missionaries, chiefly American, are labouring among the Copts of Egypt, the Jews of Palestine, the Armenians of the Turkish Empire, and the Nestorians of Persia. A hundred more from all countries occupy the ports of China and Siam. Five hundred and sixty labour in the provinces of India and the Island of Ceylon; in Madagascar and South Africa there are nearly three hundred; one hundred and thirty occupy the slave countries around the Gulf of Guinea; and two hundred and twenty work for the kindred people in the West Indies. The Indian tribes in North America have a hundred and five missionaries; two hundred more instruct the tribes of Polynesia. Nevertheless, compared with the attention which they compel, and the power which they exercise, these missions occupy a trifling space in the world. Their chief actors are a handful of men; their operations are limited; their friends are few. Their agencies may be set down as follows: Number of societies in Europe and America, 50; total number of European and American missionaries, 2033; total annual expenditure, \$5,000,000; church members, 273,000; nominal Christians, young and old, 1,350,000. And by these the gospel is taught, and Christian work is carried on, in four thousand centres of usefulness outside the limits of Christendom.

Baptism of a Spanish Jew.

A United Presbyterian missionary in Cadiz gives an interesting account of the conversion and baptism of a very able and honest Jew, Mr. Tolledano. The following statement was made by the convert on the occasion of his baptism:—

"Who can fathom the future? The mysterious purposes of the Lord are hid from our view, and, when revealed, we marvel at His providence! Thus it is that, had I been told in times past Jesus of Nazareth, so frequently blasphemed, would become the hope of my heart and the support of my soul, I should have thought the man demented, or the thing impossible.