

The Rev. Dr. Scott, lately of California, and formerly of New Orleans, but who has recently received a call from a Church in Birmingham, was received by the Synod.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 3rd Monday in April, 1864.

UNION MOVEMENT AMONG PRESBYTERIANS.—The movement for union among Presbyterians is making apparently considerable progress in Scotland. An overture to the General Assembly on the subject was agreed to by the Presbytery Dalkeith. The Presbytery express the hope that on the basis of the Westminster Standards a union might be effected. The subject has been discussed in other Presbyteries of both churches.

THE SPANISH PRISONERS.—A letter has been published by the Evangelical Alliance, from Matamoras, one of the imprisoned Protestants of Grenada. The Grenada Court of Appeal has confirmed the sentence of the inferior court, condemning Matamoras to nine years' imprisonment. Matamoras enjoys better health than formerly, and is enabled to bear his sufferings with Christian fortitude.

DEACONESSSES IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—An institution, under the sanction of the Bishop of the diocese, is in operation in London, for the organization of woman's work in the Church of England. The sisters are recognized by the Bishop as holding an official position, and are permitted to assume the name of Deaconesses. They are trained for the management of schools, hospitals, and the care of the sick. The establishment at present consists of three deaconesses and one probationer.

"PRISONERS' MINISTERS BILL."—Great interest has been drawn forth with reference to this bill, which has passed its second reading in the House of Commons. Its object is to appoint Roman Catholics, and others not of the Established Church (although Roman Catholics alone will be really appointed), to be chaplains in jails, &c. The Protestant feeling of Scotland appears to be fully aroused on the subject.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS IN BRITAIN.—The April and May meetings have been held with the usual *ecclat*. We learn from the "Work of the Christian Church," that generally the societies have to report deficient receipts, affected no doubt by the state of the country, and the efforts required to provide for the unemployed operatives.

ENGLISH CHURCH BISHOP IN MADAGASCAR.—It seems to be resolved on, although some of the Evangelical party remonstrate, that there shall be an Bishop, with a staff of clergy, established in Madagascar. The field, especially at the capital, is fully occupied by Dr. Ellis and his brother missionaries, and it is to be feared that the course proposed by the Anglican party may lead to unseemly jealousies and contentions.

RESULTS OF PREACHING IN THEATRES IN LONDON.—During the fourth series of services in Theatres, there have been one hundred and fifteen separate services, attended by 187,000 persons. There have been distributed also 320,000 handbills, each containing a brief statement of some Christian truth. There is reason to believe that the services have been blessed for the spiritual good of many.