

forward in favour of union with the Free Church. It is not likely that the overture will be very numerously supported.

DEPUTATIONS FROM CHURCHES IN BRITAIN.—The present year promises to be one of great interest, so far as deputations are concerned. Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Fairbairn, Rev. Mr. Wells, and, probably, the Earl of Dalhousie, are expected, as a deputation from the Free Church; and Dr. Denham, of Londonderry, and Dr. Hall, of Dublin, from the Irish Presbyterian Church. These deputies, it is understood, will be present at the meetings of the Presbyterian Assemblies in the United States; but they will also visit Canada. Their presence at the meeting of our Synod would be hailed with great delight. Correspondence is being carried on with a view to secure this very desirable object.

CONFEDERATION OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES.—*Confederation of the Provinces* may be regarded now as an accomplished fact. We trust that, by the blessing of God, this change may tend to our prosperity and consolidation as a nation. As we shall have a Federal Government and Legislature attending to the more general interests of British America, may we not, before long, have a General Assembly superintending the work and legislating for the interests of the Presbyterian Church throughout this wide dominion.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.—The revenue for the past year consisted of £5,700, received as direct contributions, and £8,133, received in payment of copies of the scriptures, showing a considerable increase in both departments. The circulation, during the year, was 214,334.

FENIAN INSURRECTION.—In Ireland, and in England too, considerable excitement has been occasioned by the insurrections which have made their appearance for the last few weeks. While there is not the least probability that these misguided men can succeed in their object, they may give much trouble on both sides of the Atlantic. Had more been done, in days that are past, for the evangelization of the Irish people, present troubles might not have been experienced.

REV. DR. CANDLISH.—We are sorry to observe that Dr. Candlish's health has not been, of late, in a satisfactory state. His congregation are looking out for a minister to take the place of Mr. Dykes, as colleague and successor to Dr. C. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Edinburgh, was thought of, but declines to leave his present sphere. Mr. Laidlaw, of Perth, may be next thought of.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—In connexion with the Sabbath School Society of the Irish Presbyterian Church, there are 749 schools, 6,386 teachers, and 46,550 scholars, showing an increase of 51 schools, 448 teachers, and 1,823 scholars. Large grants have been made from the depository to the poorer class of schools.

CONVOCATION ON RITUALISM.—The Bishops of the Church of England, assembled in Convocation, passed strong resolutions against Ritualism. They recommend that, in cases where there is any doubt as to practices that may be introduced, an appeal shall be made to the Bishop who, should he be in doubt, may refer the matter to the Arch-bishop. While Convocation has thus been considering the matter, public attention has been directed to the subject of Ritualism, in various ways. At a conference of laymen, it was proposed to apply for a Royal Commission to inquire into the matter.

REVIVALS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The religious newspapers, published in the United States, contain numerous references to revivals in various parts of the country. In several places, these revivals began during the week of prayer.