

stated that, recognizing the superior way in which they are treated in Protestant countries, and the fact that Roman Catholics dread the spread of the New Testament, they are taking means for the circulation of the New Testament Scriptures in Italy and other Roman Catholic countries.

PROCLAMATIONS REGARDING FAST DAYS.—A deputation from the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, had lately an interview with the Lord Advocate, with respect to the language employed in the royal proclamations of thanksgiving and fast days. The matter is of importance, and we trust that all ground of complaint will be removed.

INCREASED LIBERALTY IN THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The missionary contributions of the United Presbyterian Church for the year 1861 are considerably in advance of those for any previous year. The following is the amount received by the Treasurer:—For Home and Foreign Missions £20,851 2s. 3½d., and for the London movement £3000.

TERRIBLE COLLIERY ACCIDENT IN NORTHUMBERLAND.—A very sad accident has lately taken place at Hartely Colliery in Northumberland, resulting in the death of upwards of 200 individuals. The unfortunate individuals were immured for days in the mine, the shaft of which had become filled up. From a scrap of writing which was found it appeared that they had held prayer meetings for united consolation and support. In the midst of her own grief the Queen has manifested the liveliest interest in behalf of those who have been the sufferers in this lamentable calamity.

EVANGELIZATION OF ITALY.—At a meeting lately held in Edinburgh in connexion with the Italian Evangelization Society, very encouraging statements were made with reference to the spread of the truth in Italy. In the streets of Naples 7,000 copies of the word of God had been sold in the course of a few months. In Leghorn also copies of the Scriptures are most eagerly purchased. The Priests are still opposing the truth, and have stirred up a suit against Father Gavazzi for alleged breach of law with reference to the religion of the State. But in spite of all opposition the Gospel is spreading.

CONTINUED PERSECUTION IN SPAIN.—Intelligence has lately been received from Spain to the effect, that Matamoras and Albama, the two imprisoned Protestants, have been condemned to seven years in the Galleys, and another, Trigo, to four. The offence of these men is simply reading the word of God.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.—Almost every mail brings the tidings of some standard bearers. The Rev. Dr. McKay, of Rafford, of the Free Church of Scotland, the Rev. P. White, of Bailieborough, the Rev. J. S. Denham, of Holywood, and the Rev. J. Huey, of Ballywillem, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, all respected and devoted Ministers, have lately been removed by death. We notice also the death of Dr. Symington of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and author of several excellent theological works.

SUTTEE IN INDIA.—A case of Suttee took place lately in India at the Village of Basa, in the Hurdni District. The woman who sacrificed herself was about fifty years of age, and her husband had been dead ten years. The district superintendent has apprehended thirty-five persons including the woman who lighted the pile.