

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN AND THE IMPRISONED SPANISH MEMORIALISTS.—The Earl of Aberdeen has gone to Spain, in the hope of procuring a mitigation of the sentence against Matamoros, condemned for Protestantism.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—This Court met in Glasgow on the 4th ult. Dr. Graham of Liverpool was unanimously chosen Moderator. The Theological Hall is to be removed from Glasgow to Edinburgh. Mr. John Kay read the report of the Foreign Missions Committee. It gave an encouraging view of the missions of the Church in the New Hebrides, and stated that, since the last meeting of the Synod, the senior missionary, Mr. Inglis, had completed the translation of the New Testament into the language of Aneiteum, and had returned to his labours in that field. In connexion with this the Committee had to express their thanks to the British and Foreign Bible Society, who not only printed 5,000 copies of the New Testament, 1,500 of which were already away to Aneiteum, at their expense, but the committee of the society had made a grant of £500, to be divided between the Foreign Mission Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Nova Scotia Committee, in consideration of the time devoted by their agents to the translation.—The £250 which had been received by the committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church had been allocated in the following manner: £100 to Mr. Geddie; £100 to Mr. Inglis; £20 to Mrs. Geddie; £20 to Mrs. Inglis; and £10 to Williamu. The Committee had also to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Nova Scotian Church, who had placed the £250 which fell to their share at the command of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Since the disappearance of the epidemic, which, at the time of the last meeting of Synod, was raging at Tanna, the missionary labours in that island have been resumed and prosecuted with success. The committee of the two churches had come to the conclusion that it was necessary to build a new vessel for the service of the missionaries; and it was now being built in Nova Scotia, and would in all probability be ready to sail in mid-summer, when two or three missionaries from the Nova Scotian Church would also go out.—To meet the expense of this vessel, upwards of £3000 had been collected in Australia by the efforts of Mr. Paton; and part of that sum had already been expended in paying for the equipment of the vessel.

A "Disruption" occurred in the Synod on the subject of the Franchise. Only three ministers protested.

News of the Church.

Collections.

Congregations that have not yet made collections for the Schemes of the Church should do so if possible before the meeting of Synod.

THE SYNOD FUND is intended to meet the expenses of ministers and elders travelling to and from the Synod. Few of those who must attend the Synod can afford to spend £3 or £4 in travelling. They do the Church's work and the Church we feel confident will cheerfully pay them.

THE HOME MISSION is perhaps the most important of all our Schemes. We cannot prosper unless the Home Mission treasury is fairly supplied.

THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS of the Church, of which we are so justly proud, require a large annual outlay—an outlay for which as a Church we are abundantly repaid.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS run little risk of being forgotten. Will not the Children prosecute their noble work?

THE ELDERS.—There are many reasons why the attendance of Elders on all our Church Courts should be large; but there is one special reason why as many as possible should be present at the approaching meeting of Synod:—the Dalhousie College proposal will come before the Synod in a tangible form, and action must be taken that will probably decide the policy of the Church for years to come. In emergencies such as these the mind of the Eldership is of the highest practical value.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Pictou on the 6th of May. The forenoon sederunt was spent in the Presbyterial visitation of Knox's Church, and the evening in that of Prince St. In both cases the Presbytery were much gratified with the indications in the answers given to the questions of the formula, of faithfulness on the part of the office-bearers, and of a highly satisfactory state of matters in the respective congregations.

Mr. Thomas Cumming, who had completed his course of study at the College in Halifax, delivered all his trials for license to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and was licensed to preach the Gospel in the usual manner.

Mr. W. S. Campbell, who had also completed his course of study, received subjects of trial for license to be given in at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. John D. Murray, Student of Theology of the 2nd year, received exercises, and