

to the evils connected with the practice. But we think there should be more uniform and systematic action on the part of the Church Courts, as we understand that in some quarters, at least, the practice to which we refer is on the increase.

There are some other common forms of Sabbath desecration to which we may advert on another occasion.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.—Late papers announce the death of one of the most venerated missionaries of the present day, the Rev. A. F. Lacroix. He was the oldest missionary in India, having gone at first in the year 1821. He was first connected with the Netherlands' Missionary Society, but afterwards, with the entire approval of the Committee, joined the London Missionary Society. He was very highly esteemed, and was on an intimate footing with all the missionaries of the various denominations. His funeral was the largest seen in the city of Calcutta for many years. Christians of every denomination, including the Bishop of Calcutta, Archdeacon Pratt, and numerous ministers and missionaries, gathered round his grave.

POPIH PERSECUTIONS IN IRELAND.—It is stated that a regular crusade has been organized by Archbishop McHale, in the County of Mayo, against Protestants and converts.—Scripture readers have been waylaid and assailed, converts beaten, and children kept by force from attending school. Several cases of assault had been brought before the magistrates.

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (ENG.) ON BOARD THE GREAT EASTERN.—On the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new Presbyterian Church at Millwall, the Presbytery of London by invitation of J. Scott Russell, Esq., whose name is indissolubly connected with the great ship, met on board, and after transacting business proceeded by boats to the site. After prayer and praise, the stone was laid by Mr. Russell, after which several addresses were delivered to an attentive multitude.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—At a recent meeting of the Free Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, it was recommended, in consideration of the powerful and touching appeal of Father Chiniquy, and the importance of the cause in which he is engaged, that a collection be made to assist him in his great enterprise before the next meeting of Presbytery.

REV. A. CAMPBELL, LATE OF MELROSE.—Mr. Campbell, after a pleasant voyage, landed at Port Philip on the 30th May. Mr. Campbell was about to receive a cordial call from a congregation in Geelong. Mr. Campbell says of the union lately effected in Australia, "The union is a hearty thing, it is a real union, and even with its abbreviated

basis, I approve of it out and out."

PRESBYTERIANISM IN ENGLAND.—The September number of the *English Presbyterian Messenger* contains a letter from the Rev. R. Steel of Cheltenham, suggesting the formation of a "Presbyterian Historical Society," with the view of collecting materials for a proper elucidation of the History of Presbyterianism in England.

MANIFESTO OF IRISH ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN REGARD TO DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.—The Irish Roman Catholic Bishops, with the Papal Legate at their head, have lately issued a long pastoral address on the subject of education. The Bishops bring forward a great many objections to the national system of schools, and to the Queen's Colleges, and claim State support for their own purely Popish seminaries.

NEW YORK—BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.—Some time ago, an order was issued by the Central Board of Education in New York, requiring all the schools to be opened with the reading of portions of the Scriptures. The order has been complied with in all the wards of the city except three. It is stated that these three are inhabited chiefly by the subjects of Archbishop Hughes and Pius the ninth.

CALLS &c.

STORRINGTON.—The Rev. T. S. Chambers has received a cordial and unanimous call from the congregation at Storrington.

GUELPH.—The Rev. D. H. McVicar has accepted the call given to him by the congregation at Guelph.

COBBOURG.—A unanimous call has been given by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, to the Rev. John Laing of Scarborough.

GARAFRAXA.—The Rev. W. Millican has been ordained as Pastor of the congregation at Garafraxa. An account of the proceedings will be found elsewhere.

RENFREW.—The Rev. W. Lohead junior has been ordained as Pastor of the congregation at Renfrew.

COTE STREET, MONTREAL.—The Rev. H. Cobban, of Braemar, has lately arrived to take temporary charge of the Cote Street congregation.

DEPUTATION FROM THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—We are glad to notice that the Rev. Dr. Edgar, Rev. Mr. Dill, of Ballymena, and Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Limerick, deputies from the Irish Presbyterian Church, have arrived safely on the western continent. Their object is to seek aid among the Christians, and especially the Presbyterians of America, to enable them to sustain their

missionary efforts among the Roman Catholics of the south and west of Ireland. Openings for these missionary efforts are multiplying, but means are needed for sustaining missionaries, teachers, and scripture readers. We believe that it is principally to the churches in the United States that they will appeal for the aid that is needed. But we are sure that the deputies will receive a most hearty welcome from Presbyterians in Canada. Dr. Cooke, we believe, was appointed a member of the deputation, but duties at home have detained him. Dr. Edgar is one of the leading ministers of the Church in Ireland, well known by name and reputation on this side of the Atlantic. The deputies associated with him are also men of talent and character, so that, no less on their own account, than on account of the Church they represent, these brethren are worthy of the warmest reception.

WIDOWS' FUND.—We remind ministers that their annual rate of eight dollars is payable on or before the 1st of November. Copies of the Rules and Regulations with reference to the Widows' Fund, will be sent to any ministers newly settled, who may desire to make themselves acquainted with them.

RED RIVER.—The Rev. John Black has set out on his return to Red River. We trust he will reach his destination safely. Mr. McTavish, by latest accounts, had reached the Red River settlement on the 14th August. The journey was accomplished in safety, but with a good deal of detention and fatigue in consequence of the steamer on the Red River running aground.

STATISTICAL TABLES.—In the Statistical Table appended to the minutes of Synod, the congregation of Woolwich is reported as having paid \$500 as stipend. It should have been \$500 *with manse*.

MINUTES OF SYNOD—CORRECTION.—In list of ordinations &c., for Presbytery of Hamilton appended to minutes of Synod for "John McMurray," "John G. Murray," and in same notice for "16th July" read "7th July."

The Office of the Church is now removed to KNOX COLLEGE. Letters may be left at the shop of Mr. J. Bain, Bookseller, King street, who is also authorised to receive moneys.

1. October, 1859

Communications, &c.

NOTES OF SUMMER TOUR, AND MISSIONARY LABOURS.

(To the Editor of the Record.)

DEAR SIR,—

I was glad to see your suggestion of a public, or general thanksgiving, in distinction from denominational observances apart. Few things if any, have more convincingly brought