

out wanted that support. For all the three omitted passages before noticed were wanting in that version, the first in all the editions and manuscripts, the other two in its oldest and best manuscript. This was denounced as flagrant partiality. In short (Dr. Lee concluded), men who are committed to certain ecclesiastical systems and interests, have nothing to do to be editing such works as this. They can hardly afford to be quite candid or perfectly honest; and though they were, they can hardly expect to get credit for these virtues. The book which costs £9 is for critical purposes—the only purposes for which it was wanted—not worth nine shillings. William's and Norgate's reprint of the New Testament part—the only part which is of any importance—is to cost about this moderate sum, and it will possess all the utility and value of the five huge quartos.

UNION BETWEEN THE FREE AND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND.—

Sir George Sinclair, Caithnessshire, in a letter on this subject, says:—"That he found the United Presbyterians almost unanimous in favor of a union, and the Free Churchmen almost as unanimous the other way." To one of his correspondents he writes: "I state to you my views without reserve or disguise, and cannot conceal from you the very deep concern with which I have arrived at the conclusion, that the Free Church clergy will never rest satisfied until they resume (of course on fair and decent terms) that connection with the state of which almost all of them are either avowedly or secretly tenacious. Very few of them have, I fear, become reconciled to the relation, which, since the disruption, has subsisted between themselves and their flocks. They are restless and uneasy in their present condition of comparative dependence, and would hail with acclamation such a change of circumstances as would restore to them a vested interest in the allocation of parliamentary stipends, glebes, manse, and communion elements, and they see (as I have often said) no iniquity in appeals to the court of Teinds, and no perverseness in the compulsor of the sheriff's officer; and this almost universal predilection for a legislative provision, extorted from a grudging community, in preference to the spontaneous liberality of their own congregations, lies, I have no doubt, at the root of the rancorous aversion manifested in so many influential quarters towards the union which you and I have so much at heart."

ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.—It was stated in last *Record* that five students of divinity had offered their services as missionaries for India. In addition to these, the Committee are able to announce that they have recently had a most satisfactory interview with another, a

student from Aberdeen, who, some time since had been introduced to them, and very highly recommended. They have every reason to entertain the most favorable opinion of piety, zeal, and varied qualifications. There are now *six students of divinity* whose energies are directed to the preparation that may fit them for this field of labor, and for whose success the best wishes and fervent prayers of the Church will be earnestly given. The employment of these laborers, with others whose services may also be anticipated, will require an amount of expenditure that can be met only by contributions to the support of the mission far exceeding any that have yet been given, but the members of the Church can permit the India Mission to be starved for want of funds.

The students referred to are—Messrs. Alexander Clark, Robert Paterson, John Taylor, John Wells, John Milne, and William Robertson. The first four are students of the second year, and the other two students of the second year of attendance on the divinity classes. *Home and Foreign Missionary Record.*

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

AT TONQUIN, in China, the French Roman Catholic bishop was put to death with the most horrible tortures.

THE COUNTESS OF NEWRY has returned into the bosom of the Church of England.

THE REV. DR. CUNNINGHAM has received £7000 from a few friends as an acknowledgment of his services.

MR. SPURGEON is expected to visit America next summer; but the story of \$10,000 being secured to him for four sermons to be preached by him in the Music Hall, New York, is said to be without foundation.

SIR GEORGE SINCLAIR writes to the effect that union between the Free and U. P. Churches is to him hopeless.

IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH, Brooklyn, they have rented for \$25,000.

TO FOREIGNERS IN LONDON a mission has been commenced. Of these, there are 50,000 French, 60,000 Germans, 15,000 Italians, Spanish and Portuguese.

THE U. P. CHURCH has resolved to commence an Indian Mission in Agmere, in Punjab, and appeals for four missionaries.

FROM THE FREE CHURCH Congregation in Cornwallis a second offshoot has sprung, forming a new congregation.

THE REV. J. M. MACLEOD, of St. Elean, has received a call from Newport.

IN BALTIMORE, with a population of 235,000 there are 150 churches.

MR. MARIOTT, the senior curate of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, has resigned because of objections to the practice of confession.