

British and Foreign Record.

ENGLISH UNION MEETING.—We are compelled to go to press before receiving even the first instalment of the reports of the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, or that of the Colonial Missionary Society. The former was held on Tuesday and Friday, 7th and 10th ult. The latter, on the 13th., the speakers announced being Rev. J. G. Rogers, Fred. Tomkins, M.A., D.C.L., Rev. E. Paxton Hood, Rev. W. Marshall, Rev. G. D. McGregor, and F. Allport Esq.

DEATH OF MR. POORE.—“On the 27th of March (says the *English Independent*,) this much respected and useful minister expired. He was in the 51st year of his age. He was educated for the ministry at Highbury College, and for some years fulfilled the duties of the pastorate at Manchester; but was at length induced to become an agent of the Colonial Missionary Society, and, in company with Mr. Fletcher, of Manchester, he visited the Australian churches, and from that time forward his labours on behalf of congregationalism and evangelical truth, in the various British dependencies, were unceasing. Either in journeying from place to place for the establishment and encouragement of colonial churches themselves, in pleading for them, and seeking out suitable ministers at home, or in conducting the affairs of the Society, he spent himself in the service to which he had given his heart.”

THE LONDON MAY MEETINGS. The anniversaries were in full progress when our latest English papers arrived, and the reports show that the chief societies are in a prosperous state. Our space utterly forbids our attempting to report them, but we are consoled by the remembrance that so many more than formerly are reading the accounts in full. The Bible Society reports an income of £187,500, and a circulation of 52,000,000. The last brief war opened a wide and effectual door for its work on the Continent. The Church Missionary Society (Evangelical) reports an income of £150,000; the Wesleyan Missionary Society treads closely on its heels with £147,000. Both are conducted with vigour and efficiency. The Liberation Society is working with great success and greater hopefulness. It is organized with consummate skill. The London City Mission employs 350 missionaries. The Sunday School Union held a conference in connection with its anniversary.

THE LATE DR. CAMPBELL. Rev. J. T. Byrne has published in the *Whitby Gazette* the following interesting reminiscence of a visit to Dr. Campbell.

When the writer visited England lately he called upon Dr. Campbell at his office in Bolt Court, Fleet street, and had three or four brief interviews with him. He certainly did not appear in his most amiable mood on one or two of these occasions, there being a roughness and abruptness about him which might induce some to come away with rather unfavorable impressions; but knowing there was a nobleness about him, a generosity, and a zeal for evangelical truth, which made him truly a “faithful man,” and seeing him intent upon duty and pressed with business, we made every allowance for seeming discourtesy. Our first visit to him was in the autumn of 1865. Having secured the use of the “Nonconformist” for a letter bearing upon our mission in behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society, we aimed also, and not in vain, to secure the pages of the