

CARDROSS CASE.—Just as we go to press we have received the *Witness*, of 14th Nov., which brings intelligence in regard to the Cardross case. The Lord Ordinary has pronounced an interlocutor, which, however, does not settle the case. His lordship repels the plea of spiritual independence, and seems to hold that the case hinges on the contract between Mr. McMillan and the Free Church. He holds that this—viz., the extent of the contract, is not clearly apparent from the documents produced, and therefore continues the probation.

SYNOD OF UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IN FRANCE.—For some reason or other the usual authorization for the meeting of Synod was refused, and the meeting interdicted by the Minister of Public Instruction. The brethren, however, after some delay met, but the public and reporters were only admitted to the evening meetings, which were simple diets of worship. The meetings were interesting. The Rev. Dr. Buchanan, Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, was present.

HUNGARY.—By a new constitution, voluntarily granted by the Emperor, the Hungarians have obtained several privileges previously denied them. It is hoped the concession has been made in good faith.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. JAMES LEWIS.—The Rev. James Lewis, who has been obliged from the state of his health to resign the pastoral charge Free St. John's, Leith, was lately presented by the members of that congregation with a purse containing upwards of £200. The strongest attachment subsisted between pastor and people.

INCREASE OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN ENGLAND.—Pre-byterianism is increasing in England. At Maidstone, in Kent, a minister was lately ordained, and another was inducted at Rochester on the following day. A Pre-byterian church is being formed in the city of Exeter. In Lancashire also Presbyterianism is active and progressive.

THE REVIVAL IN BRITAIN.—The revival is still advancing, especially in Scotland and Ireland. There have been awakenings in Perth, Dumfermline, Borrowstoness, and other places in Scotland. Neither is the change confined to mere outward excitement. The diminution of intemperance, the closing of taverns for want of customers, and the disappearance of breaches of the peace are in most places, the results of the religious revival.

DEATH OF REV. DR. TWINING OF HALIFAX.—The Rev. Dr. Twining, for many years a minister of the Church of England in Halifax, and chaplain to the forces, was lately removed by death. Dr. Twining was for upwards of 40 years connected with the Bible Society. He was a most devoted and useful minister.

HALIFAX, N. S.—RESIGNATION OF REV. J. HUNTER.—We regret to observe that the Rev. John Hunter has resigned the pastoral charge of Chalmers Church, Halifax. The state of his health and of that of his family has caused him to take this step.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.—The Rev. Dr. Leitch, the newly appointed Principal of Queen's College, has been formally inducted into office. Very high testimony is borne of the learning, piety, and other qualifications of Dr. Leitch.

PRINCETON SEMINARY.—The Rev. C. W. Hodge has been induced as professor of New Testament Literature and Biblical Greek.

THE FRENCH CANADIAN COLONY IN ILLINOIS.—From a communication which lately appeared in the *Philadelphia Presbyterian*, we observe with regret, that the interesting colony with which Mr. Chiniquy's name is so closely connected, is torn and distracted by the proselytizing efforts of parties who are seeking to induce them to leave the Presbyterian Church with which they connected themselves. Episcopalians and Baptists, it is stated seem resolved to promote disunion and division, in despite of consequences. This state of things is deeply to be deplored, and will no doubt be contemplated by the Roman Catholics with intense satisfaction.

TAR SLAVERY QUESTION IN THE UNITED STATES.—The election of Mr. Lincoln, the anti-slavery candidate, has produced in these States excitement in the South. Several States are openly taking measures for secession from the union. We trust the policy of the new President will be in accordance with his previous professions, and that the cause of freedom will receive a mighty impulse.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The annual conference of the Evangelical Alliance was held this year in Nottingham, commencing on the 24th October. It was largely attended, both by British members and by others from Holland, Sweden, and various parts of the Continent. The opening address was given by the Dean of Carlisle. The subject of the Revival of religion occupied much of the attention of the Alliance, and addresses were delivered by Professor Gibson on "The present aspect of the Irish Revival," by Rev. Archdeacon Vont, of Hereford, on "The Revival in Wales," by the Rev. H. Magill, of Glasgow, on "The revival in Scotland," and by the Rev. D. Brown, D. D., on "United Prayer in connection with the present aspects of the world." At some of the evening meetings addresses were given on other subjects by Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, Rev. G. Scott, of Sweden, Rev. Mr. Minton, of Sweden, Rev. Mr. Pendleton, from South America. The happiest impression was produced by the addresses, which, in accordance with a vote of the conference, will be printed. In the meantime, we give from the *Banner of Ulster*, the concluding part of Professor Gibson's address. After describing at considerable length the results of the Revival in the north of Ireland, he proceeded to speak of the Revival southwards.

"Hitherto we have only spoken of the Revival movement as it exists in Ulster, but it is gratifying to be able to speak of its progress southwards, and even in the Irish metropolis itself. The history of the matter is in a few words, as follows:—Early in the summer of 1859 some of the ministers of

the Presbyterian Church in Dublin visited the scene of the awakening, then so rapidly extending in the North, that they expected to see the city of their habitation similarly moved in a brief period. But it pleased God to disappoint this expectation. Prayer-meetings, however, were to a limited extent originated, sermons were preached, and addresses delivered, calling attention to the remarkable movement which was spreading in another quarter of the land. In a short time a process of awakening had begun in the Congregational Church at Kingstown, only a few miles off, and publicity was given to every encouraging circumstance occurring there. In the month of April of the present year the whole subject of revival was freely and fully canvassed by the assembled clergy of the Establishment, in their great annual conferences, and the counsel tendered and the judgment expressed by the Northern brethren, and by others who had visited the North, were with much unanimity adopted in favour of the movement—a circumstance of importance in determining the future attitude of that influential portion of the community. The people, it is understood, were all along fully abreast of the ministers in their anxiety to countenance and spread the revival spirit, and have exhibited the utmost willingness to form, conduct, and attend meetings for prayer. A large building, formerly used for public amusements, having fallen into the hands of a company for exclusively Protestant and religious purposes, has been a kind of common rallying ground, and the influence of the Metropolitan Hall, as far as it has been felt in Dublin, has been in favour of revived religion. A united meeting in this building, as soon as it was commenced, was crowded, and for a considerable period ministers of various Protestant Churches joined in common supplication and the preaching of the Word. The clergy of the Establishment have for some time withdrawn, but they have had special services in the free and parish churches, attended in many cases by large and earnest audiences. The reports from Kingstown having been much circulated in the city, some Christian friends invited the Rev. J. D. Smith, of the Congregational Church there, to conduct a weekly prayer-meeting in the Metropolitan Hall. This he has done for months, with an interest which, so far from declining, is steadily on the increase; and the place is filled at two successive diets every Tuesday, in the forenoon and evening, for several hours together, by an attendance of between two and three thousand persons. The meeting, however, although it is by far the most noticeable in Dublin, and has been a direct means of positive good to many, exhibits, rather than produces, the religious fervor of the people. In some more Southern districts there are pleasing indications of a revived religious interest. In common with several brethren appointed to that duty by the General Assembly, to visit the South and West, for the express purpose of communicating information in regard to the work of grace in Ulster, I had, a few weeks since, an opportunity of addressing large and attentive audiences, the work assigned me being in the Counties of Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, and Clare; and though there did not appear to be any decided awakening in these districts, the interest created and the sym-