

THE MARQUIS OF BUTE.—It is reported that this young nobleman, who recently joined the Romish Church, intends to enter the priesthood. In this case, we presume, his large income will be at the disposal of the Church.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.—The latest letters from Zanzibar give no intelligence of Dr. Livingstone. Those best qualified to judge, however, are of opinion that there is no ground for anxiety.

THE APPROACHING ROMISH COUNCIL.—Great preparations are being made for the Council at Rome this year, which is to be regarded as the nineteenth Œcumenical Council. It is stated that many archbishops and bishops have already set out from various distant parts of the globe, in order to be present at the opening of the Council.

THE LATE DR. COOKE.—It is proposed to build an Assembly Hall as a memorial of Dr. Cooke, and also to erect a statue in Belfast. Protestants of all classes and denominations are freely contributing. The Hall will cost £10,000. As successor to Dr. Cooke, in the chair of Sacred Rhetoric, the name of Dr. Morgan is brought forward by some influential ministers. The names of others are also mentioned, especially that of Rev. J. Rogers of Comber.

ENCOURAGING STATE OF THINGS IN MEXICO.—A marvellous change has recently come over the mission field in Mexico. The agent of the American Bible Society says:—"I believe that a Protestant congregation could be formed in every town of Mexico." The nation seems ready to respond to evangelistic effort.

INTOLERANCE IN PORTUGAL.—Mr. James Cassells, a British merchant residing in Oporto, has been banished for six years for teaching Protestantism. The sentence has been appealed against to a higher court. The Scottish Reformation Society has forwarded a memorial to Lord Clarendon on the subject.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria met on the 14th November, and continued in session for nine days. The Rev. P. Brown, of Hawthorn, was elected moderator. The most important question that occupied attention was that of education. The report submitted on this subject was in favour of the secular system.

RITUALISM IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH.—Differences in the English Church are still widening. The Rev. Mr. Maconochie has published a letter on the subject of the decision of the Privy Council condemning the Ritualists. With reference to this letter, the Dean of Carlisle (Dr. Close) says it is "a criminal document, couched in language of intolerable arrogance and indecency," and demands if there is no remedy for such a libel upon Her Majesty, the Archbishops of the Church, and the highest judges of the land.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.—The income of the National Bible Society of Scotland for last year was £27,975. During the year, 221,624 copies of the Scriptures, or portions of them, had been put into circulation.

MASSACRES IN NEW ZEALAND.—Atrocious massacres have committed at Poverty Bay, New Zealand, by the natives; thirty-five, without distinction of sex or age, were massacred. The perpetrators of this outrage have