

General Religious Intelligence.

REV. DR. EDGAR.—The Rev. Dr. Edgar of Belfast, has lately suffered severely from bodily indisposition. His health, we are glad to hear, is improving.

DR. GUTHRIE.—Dr. Guthrie has been under the necessity of laying aside all work for a time, and seeking entire repose. The accounts of his health are, however, rather more favourable than they were.

SUCCESSOR TO ARCHBISHOP WHATELY.—Dr. Stanley, who lately travelled with the Prince of Wales, in the East, and who holds the chair of History at Oxford, has been named as the successor of Dr. Whately. Dean Trench has also been named.

REV. DR. DUFF.—The Free Church Board for November, contains a letter from the Rev. Dr. Duff, written at sea, near the Philippine Islands, on 4th August. His health had sensibly improved. In India, various public bodies, embracing influential natives as well as Europeans, have expressed in very strong terms, the obligations under which India lies to Dr. Duff.

REV. DR. F. MONOD.—Many here as well as in other lands, will rejoice to hear that the health of Dr. F. Monod, which was dispirited of for some time, is now somewhat improved. His son, the Rev. Theodore Monod, has returned from America, and begun his ministrations in the church opened some time ago by his father.

MADAGASCAR.—The *Missionary Magazine* contains a letter from the Rev. W. Ellis giving an account of an interview which he had with the Queen. The Queen expressed her satisfaction at the prospect of the arrival of additional missionaries, and intimated that there was no change in regard to the teaching and worship of Christians.

VICTORIA, V. J.—In a Victoria paper of date 24th Oct., we find an account of a very successful soiree in the Presbyterian Church, Victoria, (Rev. Mr. Hall's). The chair was occupied by the Hon. Chief-Justice Cameron. The chairman, the Rev. Mr. Hall, the Rev. Mr. McFie, and Rev. Lachlan Taylor, were the speakers. The meeting is described as one of the largest and most successful ever seen in Victoria.

WAR IN NEW ZEALAND.—The threatened war in New Zealand has broken out. Many murders have been committed by the savage natives, and there appears to be an almost insatiable desire for massacre. Some of the better disposed natives gave warning to the Europeans, so that some escaped that might otherwise have been cut off. The Government had employed all imaginable means to ward off the danger and quiet the disaffected tribes. But their efforts have been in vain.

NEW CHURCHES IN EDINBURGH.—We observe that several new Churches have lately been opened in Edinburgh under very auspicious circumstances. The principal of these are a new United Presbyterian Church at Morningside, and a new Free Church at Canongate. The Rev. Dr. Cairns officiated at the opening of the first, and Principal Candlish at the other. We observe, too, that several ministers of eminence have been translated to Edinburgh. Not to refer to Rev. Mr. Arnot, formerly of Glasgow, we may mention the Rev. W. Fraser of Gourrock, just translated to St. Bernard's.

OPENING OF FREE CHURCH COLLEGES IN SCOTLAND.—The several Theological Halls in connection with the Free Church were opened in the beginning of November. An introductory lecture was delivered in the new college, Edinburgh, by Professor Davidson, colleague and successor to Dr. Duncan in the chair of Hebrew and Oriental Language. At Aberdeen Dr. Brown gave an address, in the course of which he dwelt at some length on the use and need of Theological study, and the prevailing skepticism of the present day, scientific and religious.