up quickly many dialects, stood the brunt of hardhips and occasional persecutions, and all the while ships and occasional persecutions, and all the while gleaned sheaves for the eternal garner. He has just been removed from the scene of his labors to the better land, at the very height of his usefulness. During the last English war with China, when Commissioner Yeh had put a price upon the heads of Europeans, he had been quietly pursuing his work in a province neighboring to Canton, when he was recognized by his blue eyes as a foreigner, and sent to the comhis blue eyes as a foreigner, and sent to the commissioner. By a merciful Providence his life was saved, and he was sent over to the English camp. Since then he has been constantly pursuing his pioneer work, heard of now here and now there, but never at rest, and never without success in his labors. Latterly he has been chiefly in Pekin and the north. He died at New-chwang, a port in the north. His death was caused by physical depression and exhaustion, and was the result of his life-long

and self-denying labors. The mission in China is strong in agency. The converts are singularly devoted, and "in an eminent degree are evangelists," and have been ever making way into new territory. The holy lives of able also was their hallowed observance of the Lord's day, "the binding and perpetual obligation of which the missionaries faithfully preached."

The Irish Presbyterian Church have resolved to co-operate with the E. P. Synod in China, and have sent out a missionary to help to fill Mr. Burns' emp

Mormonism in England and Wales.—Though the home of Mormonism is in the United States, all intelligent observers know that its growth is not from this country, and America has to bear the reproach of sheltering, but Europe that of feeding, this wickedness. The Fall Mall Gazette says, a propos of Mr. Hepworth Dixon's scandalous and libellous "New America:" "Any American bookmaker, who wished to do a clever thing, had only to go to Liverpool and there make inquiries about the Mormons. He would probably be referred to Wales, and if he pursued his journey thither he would soon discover that he had hit upon the large training-ground of Mormondon. He would find that we rear the followers of Brigham Young, and that America gets the credit of them. A thrilling picture of the frightful state of social life in Great Britain might be drawn from the presence among us a propos of Mr. Hepworth Dixon's scandalous and tain might be drawn from the presence among us of strange sects. Wales is a great deal nearer to the heart of England than Salt Lake or Oneida Creek is to anything which deserves to be called 'American;' and an enterprising traveller, gifted with a lithe and sinewy style, might easily delude a portion of his countrymen into the belief that the Mormon nursery in Wales can be easely taken as cation from Knox church, and to declare the use an example of the relations which exist between of instrumental music in worship to be contrary to the sexes all over the country. If he did this, and did it well, he would deserve to be considered a very smart' man, for -to use a common phrase-he would have paid us back in our own coin. We send shiploads of Mormons to America, and then write books to prove that Mormonism is the natural fruit of the loose principles which prevail in America."

Evangelistic Work in Scotland.—Christian activity, in directly presenting the great truths of the Gospel to the minds of the multitudes, has never been so wide-spread and unremitting as in the past year. The place and employment of what are popuyear. The place and employment of what are popularly known as "Lay Evangelists" have been forced on the attention of the Churches by the prominence of these men in revival work, and by the blessing that has rested on their labors. Most of them are working without any formal Church recognition, and not a few without the pale of every regularly organized Church. Out of this state of things cerain abuses have arisen, and greater abuses are regarded as sure to follow. Hence, while there is on he part of some an inclination to condemn and ig-ore the Evangelist altogether, it is generally felt hat, apart from the question of duty, this could not be done without great danger to the cause of reliion. These laborers were in the field and could not e put down; and it was far from desirable even to teempt it. Besides, the objections to the Evangelsts on the grounds of extravagances of conduct nd unsoundness of doctrine were the very reasons ny the Church should, with as little delay as posle, take up the subject. It was agreed, both in the J. P. Synod and Free Church Assembly, to approint ommittees, consisting of leading ministers and laynen (including country brethren who knew somehing of the labors of Evangeliets) to consider the subject. The claim for formal Church recognition loudly urged by the Evangelists themselves, who neve held public meetings with a view to bringing before the Christian public.

Obituary.-Rev. T. Mayne Reed, M. A., one t the clerks of the Irish General Assembly, and ther of the novelist—Captain Mayne Reed—died cently at Drumgooland, near Rathfriland, County wn. He was a man of marked ability and great cellence of character. Before the union of 1840. was in connection with Secession (or U. P.) Sy-

The Free Church and the Freedmen.—At the cent meeting of the General Assembly Commis-on, Dr. Adam, Glasgow, brought under the notice the Commission the deliverance of the Assembly commending deacons' courts to make a collection September or October in behalf of the Amerin freedmen, and authorizing the Colonial Comittee to prepare and issue an address on the subct. There were, he said, 150,000 children in the hools which had been set up amongst the white ad negro people; there were 40,000 or more adults tending the night schools, and a large staff of providing for their intellectual necessities, and was the testimony of all who had anything to do th the work, and of parties who had visited the athern States, that the negro children were exedingly earnest and apt scholars; and that in exproportion as they got knowledge and were train-up, they became willing to work and exert them-wes—thus leading to the bringing about of an important state of things in the southern part of the American Union. The Commission approved of the recommendation of the Colonial Committee commending the collection to be made on the aird or fourth Sabbath of September.

Protestantism in France.—The protestant po-plation of France is reckoned at 1,200,000, about pe-thirtieth of the whole—a small show comparwith the times when the flower of the nobility, nd almost the total population of some provinces ere Protestant. But it is much if we recollect the ng and merciless persecutions; and numerous and tal desertions, which conspired its ruin. It would a large and glorious proportion for a living church lled with a sense of its mission. In some parts the rotestants are no less ignorant and spiritually dead an the Roman Catholics who surround them. here are whole departments in which the Gospel unpreached, and Protestantism unrepresected by rmed Churches recognized by the State have 104 nsistories, 489 parishes, with 692 annexes and churches. The pastors number 661. The Lu-Thran churches, also recognized by the State, have consistories, 232 parishes, 199 annexes, 392 parches, 303 pastors. The average number of offi-l pastors is 1 for 1,200 or 1,300 souls, but the semination of Protestant families is such that my are unknown, unvisited, and consequently e into indifference and Catholicism for want of pastoral care. Protestantism costs the State 1,608,

536 francs per annum-about \$336,000. The Independent churches number 195 places of worship and 98 pastors. There are six societies for the evangelization of France, which cannot, however, reach a hundreth part of the need.

A French Romanist on Protestant West-Indian Missions.—Count Montalembert says: These missionaries are of all sorts,-Methodists, Baptists, Independents, &c.,—and my faith obliges me to regard them as heretics, as strangers to or rebels against the truth which I profess; but it does not make me blind to the immense service which they have rendered to humanity and to freedom. I feel pleasure, on the contrary, in declaring that the labors of the English missionaries in the West Indies one of the noblest spectacles ever exhibited to mankind. The influence of these missionaries has been spoken of as a reproach to them. Gentlemen, what was the origin and nature of that influence? They reigned over the negroes, it is said. I admit it readily; but by what better title is it possible to reign over men? Why, they found these poor blacks, men and women, naked, and taught them to clothe themselves; they found them living together like brutes, and united them in marriage; they found the baptized have produced a powerful impression. They have off-times been bitterly persecuted in towns and villages. Their property was destroyed; they suffered imprisonment, and they had to face the less of life; but they held fast. Very remarkthem to freedom. And after this they are reproached with the influence which they exercised. It is the most legitimate and felicitous influence which can be exercised by man over man."

> Over the Border Items.—The average stipend of ministers in the Canada Presbyterian Church is now \$620 (in coin) an average gain of \$50 in the past Synodical year. There are still fifty ministers who receive less than \$500, and twenty-six less than \$400.—Rev. Mr. Mc Vickar has been appointed Professor of Theology in the new Presbyterian College at Montreal.—On the 24th of June the Established Presbytery of Ayr ordained Messrs. F. R. Macdonald and Robert Campbell, preachers of the Gospel, to charges in Nova Scotia, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

The Organ Question Across the Border.—This uestion was before the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church in connection with an application from one of the congregations in Montreal—that of the principles and immemorial practice of the Church, while another was in favor of finding it in-expedient to prohibit instrumental music where it was desired unanimously by a large majority of a congregation. There was, of course, a good deal of feeling, and ultimately a resolution was carried to the effect "That the report of the Committee on the overture to Presbyteries be laid on the table."
From this finding Dr. Irvine (as representing Knox church) dissented, regarding it as virtually refusing the prayer of the memorial from that congregation. But on the next meeting after the adjournment he requested leave to withdraw his dissent. Apparently he had satisfied himself in the meantime that he finding of the Synod was equivalent to a declinature to pronounce any decision at all; and that, in these circumstances, the congregation, if it chose, might proceed in the matter on its own responsibil-

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FREEDMEN'S MISSION.

The Board through their Secretary would call he attention of the members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the mission that has been in successful operation at Alexandria, Va., for a number of years. It will be remembered, that at the late meeting of Synod, the resignation of Wm. G. Scott, as superintendent, was accepted, in consequence of impaired health.

The other teachers expressed a wish to continue in that field of labor. It was also considered, that by co-operating with the N. Y. Union Commission, the work of educating the Freedmen could be more efficiently carried on. A letter has lately been received from R. M. Manly, superintendent of education in Virginia, urging the Board to continue the school in Alexandria. He states that the Freedmen's Union Commission will occupy but one of the large buildings erected by the Bureau, and that he would be very glad if the Board of Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church would fully occupy the other building which contains eight fine large rooms. He wishes to know how many teachers the Board will send the coming year, stating, that it will be a sad thing if some hundreds of scholars who have been in the school, shall for the want of teachers, be turned into the streets. With these facts before us we make schers with Normal institutions already at work an appeal to all the congregations and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church for aid. Since the meeting of Synod only two congregations have sent in their contributions to this fund, when the treasury was reported empty. Before we can say how many teachers shall be sent to occupy this field, we must know something near the amount of funds, we can raise. Relying upon receiving contributions we have instructed our former teachers, to resume their labors in September. They have devoted themselves to that work, and become interested in it, and would be very unwilling to withdraw from it. We trust this will not be permitted. Their salaries must be paid. Whether any more teachers shall be sent, depends on the response given. Will not the different Pastors present the claims of this cause to their respective congregations, and urge immediate contributions. If all will do their share, it will not oppress any, and the other building may be fully occupied. All contributions for this object to be sent to the Treasurer of the Board.

J. C. M'MILLAN, Secty. and Treasr. Xenia, Ohio, August 28, 1868.

Special Antices.

Presbytery of Iowa City will hold its next stated meeting in Marengo, on Monday, the 7th of September next, at 71/2 o'clock, P.M. SAMUEL STORRS HOWE, Stated Clerk 1 Iowa City, Aug 14, 1868.

The Symod of Wisconsin will meet at Columbus, on Thursday the 8th day of October, instead of the 17th of September, (necessarily postponed.) at 7 o'clook, P. Mi.

Lodi, Wis., Aug. 27, 1868.

Daily Noon Prayer-meetings for Prayer and Exhortation are held at the Young Men's Christian Association Room, 1210 Chestnut St., 3rd story. COME. The Presbytery of Galena and Belvidere will meet in Belvidere on Tuesday, September 16th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. E. H. AVERY, Stated Clerk.

Warren, Ill., Aug. 17, 1868.

The Presbytery of Wellsboro' will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the Presbyterian church in Osceola, on Tuesday, September 8th. at 2½ o'clock. P. M. J. F. CALKINS, Stated Clerk. Welisboro' Pa., Aug. 17, 1868. Warren, Ill., Aug. 17, 1868.

The Syned of Geneva will meet in the Presbyterian Church in Corning on Tuesday, the 16th of September, at half past seven, P. M.
Members, on their arrival, will please report at the Lecture Room.

B. M. GOLDSMITH, Stated Clerk. Aug. 22, 1868.

The Presbytery of Chicago will hold its next Semi-lanual meeting in Hyde Park, September 14, 1868, commencing ut 7½ o'clock P. M. D. S. JOHNSON, Stated Clerk. Hyde Park, Ill., Aug. 6, 1868.

The Presbytery of Omaha will hold its Annual meeting in the 2nd Presbyterian church of Omaha, on Tuesday, the 8th of September, at 8 o'clock, P. M. F. M. DIMMICK, Omaha, Nebraska, Aug. 7, 1868. Synod of Iowa.—The Synod of Iowa will meet (D. V.) on he second Thursday (10th) of September, 1868, at Dubuque at 7½ clock, P. M.

H. L. STANLEY, Stated Clerk.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Synod of Genesee will convene at Hornelisvile, on the second Tuesday of September at

The Presbytery of Lyons will meet in the Presbyterian church at Joy, on Tuesday the 8th of September, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A. H. LILLY, Stated Clerk.

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