

Rev. Asa Mahari, D.D., LL.D., died at Eastbourne, England, in April, aged eighty-nine. He was formerly President of Oberlin College. He was a man of great learning, and wrote several books on Mental Philosophy. For several years he was an earnest advocate of the "Higher Life."

Rev. Luke Tyerman, of England, has entered into rest at the ripe old age of three score and ten. The present writer knew him when he entered the ministry. During the time he was a local preacher and in all the circuits in which he travelled he gave full proof of his ministry. He was a powerful preacher. Few men have turned more to righteousness. By reason of an affection in the throat, he took a superannuated relation more than twenty years ago, and devoted himself to literary pursuits. Seven large volumes of biography, being the Lives of Samuel Wesley, John Wesley, George Whitfield, John Fletcher and the Oxford Methodists, are monuments of his industry. Other works are ready for publication. He died "resting his soul on oaths, and promises and blood."

Rev. Jas. A. Ivison is also reported as having gone over to the great majority. He entered the ministry in 1854, and after serving some laborious circuits for about about twenty years, his health gave way, and since that time he has not been able to labour as formerly. For some years before he died he was stationed at St. Clair Indian Mission. He was a good man and served his generation faithfully.

Rev. Thomas Fox, of Newfoundland Conference, has also entered into the joy of his Lord. He had been a supernumerary for some years. For seventy-nine years he had been an inhabitant of earth, and was an esteemed minister thirty-three years. He had many spiritual children, and had the reputation of being an eminently holy man.

Rev. J. L. Porter, D.D., President of Queen's College, Belfast, Ireland, author of "The Great Cities of

Bashan," and other valuable Biblical works, has ceased to work and live. He wrote several of the articles inserted in Kitto's Biblical Encyclopedia.

ITEMS.

The mission to the Sandwich Islands cost the American Board \$500,000 in all, while the trade, which of course goes to the benefit of the commercial community, amounted at the end of sixty years to about \$16,000,000, with a clear profit of more than \$800,000.

It is stated that a nephew of the late King Cetewayo, after six years in Sweden in theological and other studies, has gone back to carry on mission work in his native land.

Father O'Connor, a converted priest, living in New York, is stated to have been the means of the conversion of eight hundred Roman Catholics during the past five years.

A Missionary Society under the title of Christ's Mission, has been formed in New York for the conversion of Roman Catholics, in the line pursued by Father O'Connor.

Rev. Dr. Rainsford, formerly of Toronto, now of New York, makes a plea for federation among the Christian Churches. His chief reason is that our cities are falling into the hands of Roman Catholic priests. He says, "If you are going to offer an organized opposition to the powers of evil, then in the name of God and American Protestantism, you have got to federate."

The *Central Methodist* says that the net gain of the Churches in the United States for the year 1888 was a daily increase of twelve preachers, seventeen houses of worship, and two thousand one hundred and twenty members. This is the average gain for every day of the year.

Recently four hundred persons went from house to house in the Ninth Ward of New York. Other visitors had been employed in a similar manner in other parts of the city. The good accomplished is not so marked as some would like, but good seed is thus sown.