

The partition wall of reserve and seclusion that has kept China so long isolated from the rest of the nations of the earth is falling before the onward march of trade and commerce, and the revolutions within her government, and her degraded ignorant inhabitants are listening to those who bring them the tidings of peace. The Isles of the sea have heard the good news from afar and are stretching forth their hands in gladness to welcome the gospel. And behold in our own country, even in our midst, the power of God is made manifest in overturning the iniquity of wicked men and in opening the word of truth and speaking deliverance to four millions of captive souls who have been almost utterly denied salvation, and ere long we may confidently hope, that from the broad savannas and orange groves of the South, the spicy breath of summer, shall bear on its wings, not the sighs of desolate mothers, the wailing of orphans or the sound of the task-master's lash ; but instead of these, the anthem of praise and the song of thanksgiving for a gospel that is *unfettered* and *free*.

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EVANGELICAL PROVINCIAL MISSION.

We beg to call the attention of the friends of the Evangelical Union cause in this country to the claims of the Provincial Evangelical Mission. As appeared from the report of the Conference in our last issue, there are various fields in Upper Canada in which an efficient and devoted missionary might do much good. From the lack of funds, the Mission Executive are not at present in a position to engage a missionary. We know that there are many devoted friends of our cause on this side the Atlantic. And we think the facts of the case just need to be stated that they may do their duty. God's cause cannot be carried on without means, without the making of sacrifices on the part of his people. This is a wise arrangement, as it puts our love to Jesus and his gospel to the test.

BOOK NOTICES.

HISTORICAL LECTURES ON THE LIFE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.—Being the Hulsean Lectures for the year 1859. With Notes, Critical, Historical, and Explanatory. By C. J. Ellicott, B. D. Boston : Gould and Lincoln, 1862.

This is a volume of great value to the Biblical Student. To understand thoroughly Christianity, it is necessary minutely to study the four