

gued the soldier. 'not to sail for the Crimea without having seen and thanked you. As our corps was to follow this route, we expected to meet with no difficulty in the accomplishment of our object. when it was suddenly decided that the corps should take another direction. We had reason to fear that our captain would not allow us to go out of our way and come here; but we prayed, and the Lord so inclined the captain's heart that he granted our request at once, without even a question or a remark. We might also not have found out your house or not have met you at home, but God has answered every one of our petitions.'

"Then came the account of their conversion; how they had read the two tracts over and over again; had lent them to many of their comrades; had bought New Testaments, the perusal of which had accomplished the work of grace in their hearts; and how notwithstanding the opposition and mockery of many, there were now eight of their comrades in the habit of meeting to read and pray together. The pious joy of the woman, the happiness of their short intercourse, the seriousness of the last farewell, after having knelt down together before God, can be better imagined than described.

"The next time the young woman heard about them, it was by a letter received, not from themselves, but from one of their friends, whom they had brought to the knowledge of Christ. That letter is so interesting that I send you a translation of it, only a few sentences being omitted:—

"CRIMEA, February 9, 1855.

"What do you think of our long silence? Can you believe we have forgotten you? No, certainly, that is impossible; but we have had so much to go through that we could not find a moment's respite to write. This very day I am sitting on the ground to write my letter, to be alone; and I have no other table than the hymn-book that I have inherited. I am so cold that I can hardly hold my pen; but I will do my best that you may be able to read.

"I have sad news to give you; I say sad for me, for, as regards my friends, they are rather joyful. And they will also give you sorrow to hear; for I judge of your affliction by the marks of your charity towards my friends, who are now enjoying the rest prepared for the people of God. "Here they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Joseph M.—died on the 3d of February of dysentery; James N— was obliged to stay out on so cold a night that he died frozen, four days after his friend.

"I think you will read with interest some details of their death. You have, no doubt, remarked in Joseph's language his zeal for the Truth. During the voyage he said, "I hear a voice within me telling me to speak to these friends." When we came to Versailles the weather was very bad. We remained there two days; and, as we went on board, priests came to distribute medals to us. Joseph refused to take one, whereupon the other soldiers blamed him. "No," said he, "we must be faithful in little things as well as in great ones; therefore, when his turn came, he answered the priest: "Thank you, sir, I have one." "But, even if you have one already, it does not matter; it was not given to you with the same intention." "I beg your pardon, sir, mine can do for all the circumstances of life," and in saying this he took out of his pocket a New Testament. "Ah!" said the priest, "so you are a heretic? With men like you little would be done in Russia?" Our officer, attracted by the priest's words, came towards us, and, having inquired what was the matter, he told Joseph he would make him take the medal. "He has," said the priest, "a dangerous book about him." "I know not if the Word of God is dangerous," immediately answered Joseph; but one thing I know, that my eyes were shut, and it has opened them, and given me peace." The priest then went off, smiling with pity; and, seeing that he could answer nothing, the officer remained near us. "But," said he, "is it true you will not have the medal?" "No," said Joseph, "they give everything here except

the one thing needful." "Well," said the officer, "after all we are capable of judging in some things. Lend me the book that has so much alarmed him." Joseph gave him his book with pleasure, saying, "May God deign to bless the reading of it to you, as He has done to me." I hope the Lord will answer us, for our officer still reads the Gospel attentively, and he has forbidden the soldiers who are under his orders to insult us.

"A short time after our arrival here Joseph fell ill, and his illness only lasted three days. He had dreadful sufferings to undergo. I could only visit him occasionally for a few moments, and that even by protection.

"The short time I remained near him I was always edified by his patience and resignation. He spoke of those new heavens and of that new earth where righteousness will dwell. The night before his death he called me louder than he had done before, and said, "I think I am going to die; God's will be done. You must write to my poor mother. How afflicted she will be! But the Lord will comfort her. I ask it with all my heart. Tell her from me I die happy. Oh! I also wished I could have returned to B. that fine country, where for the first time I heard about the good news that is to-day my joy and my happiness! But I am going to see a country more beautiful still. The Lord bless this dear sister and her family! I wish you knew her. I always fancy I see her speaking to us. You must write to her, won't you?" and I promised him to do it. He was exhausted by what he had said; he seemed to rest for a moment, and then added, "How I wish I could see my mother!"

I was obliged to leave him about eleven o'clock in the morning on the day of his death. When I came back later into the tent, he seemed to enjoy the presence of his Saviour, but could speak no more; however he warmly pressed my hand, and a few minutes after his soul went to meet his God.

"In the midst of all these afflictions we still have to give thanks to God, that He has put it into the hearts of devoted Christians to leave their own country, their relatives and friends, to come and be witnesses of His mercy and of His forgiveness. The hardest hearts are touched by it. When one hears them read the Bible, they seem to be angels come down from Heaven to snatch souls from eternal condemnation.

"I had not the satisfaction of seeing James N.; but another friend was beside him when he died, and told me he had expressed his joy at going to meet his friend. Since they are gone, it seems to me as if I were soon going to meet them as well. May the Lord prepare me for a death like theirs! Oh, do not forget to pray for this great army; recommend us to the prayers of your dear pastor, and ask him to recommend us to the prayers of his flock.

"Adieu! I have still two years of military service before me; but, if ever I get leave to go home, I will go and see you. The Lord bless you and keep you!"—*News of the Churches.*

P. S.—The following was omitted at page 24.

We understand that the University of Glasgow has conferred the degree of D. D. on the Rev. James George, Vice Principal of Queen's College, Kingston; and that the University of Edinburgh has conferred the same on Principal Campbell, of King's College, Aberdeen.

AULDBAR.—The chapel rebuilt with so much taste by the late P. Chalmers, Esq., in the romantic glen of Auldbar, was used as a Protestant place of worship for the first time on the evening of Sabbath week. The Rev. Peter Myles, minister of the united parishes of Auldbar and Aberlona, conducted the service.

We are authorized to state that the Rev. Dr. John Crombie, of Seone, will be proposed Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly.—*Edinburgh Evening Post.*

We believe that His Grace the Duke of Roxburgh has manifested his interest in the Endow-

ment Scheme by contributing towards it the munificent sum of £600.

ECCLIESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Queen has appointed the Rev. David Rose, to the Church and Parish of Ferry-Port-on-Craig, in the Presbytery of St. Andrews.

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met at Leven, on Thursday last, and inducted the Rev. Mr. Brown, late of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh, to the church and parish of Seonville.

The Rev. G. U. Mackintosh, of Unst, in the Presbytery of Olnefirth, has received a presentation to the charge of the parish of Holm, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr. Smith.

ACIDFIELD CHURCH, PULLOKSHAW.—On the evening of Sabbath the 16th inst., the Rev. Geo. Campbell, of Eastwood, delivered an able and eloquent discourse in this church from St. Matthew, iv, 11, to a very large and attentive audience, when a collection was made in behalf of the Sabbath School and Library, which amounted to nearly £7.

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