

who lived sad in her father's house. She had toiled already twice to the tomb after a vow, for she was a sincere worshipper, and this year she thought she would go again. She missed her road, and found herself in another village; she entered the first house to inquire, and ask for a glass of water. The woman, who kindly received her, told her of another Healer and of a better pilgrimage, which could be attained without leaving her home. She promised to come again on her way back. 'Did the Curé d'Ars ever heal your broken heart?' was asked by her new friend on her return. 'No, I never heard of such a thing,' Jesus was presented to her as revealed in the Bible. She stayed hearing and reading the Testament among the few bright Christians of the place, and found something worth more than she had come for, even the salvation of her soul. She thought she would once more say a prayer in the Roman Catholic church, but could not, and cast down her heads upon the floor, saying, '*Temple of idols, take thine own*.' When she returned home, her father eagerly asked her for the medals of Ars. 'Here is my medal, father,' and she presented him with the New Testament, and told him of her joy. But he had no ears nor heart for these things, and closed his house against her. She returned to her Christian friends until a better spirit should animate him. On her way she visited an aunt who was dying. She stayed and tended her, and the whole of the little property—house, land, and money—was bequeathed to her. All this has taken place within the last two months, and the woman is full of wonder at the kindness of the Lord. Her father casting her out was the means of even her earthly prosperity through her heavenly Father's care."

The intelligence of the death of Dr. Merle D'Aubigne, although occurring at a ripe age, will be received with deep sorrow and regret. He has been a labourious and useful labourer.

The Protestant schools in Italy, and notably those of Pisa and Cisanelle, are doing good work in the education of the children of Romanists. The former contains 117 children.

The Armenian Church is torn with dissension, the question being who is Catholicos, Metropolitan or Bishop. Many have discovered that in ancient days there was no such dignitary, nor any diocesan bishop, and are moving towards Presbyterian Protestantism.

A great earthquake has taken place in Syria; and in the ancient city of Antioch 1500 houses have been entirely destroyed, 125 people killed, and large numbers wounded.

The number of Protestant native Christians in India, Burmah, and Ceylon is said to be 300,000.

In New Caledonia, under French protection, owing to the persecuting spirit of the Roman Catholic priests and party, a large number of Protestant natives have been massacred, while others have been compelled to apostatize.

"Strange stirrings seem to be taking place in the heart of those old Oriental empires which appeared least exposed to the spirit of change. Since the Taiping rebellion, China has never been what it once was; and now Japan appears to be passing through a silent but extraordinary revolution. The sovereign of the latter country—called the Mikado—is not a mere despot, in the sense that Louis Napoleon was a despot. He is a sort of semi-divine being; and his will, when expressed, carries with it something of the force and authority of a revelation. Hence the people have