

religious freedom. In the course of a vigorous and ably sustained appeal to the Spanish Government, the sentences were, as is well known, commuted to perpetual exile. Carraseo went to Switzerland, added theological training to his quickly earned young experience, and equipped himself for Spanish evangelical work in the dark as it were, but with the lamp of hope ever burning, and his prayers ever towards his beloved country.

The revolution of 1868 occurred; the small band of trained believers swiftly rushed into the gap. Before the alteration of the law, borne on the wave of popular opinion, and sustained by their tried faith, they began to hold meetings for prayer and for expounding the Word of God. They obtained, in quick succession, municipal authorization, fellowship, a building, a change of law in their favour, a status before the Church and the world at large, and then, with the first tide of success, began to operate in other parts of Spain.

His literary attainments were of great value to the cause of the Reformed Religion. His death is deeply lamented, not only in Spain, but far and wide in the Protestant world. He has left a widow and three small children.

Professor Pronier was a man of high attainments as a theologian. He was a "self-made man," and all the stronger on that account. The venerable Gausson indicated him as the man he would like as his successor in the Chair of Systematic Theology in Geneva. As a professor, his learning was extensive, and his teaching accurate, showing that he spared no labor in the preparation of his lectures. Firm in his faith, possessed of a large heart, and a comprehensive intellect, his words carried the weight of maturity, even with a certain sternness, but tempered by the geniality of his benevolent nature.

Three years ago, when it was proposed that the Evangelical Alliance should meet in New York, (says the *True Catholic*) Pronier had consented to become a delegate for the Genevese section, and he and M. Coulin were duly appointed as such. The great meeting was postponed on account of

the war in Europe; but this year, when called upon, he came forward to fulfil his promise, and they sailed for New York in August. Besides attending the meetings of the Alliance his intention was also to endeavour, by personal intercourse and information given from the pulpit, to increase the interest of American Christians in the evangelization of the Continent (an aim which was also shared by his friend Carraseo), but especially in the Evangelical Society of Geneva and its school. It was for the presentation of that plan that they prolonged their stay in America after the close of the Conference and the return of their friends to Geneva. They took their passage in the *Ville du Havre* on November 13; but it sank in mid-ocean on the 22nd. Owing to the awfully sudden catastrophe, next to nothing is known of the last moments of our friends. M. E. Cook, of Paris, mentions that he met M. Pronier on the deck and told him, "We are sinking!" "Yes," he replied, "but we are in the Lord's hands." They sank, and he was never again seen. At the age of forty-three a respected and able servant of God has been snatched away in a moment, leaving a widow and six young children.

We are glad to state that funds are being collected in the United States for the benefit of the bereaved families. The Halifax Alliance has also remitted money for the same object.

Acadia Mission.

Report of Collecting Tour.

Although my collecting tour is not quite completed, I shall now comply with the request of the Committee, by writing a Report of my proceedings so far.

According to instruction, I left my work at Restigouche and began to collect for the Church at Grand Falls, in September. I proceeded up north and visited the following places, viz:—Mill Branch, Bass River, Nicholas River, Richibucto, Kouchibouguac, Chatham, where I preached in St. Andrew's and St. John Churches, Douglas town, New Castle, Derby, Blackville, Black River, Black Brook, Bathurst, River Charlo, Dalhousie, Campbellton, Metepedia and Maple Green, preached and de-