

and assuredly un-Scottish utterances. One of these fathers, who for fifteen years on our British American continent, and for twice that number of years at home, has published from many a pulpit the salvation of God, has buckled on his armour anew, and in a well reasoned argument of twenty four small pages,\* has with singular precision and accuracy "*red. the marches*" between the law and the Gospel, showing *where* the law is superseded by the Gospel, and *where* it is rather confirmed and established by it. The "ceremonial" institutes are seen retiring from view simply because they had served their intended purpose. The principles involved in the true" or "judicial code" are shown in the light of the laws of nature and of nations" which are unalterable, while many of their specific details belong to an economy long since wound up; while "the moral law" is magnified and aggrandized by the stamp of Deity, and the seal of existence and a control at once boundless and perennial. "What then"—adopting the closing words of the next brochure—"what then shall we think or say, of those in this free-thinking age, who have the audacity to affirm that the Decalogue was buried in the grave of Jesus? I ask, when did that funeral take place; who were its attendants? By whom was it witnessed? where is its evidence? Is it here, 'Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfil.' "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." Or, is its interment recorded in such statements as these "Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven." "It is easier for heaven or earth to pass than for one tittle of the law to fail." No surely. "Be perfect" is the language of both Testaments. It is the glory of the Gospel, that instead of lowering the standard of holiness to the imperfections of man, it strives to raise his to that noble and celestial height. Everything is in the ascendant. The doctrines, the precepts, the examples, the images, the language of the Bible—all breathe a tone of sublimity that ill harmonizes with low pursuits, sensual appetites, and worldly affections. Let us follow whither they lead us. Let perfection in holiness be the standard at which we aspire; and let us never count that we have already attained, or are already perfect, so long as we are not wholly and entirely conformed to that law of the Lord which is holy, just and good.

\* "*The Jewish Law, how far superseded by the Gospel,*" by George Burns, D. D., Corstorphine.

### Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.

Nanaimo—Vancouver Island, Dec. 1st, 1865.

Rev. R. F. Burns,

My Dear Sir: Mr. Duff has, I think, already informed you of my purpose to visit this place when he returned from Cariboo. Though the distance direct from New Westminster across the gulf is only about 70 miles, I was obliged to come by way of Victoria, and was detained there two weeks waiting for a steamer. The weather was too rough at the time to venture in a canoe.