

My "the Comforter" himself minister consolation, and give strength and resignation in this hour of great trial and great need! We know that the Lord proves Himself to the widow an Husband, and to orphans a Father.

Intelligence.

The Gospel in Mexico.

Many have watched with lively interest the recent progress of the Gospel in Mexico, and especially the encouraging success attending the labors of Rev. Messrs. Stephens and Watkins at Guadalajara.

Mrs. Watkins states that a church of 17 members was organized on the 25th Dec. last. Seventeen more have since that date applied for admission to the church. These are all recent converts from the superstition so powerful and widespread in that interesting country. Rev. Mr. Stephens had for the last few months been much encouraged in his labors at Ahualulco, a new field about 100 miles from the last mentioned city, where Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins still continued their labors. Tidings are received at the missionary rooms, Boston, that on March 2nd, "Stephens was assassinated at Ahualulco. His body was horribly mutilated." The *Boston Journal* adds, "The missionary cause has lost a noble worker, and one more heroic life has been given for the saving of men." Popery is as cruel as heathenism itself.

The following facts relative to this murder have transpired:—On Sunday morning, 8th March, at Ahualulco, in the State of Jalisco, a priest delivered an incendiary sermon, in the course of which he advocated the extermination of Protestants, that so excited his hearers that an armed mob of 200 persons gathered in the evening and proceeded to the residence of Rev. John Stevens, Congregational minister sent out by the Boston Board of Foreign Missionaries. With cries of "Long life to the priests," they broke into the house and seizing the clergyman, smashed his head to a jelly and chopped his body into pieces; they afterwards sacked the house and carried off everything of value.

Spain.

The eloquent and noble Carasco's voice was silenced in the Atlantic when the ill-fated *Ville du Havre* went down. The blank in Spain was felt to be very great. God has raised up another "burning and shining light" who is likely to fill the fallen champion's place.—A Roman Catholic priest of eminence has given in his adhesion to the Reformed faith and is preparing for the ministry. The condition of matters in

Spain was thus explained by Pastor Carasco during his American tour:

Religious liberty has now prevailed in Spain for five years. During this time twenty-seven congregations have been established in different parts of the country. The most important church is that at Seville, under the care of Cabrera. Carasco's own church in Madrid numbered 900 persons. Christian schools have been established in various towns. There is a growing interest in the study of the Scriptures, and a larger number of Bibles were sold in Spain than in Italy last year. Great numbers of Bibles have been sent from Madrid to Mexico. Five million Spanish Gospel tracts have been circulated in Spain by the Religious Tract Society of London during the past five years.

Baptism of an India Prince.

Recent intelligence from India announces the baptism of Kauwar Har Nam Singh, the younger brother of His Highness the Maharajah of Kapurthala in the Punjab, and son of the late Maharajah Raudhir Singh, who married a Christian wife in 1859. The young princes above mentioned were the sons of a former wife. They were educated by the Rev. J. S. Woodside, a Presbyterian minister.

The youth who has now been baptized, is about twenty-two years of age. He has received a very good English education, and gives promise of great usefulness in future. His brother, the reigning Maharajah, is a few years older. Both received the same course of instruction, and it is earnestly hoped he may ere long follow his example. The importance of this accession to the ranks of the Christian Church in India, will be understood when it is remembered that these two young men represent one of the most important tribes in the Punjab—"the Ahluwalia Missi." Their father was the first of the Punjab chiefs who threw in his lot with the British Government in the great mutiny of 1857, and commanded an important auxiliary force which took an active part in crushing the rebellion in Oudh. This is the second baptism among the princes of India. The first was the Maharajah Dhulip Singh, who resides in England.

It is hoped that Har Nam Singh, may be allowed to remain among his own people and become a tower of strength to the Church of Christ in that land.

Dr. Candlish in Death.

"Pray for me," he said to one at his bedside when his end was drawing near, "that I may have a more lively sense of Christ's presence and salvation." And yet, he added, "I would only ask for that if it be God's will, for I am satisfied. I have