

more; and also contributed last year \$500 for the support of evangelists and colporteurs among the Romanists in Hungary, Italy, Belgium, and France.

GREECE.—Mr. King, an American Missionary, has been imprisoned for preaching and publishing lectures, tending to show the error of worshipping the Virgin Mary.

AUSTRIA.—Another seizure has been made of 900 Bibles, the property of the British and Foreign Bible Society, at Guns in Hungary. The printing-office was shut up, and the publication forbidden. The property belonging to the British and Foreign Bible Society, in the different provinces of Austria, is estimated somewhere between £3000 and £4000.

OVERTHROW OF POPEERY.—The first of a series of meetings to promote this object was held in Davie Street Church on Thursday evening. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. McCrie and the Rev. Mr. Nisbet. Several ministers of various denominations expressed their great regret at being necessarily absent. The meeting was most interesting. An extract of a letter from the young men of Geneva was read. The proposal had been brought before a large assembly of ministers and members of eight different denominations by the Rev. Dr. Malan, so that the city of Calvin, besides many other places throughout Christendom, responds to the appeal from the city of Knox.—*The Scottish Press*, April 17.

SECESSIONS FROM THE CHURCH OF ROME.—It is reported that Lord Beaumont and his sister, the Hon. Miss Stapleton, have at length seceded from the Church of Rome, and become members of the Church of England. The event of Lord Beaumont's secession had been for some time deemed probable. Lady Beaumont is, as she always has been, a member of the Church of England. Her Ladyship is daughter to Lord Kilmaine. The Hon. Mr. Stapleton, brother to the noble lord, seceded from the Church of Rome about fifteen months since.

OUR AMBASSADOR AT PARIS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—The Prince President invited our new Ambassador in Paris to dine with him at the Elysee on Sabbath week, as a first and formal reception of the representative of England. Lord Cowley declined on the ground that he made a practice of not attending public dinners on Sabbath. Louis Napoleon manifested his respect for the act and the motive by substituting Monday for Sabbath. We are happy to record an anecdote which does honour to both parties, and which exhibits Lord Cowley as representing not only the English Government but the sound religious feeling of England.—*Christian Times*.

SERMONS NOT COPYRIGHT.—The case, which occurred two years ago in the Paisley Court, between the Rev. John Macnaughtan and Mr. Wilson of the late *Renfrewshire Advertiser*, in which effect was given to the plea maintained for Mr. Wilson that sermons delivered from the pulpit to a congregation were not copyright, will be in the memory of most of our readers. Professor Shank More has introduced a notice of the case into the lectures on Scotch law, and has intimated, *ex cathedra*, that he concurs in the opinion that sermons and speeches, once delivered and spoken in an assembly, are no longer the exclusive property of the speaker, but pass into the possession of the public, who may print and dispose of them at pleasure.—*Glasgow Constitutional*.

FREDERICKTON, (N. B.) April 27, 1852.

The last mail has brought the news of the death of the Hon. Alexander Rankin, a member of the Assembly for Northumberland, and one of our Executive Council, who had gone to Great Britain on a visit to his friends last autumn. Mr. Rankin has been about forty years engaged in commercial pursuits in this country, and has resided during that time at Miramichi. Of course

he was connected with the large establishments in which his name appears, not only in several parts of these Provinces, but also in the Old Country. His influence in his own county, and in fact through all the northern parts of this Province, was unbounded, and it is generally considered that he controlled directly or indirectly the returns of most of the members of the Assembly from that quarter.

Mr. Rankin, as a legislator, possessed no talents which would have given him influence; he seldom attempted to speak, or to take any part in the business of the House; but his immense wealth and personal influence made him a most important member of the Government. He was a Conservative in politics, and a member of the Church of Scotland. Personally, he was distinguished by many excellencies, and amongst his particular friends was esteemed for his generosity. He never married, but his house was always open to visitors from a distance, and was characterized for hospitality.

SORROWFUL ARRIVAL.—The steamer *Gildersleeve* returned from Cape Vincent on Tuesday evening, bringing the body of the eldest daughter of the Hon. John Macaulay—melancholy freight—who died in London on the 1st inst.—Miss Macaulay, when taken ill, was, we understand, at a Boarding School. Her father, being acquainted of her sickness, immediately left for England, and had the consolation—a sorrowful one—of closing in death the eyes of one very dearly beloved by him. Miss Macaulay was just bursting into womanhood, being over 17 years of age; but earth was too cold for such a flower: it has been transplanted to a warmer clime and more genial soil, where under the care of the Great Gardener it will flourish and blossom to all eternity. Here rests the mourning parents' brightest consolation.—*Kingston Herald*, 23d April.

POETRY.

(From the *Christian Guardian*.)

THINGS THAT I LOVE.

I love to see the rising sun
Diffusing light abroad;
Bright emblem of a purer grace
Which comes to us from God.

I love to hear the gentle sigh
Of soft winds breathing low;
It whispers of the Spirit nigh
To soothe the sorrowed brow.

I love the forest songster's voice,
As through the air it breaks;
It says to earth, "Rejoice, rejoice,"
Of holy warblings speaks.

I love to see the sparkling rill
Flow cheerily along;
Beneath the lofty, soaring hill
It plays its tuneful song.

I love to see the falling rain
Descending from above,
It comes, it comes, it comes again,
Fruit of unceasing love.

I love to see the opening flower
Arrayed in beauteous dress;
It proves an Over-ruling Power,
Exerted still to bless.

I love each blade of grass that grows
Upon the earth I tread;
How kindly thus a carpet green
Beneath my feet is spread.

There's not a season of the year,
Or robe that nature wears,
But we may still behold God near,
His hand in it appears.

There is no spot in this wide world,
Where man makes his abode,
In which we find not something still
Reminding us of God.

I love to study Nature's page,
To con its lessons o'er;
With each advancing step of age
I love it more and more.

"Through Nature up to Nature's God"
I love to rise in thought;
To contemplate the blest abode,
The bliss by Jesus bought.

THE DYING CHRISTIAN'S ANTICIPATIONS OF DEATH AND GLORY.

BY THE LATE RICHARD HUIK, ESQ., M.D., EDINBURGH.

My body wastes, my strength decays,
My cheek is sunk and pale;
My feeble, fluttering pulse betrays
How fast my spirits fail.
The garden spreads its every charm
To tempt me forth again;
But friendship's kind encircling arm
Assists my steps in vain.

In vain the sun ascends the sky,
Or darkness veils the lawn;
By day for evening's close I sigh,
By night for morning's dawn.
Each waking act a burden seems
To nature's sinking powers;
And fancy's wild and fevered dreams
Disturb my sleeping hours.

Come then, my soul, since human skill
Disowns all hope to save,
My thoughts let death and judgement fill,
And realms beyond the grave:
And, while my friends with doubt and fear
My fading members see,
Let this dear truth my bosom cheer,
That Jesus died for me!

Jesus, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
In death's cold arms has lain;
Jesus, who blunts the monster's sting,
Shall raise my dust again.
'Tis sweet to feed upon His grace,
Who reigns on Zion hill;
But, oh! to see Him face to face,
It must be sweeter still!

My soaring spirit Heavenward tends,
Even now its porch I view;
Adieu, my dear, desponding friends!
And thou, vain world, adieu!
The faith that CHRIST is Lord on High
A blest assurance gives;
Shall ransom sinner fear to die,
While his Redeemer lives.

The Scottish Christian Herald.

DIED.

At Callander Place, Mountain Street, on the 28th May, Duncan Stewart, eldest son of the late Dugald Stewart, Esq., Merchant, of this city, in the 27th year of his age, much regretted.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Congregational Collection, at Dundee, Revd. D. Moody £1 10s; Dalhousy Mills and Cote St. George, A. McLean £3; Guelph, C. Grigor £3; Eldon, J. McMurphy £2 15s; Stratford, W. Bell £1; Perth, W. Bell £1 5s; Clarke and Hope, St. Porter £1; Osnabruock, J. Purkys £3; South Gower, Jos. Anderson £1 10; Williamsburgh, Thos. Scott, £1.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Treasurer.