

you a copy of our work, in the cheapest form in which it is issued, which, if you like, you can hand over to the library of the New College. We are at present engaged with Genesis, as the Bible Society contemplates next issuing some select books of the Old Testament, which are greatly wanted by the millions around us. A new impulse will doubtless be given to the work of Scripture circulation throughout the East, by the extraordinary developments now making in China, where the "insurgents," or "patriots," as they are called according to the humor of the moment, are destroying hundreds and thousands of idols in the name of the God of the Bible, and issuing for the encouragement of the people remarkably correct digests of Israelitish history. The additional resources to be furnished in consequence of the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, encourage us to anticipate extended operations.

#### *Curious M.S. of the Gospels in Arabic.*

Having alluded to the Jubilee of the Bible Society, I may mention to you that our Bible Society here lately sent home, as my contribution to its collection, a M.S. copy of the Four Gospels in Arabic, evidently prepared for one of the eastern churches, and which may be of great use in the revision of the Arabic translation circulated by the Bible Society. This valuable document I procured in rather remarkable circumstances. Some time ago, I observed it in the library of one of the principal fire-temple of Bombay; and on my offering ten pounds for it, the priest allowed me to have it on condition of my permitting them to take and keep a copy of it; a proposal in which I immediately concurred, and which at once removed the only scruple which I had in my attempt to make the acquisition,—that founded on removing the Word of God from a position where it might possibly do much good. On the history of the translation, I have not been able to cast any light.

#### *Weekly Lectures on Biblical Theology compared with Brahmanism.*

On the third of August, I commenced in the Mission-house, Ambrolic, a course of weekly Lectures on the Doctrines of Biblical Theology, compared with those of Brahmanism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, and Mohammedanism. The four which, up to this date, I have delivered, have been attended by a large and attentive audience, both natives and Europeans, embracing particularly the alumni not only of our own, but of the other missionary and government institutions at Bombay. On Thursdays, I have an examination upon them at our Institution, attended by all the students of the College, and of the first class of the school divisions. That portion of them which more especially treats of Brahmanism, I intend to include in a new edition of my *Exposures of Hinduism*, combined together, which I have

been preparing for some time past, and which will embrace the results of the research of the British and continental orientalists, and my own dabbling with the Vedas and Shastras since they first appeared. Our missionary brethren in many parts of India have been calling upon me to complete this work: and certainly I feel encouraged to do it, according to my strength and leisure, by the kind use which has been made of my former attempts of the translations, of the first portions of which 40,000 copies have been circulated in Hindia, and 60,000 in Bedgali, and that, as in Marathi, etc., not without tokens for good in the blessing from on high, without which we write as we preach, and teach in vain.

#### *(From the Canada Record.)*

The following reports of Presbytery meetings in Canada may be interesting:  
PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Perth was held at Bytown, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th instant. The Rev. H. Gordon of Gananoque was present, and sat with the Presbytery. The following were the chief items of business:

The members present stated that the collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society had been taken up in their respective charges.

An appeal case from Perth, on a matter of discipline, occupied a considerable time. The decision of the session was sustained.

Mr. Rennie, the Presbytery's Missionary, gave in a very interesting report of his labors for the short time he has been within the bounds. I enclose it for publication.

The students within the bounds underwent an examination previously to their entering college. Among them there is one who has recently arrived from Scotland, named Scivewright. He appears to be a very promising young man, and likely, by the grace of God, to be useful in building up the walls of Zion! The students gave great satisfaction.

#### REPORT ON THE STATIONS AT AYLMER AND EARDLEY.

##### *(Presbytery of Perth.)*

Your missionary to Aylmer and Eardley begs to report as follows:—

He has labored at the above places for 8 weeks, has preached at Eardley each Sabbath forenoon—attendance, eighty; and at Aylmer each Sabbath afternoon—attendance, one hundred and twenty. Total attendance, about two hundred. A Bible Class has been conducted on Sabbath mornings, at Eardley—attendance, sixteen. At Aylmer a Bible Class has been conducted on Thursday evenings—attendance, twenty-four. Total attendance at Bible Classes, forty.

Your missionary has visited thirty-three