

More trustworthy is the news of the finding and deciphering of a Moabite tablet and inscription by Messrs. De Vogue and Ganneau, referring to the Mesha, king of Moab, who was contemporary with Ahab, Ahazia, and Jehoram, of Israel, by whom it seems to have been set up.

AFRICA.—A revival of extensive character has been taking place in Messina and other places in the republic of Liberia, on the African coast.

JAPAN.—The Government of Japan has become a constitutional monarchy, and the feudal system is being abolished. These changes tending to make a strong Government will put a stop to many of the outrages to which Europeans and Christians were formerly subject.

UNITED STATES.—In a book on the Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States, Mr. B. F. Morris informs us that the Presbyterian Church in the United States began its existence in 1703, and that the first General Assembly was held in 1789 in Philadelphia, Rev. John Rodgers being the first moderator.

As a supplement to the Statistics of the Congregational Church in Great Britain and her colonies, we may append the statistics of the same denomination in the United States. It has 2326 churches and 3168 ministers, only 2133 of whom are engaged in pastoral work. There are 300,362 members, and in the Sabbath Schools are 365,500 scholars.

The death of Dr. McClintock, of the Methodist Church, is lamented by men of all Protestant denominations.

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CALLS, &c.

The Rev. A. M. Tait, who recently arrived from Scotland, has been called by the Congregation of *Bristol*.

The Rev. D. Cameron has been inducted at *Beaverton*; and the Rev. H. Currie at *Manilla*, both in the Presbytery of Ontario.

CHURCHES OPENED.

BUXTON.—The new church erected at Buxton was opened for public worship on the 6th ult. The Rev. J. Scott of London preached in the morning and evening, and the Rev. W. King in the afternoon. Although the day was very stormy, the church was crowded in the morning, and well filled at the other services. The church is commodious, calculated to seat 300, and it is hoped that its erection will give a stimulus to the cause in the settlement. In the town there is a fine-toned bell, presented to the Rev. W. King and the late Rev. Dr. Burns by the coloured citizens of Pittsburgh in 1850. On the Monday evening there was a Festival, largely attended, when appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. R. H. Warden, A. McKellar, Esq., M.P.P., J. White, Warden of the County, and others.

DRUMBO.—The new brick Presbyterian Church of Drumbo, was opened for Divine worship on Sabbath, the 13th day of March. Notwithstanding the fearful snow storm that prevailed, rendering the roads in many places almost impassable, good congregations were present morning, afternoon