

send to the millions of their dark but kindred fellow-subjects in our Eastern Empire a short letter, expressing affectionate interest in them, and an ardent desire that they should enjoy the freedom of the early Vedic days, before the Mussulman introduced his morally blighting rule, and in time rise to become all that the women of England are! Such a letter, translated into each of India's thirty vernaculars, would be becoming, since, for six years, one Queen has directly ruled over both. And it might be blessed by God to carry a ray of light into the darkness of many a Hindu woman's breast. Degraded as India is, there is more than one of its daughters who could answer such a letter, and call for the redemption of the pledge which its writers would thus virtually take. God has given India to the women as well as to the men of Great Britain, to civilize it for himself.—*George Smith, Esq., of Serampore.*

West Indies—Antigua.

It is our painful duty to record the early departure of the Rev. John Smith, Free Church minister of St. John's in this island. Little more than a year has yet elapsed since he entered on his labours, and from these he has now ceased. Suffering from heart disease, which, it is believed, had been coming on for years, Mr. Smith, after a short illness, departed this life on the 22nd of October last. We give the following extract from a letter received from the Rev. G. Westerby, Episcopalian minister in St. John's:—"As there is no burial ground connected with the Presbyterian Church in this island, Mr. Smith requested to be buried among the missionaries of the Moravian Church, who lie in the burial-ground connected with the mission in this city. The funeral took place October 23, and was attended by a large concourse of the most respectable inhabitants of St. John's. Besides myself and brethren, the Wesleyan missionaries and clergy of the Church of England were present on the occasion. The funeral service was conducted by myself, and a very touching address was delivered to the congregation by the Rev. J. Hartell, of the Wesleyan Mission. Our late brother was highly respected and sincerely beloved by all who knew him.—He was a faithful and able minister, a kind friend, and a pleasant companion. His loss is deeply regretted."

Africa—Zulus.

Mr. Lindly wrote from Indiana, September 26th, expressing a wish that he could attend another missionary convention in the United States and make a new speech which he had in mind, and remarks:—

"You would think it more encouraging than anything you have yet heard from South Africa. Heathenism is losing its reputation among the heathen themselves. We are wondering almost every day, at the changes we see in them. These are all for the better. Some of them are very significant, and if simply and truthfully described, would go much deeper than the visible smile the description might create. We hope that several at our station have recently been born again. Some of them, children of church members, are not more than twelve years of age; others are adults. We never had more encouragement, and were never happier in our work."

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro according to appointment met Nov. 15th, 1864, at Debert River, Upper Londonderry. The principal business of public interest was a call from the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield. The Rev. Mr. Baxter having been appointed to moderate in this Call, reported that it had come out in favour of Mr. J. D. McGillivray preacher of the Gospel. The call was sustained as a regular Gospel call to the work of the ministry regularly proceeded in, and Mr. McGillivray being present, it was presented. He stated that being aware of what was doing in the congregation, he had considered the matter, made up his mind respecting the path of duty, and accordingly accepted the call. The usual series of Exercises, trials for ordination, were prescribed with the view of being given in at next meeting.

The Presbytery again met Dec. 20th, 1864, at Truro. Mr. McGillivray under call to the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, appeared with his trials for ordination. He delivered a sermon and a lecture, and read an exercise and additions; and was examined in Greek, Hebrew and Church History. The whole were unanimously sustained and cordially approved. The Presbytery appointed to meet, at Middle Stewiacke, Feb. 7th, 1865, for his ordination. The Presbytery accordingly met, time and place as appointed, for the ordination of Mr. J. D. McGillivray to the pastorate of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield.—Of this meeting and the ordination services a full account may be expected.

A. L. WILLIS, Clerk