

are very intelligent, and some are even educated men. Several of them are able to read, and understand, too, English Commentaries on the Scriptures. One, whom I know very well, Rabezandrina, my best and kindest friend, has the Religious Tract Society's Commentary, in six vols., a complete set of 'Barnes,' and of 'Matthew Henry.' He is constantly reading them in his own house; he uses them regularly for his sermons, and in preparation for our Wednesday Bible-class, which he has conducted, and will conduct, till I can take his seat. The Queen, by the way, is getting 'Barnes's Commentary' translated into Malagasy."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—The *Presbyterian* thus wisely comments upon the case of the Rev. Mr. Cheney, of Chicago, which is still exciting attention owing to the recent visit of his Bishop, and the disregard paid to his authority on the occasion:—"Mr. Cheney has now been formally deposed from the office of the Episcopal ministry for refusing to use the word 'regenerate' in the Baptismal Service. He still retains possession of his Church, however, and continues to officiate to crowded audiences. The leading American Evangelical Clergy also—including the Tyngs of New York—have made common cause with him; and it is quite possible that, if the bishops press things farther, the case may end in a secession. We of course sympathise with Mr. Cheney in his doctrinal views; but we are sorry to add that, like his brethren in this country, he has very little notion of Church order. It will be recollected that he once tried to bring the secular arm to his aid in a questionable way; and now we cannot see the propriety of his holding on to the property when his legal title to it has been taken away.

An important work is going on among the Mormons of Utah. The Ladies' Christian Association, which embraces the wives of the Evangelical ministers there, some ladies who have given up Mormon faith and manners, and the wives of Government officials, is expected to do great things, by God's blessing, for the enfranchisement and christianizing of their sex in Salt Lake City and its vicinity.

MEXICO.—In Northern Mexico, twenty persons have joined the Church in Monterey, and fifteen in Codereyta. Two new Churches and six schools have been organized in Lenares and Hualaquises. In Mexico City and Valley there are sixteen missionaries employed. Upwards of fifty congregations have been regularly maintained in this field through the year, and the number is steadily increasing. As an independent enterprise, a few men in New York and Philadelphia have contributed funds for the purchase of a large Church edifice in the capital, which they propose to sustain in the future under the supervision of the chief missionary, the Rev. Henry C. Riley. Another Church of 110 members has been organized at Cos, near Zacatecas.

The *New York Christian World* contains the following extract from a letter written by a gentleman in the city of Mexico to a prominent merchant in New York:—"The scene presented to me a large congregation of Mexicans, both men and women with their little ones, worshipping an actual God in simplicity and in truth, contrasted strangely with all that I had before seen in Catholic Mexico. Through the indefatigable efforts of Messrs. Riley and Romero, and others, against a fierce and relentless opposition, Protestantism is firmly planted in our sister Republic, so long benighted. And I know personally the Government of Mexico is desirous that success shall follow the work, as a means of advancing her people in