

providing admirably for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the principal portions of the city.

"These buildings," adds Mr. Ellis, "should be of stone; they should not be ornamented or showy, but plain, solid, lasting fabrics, corresponding in their style and character with the purpose for which they are raised, and capable of containing eight hundred or a thousand persons each.

"So far as I can judge, the cost would not be less than £10,000.

"Will England give to Madagascar these Memorial Churches, and thus associate the conflicts and triumphs of the infant Church, and perpetuate the feelings of sympathy and love which bind the Christians of Madagascar to their Brethren in England?"

Miscellaneous Extracts.

POETRY.

THE REFUGE.

Redeemer! whither should I flee,
Or how escape the wrath to come
The wearied sinner flies to thee,
For shelter from impending doom:
Smile on me, gracious Lord, and shew
Thyself the friend of sinners now!

Beneath the shadow of thy cross,
The heavy-laden soul finds rest;
I would esteem the world but dross,
So I might be of Christ possessed!
I borrowed every joy of thee,
For thou art life and light to me.

Close to the ignominious tree,
Jesus! my humbled soul would cleave;
Despised and crucified with thee,
With Christ resolved to die and live;
My prayer, my grand ambition this,
Living and dying to be His.

"BROTHER, YOU MUST SQUEEZE."

Lately a church made a resolution that their minister must be satisfied to live upon what they should collect at the end of the month, let the amount be little or much, and that they would not from that time forward bind themselves to make up any particular sum. This resolution they communicated to their pastor with this *Solemn advice*—"Brother you must *squeeze*; the times are hard." He replied that he would think of the matter, and see how the plan was likely to answer.

In a few days he called upon the owner of his house, who was a member of his church, and told him he could not promise to pay him any specific sum for