

she was a sinner. She conceived, however, a partiality for sacred poetry, committing several pieces to memory, and we cannot tell to what extent it pleased the Lord to use these songs of Zion in beginning his work in the heart of her who is now his believing child.

"Be that as it may, the soil would seem to have been prepared, when two years ago her eldest brother and youngest sister returned home from their baptism. 'Oh, what a happy man I am now!' was her brother's salutation on entering the room; and these words, like a dart, pierced her soul. She cast in her mind what that *something* could be which had so filled her brother's heart with gladness; and that night she offered her first prayer asking that God would open up a way for her attending church. After a hard struggle she obtained her mother's consent, and since then none has more regularly worshipped with us, both Sabbath and week-days, than this daughter of Israel. The change during this period in her, who was formerly so completely ignorant and indifferent, has been so remarkable, that it has been observed and commented upon by all to whom she was known.

"With respect to a case like this, where we so clearly trace the hand of the Master, we are indeed permitted to share in the joy of the angels of God; and it cannot but awaken strong desires in us, that from among the many sons and daughters of Israel who daily hear Christian truth in our school, many might be turned into the way of life!"

General Religious Intelligence.

UNION PROSPECTS.—The prospects of union between the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church are not becoming brighter. Overtures have been brought forward in various Presbyteries of the Free Church, which point in the direction of delay. On the other hand there was recently a meeting in Edinburgh of elders of both churches, which was of an influential character, and decidedly in favour of union.

THE LATE SIR DAVID BREWSTER.—Funeral sermons were preached in the Free Church at Melrose, where Sir David Brewster had been a worshipper, by the Rev. Dr. Guthrie and the Rev. Mr. Cousin, minister of the congregation. Mr. Cousin referred to various interviews which he had had with Sir David on religious questions shortly before his death. As he had done through life, so in his last illness he expressed implicit faith in the merits of the Redeemer, stating that the atonement satisfied his reason and met every want of his spiritual nature. He spoke with deep interest of the contemplated union of the churches.

THE COLENSO CONTROVERSY.—Another decision has been given in favour of Bishop Colenso, the effect of which is to recognize his right to control church edifices, &c., in the diocese of Natal.

GROWING DIFFERENCES IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH.—In various ways the differences of opinion in the Church of England become more and more apparent. While the Archbishop of Canterbury has written a friendly letter to the Eastern churches, the Dean of Westminster finds fault with his conduct, as he regarded these churches as equally guilty of Mariolatry as the church of Rome. The Dean of Carlisle also has strongly condemned the conduct of the Archbishop in his respect, declaring in regard to himself "sooner be my hand withered than that I should stretch it out to the Eastern or Western churches!"

TRIAL OF REV. S. H. TYNG, JR.—The trial of the Rev. S. H. Tyng,