

ared to us. How long, and for what grand purpose. God knows. All this seems turning our hopes and fears upside down. It so. It is best. We preach what we believe when we say, 'He hath done all things well.' To the grace of God, surely, it owing, that we can afford to rejoice even these tribulations." We commend the afflicted believing parents to the prayers of the people of God, and to the care of the great Head of the Church.

Religious Miscellany.

COLENSO DEPOSED.—Dr. Colenso has been solemnly deposed by the Ecclesiastical Court of Capetown from his office of Bishop in the Church of England. The prosecuting clergy had accused Dr. Colenso of heresy on nine points, viz. :—

His disbelief in the atonement; his disbelief in justification without any knowledge of Christ; his belief in natal regeneration; his belief in the endlessness of future punishments; his denial that the holy scriptures are the Word of God; his denial of the inspiration of the holy scriptures; his denial that the Bible is a true history of the facts which it professes to describe; his denial of the divinity of our blessed Lord; depraving, imagining and bringing into disrepute the Book of Common Prayer.

The Bishop of Grahamstown said he considered all these charges proved; and painful as it was to him to arrive at such a conclusion, he considered that, by the false teaching proved against him, the Bishop of Natal had wholly disqualified himself for bearing rule in the Church of God, and for the cure of souls therein. The Bishop of the Free State pronounced that he had come to a similar conclusion.

From this decision an appeal has been taken, which may result in his reinstatement.—*Exchange paper.*

A SUCCESSFUL SABBATH SCHOOL.—There is a school in Oconomowoc, Wis., which numbers less than one hundred scholars, yet the converts annually brought from its ranks into the Church are more than ten per cent, of the annual attendance. In the eleven years of its existence it has furnished fifteen evangelical ministers, and five of these became foreign missionaries. The following are the rules of this school:—1. It is expected of every teacher in this school to attend the weekly teachers' meeting. 2. To attend the monthly concert of prayer. 3. To visit, and if possible converse and pray with each scholar or her scholars once a month. 4. To look carefully to the preservation and returning of the books of the library. 5. To spend at least half an hour every day in preparation of his or her duties, and in prayer for a blessing on the school. 6. To do all

in their power to secure the immediate conversion of their scholars. This school was strictly a missionary school.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE ARMY.—Dr. Norman Macleod, at Glasgow, made a most remarkable statement at a public meeting held there a short time ago. There are no less than seventy-five officers of the Guards who aid in the work of visiting and relieving the poor of London. They belong to a regular society for the purpose, and the secretary writes to Dr. Macleod that they are foremost in going down day by day to relieve the poor in the most squalid districts. If that statement be correct, it is the most remarkable testimony yet offered to the social advancement which has commenced in England. When Guards-men pocket their dignity that Bethnel Green may be happier, the hereditary bitterness of class against class seems in a very fair way of removal. A soldier of the same order, Capt. Jackson, is one of the most untiring among living philanthropists, and has perhaps done more to reduce the average of crime and punishment in the Army than any other single man.

At the Committee on Union between the Free and U. P. Churches a remarkable harmony of opinion had been attained upon the duty of the civil magistrate in religious matters, in marriage, Sabbath observance and the appointments of days of humiliation and thanksgiving. The next topic for discussion was the civil endowment for religion.

THE amount of duty received in the United Kingdom on Tobacco last year is six millions sterling—a tenth part of the whole revenue. As much is consumed in smoke as would liquidate the national debt in forty years. When we contemplate what is given for missionary and benevolent purposes, how humiliating is this fact!

From the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, recently received, we learn that there have been distributed throughout this Province, in various ways, during the past year, 2228 Bibles, and 2129 Testaments; total, 4,357,—being an increase of 1,235 volumes over the previous year.

THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.—We learn from a contemporary, that a Protestant place of worship has been opened at the Capital, with a French minister, under the protection of Gen. Bazine, notwithstanding the utmost opposition from the "Regency."

ONE of the most elegant churches in New York was paid for out of the proceeds of an acre of land left many years ago by a parishoner to one of the clergymen for the pasture of a cow.

THE KORAN, or Mahomedan Bible, was written by Mahomet, assisted by Batica, a Jacobin, Sergius, a Nestorian Monk, and by a learned Jew, and was published about the year 610 A. D.