

MORISONIANISM RENOUNCED.—On Tuesday evening, the 1st Augt., at a meeting of the church assembling in Watt Institution Hall, Dundee, the Rev. Alexander C. Rutherford resigned his charge as pastor. The reasons assigned by Mr. R. were as follows:—Because as the result of mature consideration and study, he is convinced that the doctrines of the Confession of Faith and Catechism are consistent with the Word of God; and because, under the influence of misapprehension, he is satisfied that he erred in resisting certain decisions of the United Secession Synod with which he was formerly connected. On Sabbath last Mr. Rutherford, after sermon, intimated his resignation publicly. On the dismissal of the congregation the members met, when it was moved, and seconded that the church be dissolved. It was moved, as an amendment, that Mr. Rutherford be requested to form the members willing to adhere to him into a church based upon the standards of the United Presbyterian body. *This amendment was withdrawn at the desire of Mr. Rutherford, who explained to his friends that, without consulting the Presbytery, it would be improper for them to take any step such as that proposed. The motion was accordingly carried unanimously.*—*Scottish Press.*

[Many of our readers may be aware that Mr. Rutherford was ordained at Falkirk, as successor to the Rev. Henry Belfrage, D. D., of the U. P. Church; and that he afterwards acceded to the party of the Rev. James Morison, Kilmarnock.]

WAR.—I cannot now, as I once did, talk lightly, thoughtlessly, of fighting with this or that nation. That nation is no longer an abstraction to me. It is no longer a vague mass. It spreads out before me into individuals, in a thousand interesting forms and relations. It consists of husbands and wives, parents and children, who love one another as I love my own home. It consists of affectionate women and sweet children. It consists of Christians united with me to the common Saviour, and in whose spirit I recognize the likeness of his divine virtue. It consists of a vast multitude of laborers at the plough and in the workshop, whose toils I sympathize with, whose burthen I should rejoice to lighten, and for whose elevation I have pleaded. It consists of men of science, taste, genius, whose writings have beguiled my solitary hours, and given life to my intellect and best affections. Here is the nation which I am called to fight with, into whose families I must send mourning, whose fall or humiliation I must seek through blood. I cannot do it without a clear commission from God.—*Channing.*

METHODISM IN CANADA—At the late English Conference, the Rev. Dr. Green, of Toronto, gave a very flattering account of Methodism in this colony. It appears that in the year 1847 there were under the care of the Canadian Conference 6 districts; now there are 13. Then there were 98 circuits; now there are 163. Then there were 180 ministers and preachers; now in Upper Canada alone there are 222. Then the number of members was 21,750; now it is 32,264, being in seven years an increase—an unparalleled increase—of 50 per cent. Then there were raised in connection with the Canada Conference £3000 for missionary purposes; during the past year £7000 had been raised for such purposes; so that in seven years the missionary income has been more than doubled.—*News of the Churches.*

MORMONISM IN DENMARK.—A letter from Copenhagen says:—"Mormonism is making very great progress in Denmark; there are now Mormons in the smallest hamlets. In the Isle of Amack, which is situated quite close to Copenhagen, almost all the women have adopted the worship of the Mormons. Five hundred Jutlanders, recently converted to Mormonism, are about to emigrate, in order to go to the colony of the Mormons in the United States. The great ecclesiastical commission at Copenhagen has received from the Government orders to make researches as to the propagation of Mormonism in Denmark."—*Presbyterian Advocate.*

TOTAL ABSTINENCE OF DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.—It is mentioned in Robert's Life of Hannah More, that in 1783, that lady sat next to Dr. Johnson, at a dinner party at the Bishop of Chester's house. She says, "I urged him to take a little wine." He replied, "I can't drink a little, child, therefore I never touch it. Abstinence is as easy to me as temperance would be difficult."