

truth which he has again so strongly professed to maintain ; and having now carefully and candidly examined the explanations offered in his published pamphlet, this committee are constrained, with deep regret, to declare that, without questioning the sincerity of his profession, these explanations are, in their judgment, far from satisfactory : That, while several material concessions have been made, and apprehensions removed from some minds, yet, in the main, the most formidable objections are rather passed over than fairly met, and great doubt, and uncertainty at least, left on matters of essential importance. It is, therefore, their painful duty to state that, on the ground of these grave faults, and the rashness which he still exhibits in dealing with Divine truth, their confidence in him as a professor in their institution is greatly shaken, and that they view with serious apprehension the effect of his influence and teaching on the students committed to his care."

The result, as we learn from the *Christian Times*, is that Dr. D., on June 29th, tendered his resignation. He is a man of great learning and ability, and the author of some valuable works, but he is very much addicted to the study of the Germans, and seems to have allowed himself to be carried away by their wild speculations.

#### PROTECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN CHINA.

The Chinese Evangelisation Society lately addressed a letter to the Earl of Clarendon, Secretary of State for foreign affairs on the above subject and his lordship has gave the following reply.

FOREIGN OFFICE, June 22, 1857.

Sir,—I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., again urging the importance of greater facilities and privileges being secured to English missionaries in China in any future treaty which may be concluded with that country ; and I am to state to you, in reply, for the information of the Chinese Evangelisation Society, that the Earl of Elgin has been instructed to obtain for the members of all Christian communities security for the free exercise of their religious worship, and protection for the lives of missionaries, and other peaceful travellers, in the interior of China ; and that his Excellency has at the same time been informed that Her Majesty's Government would gladly see in any treaty with China a renunciation on the part of the Chinese Government of any interference with Chinese subjects who may embrace Christianity.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

E. HAMMOND.

#### CHINESE EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA.

The California Legislature some three years ago imposed a heavy poll-tax upon all Chinese immigrants (50 dollars a head), which had the untoward effect of keeping these useful creatures out of the country. This tax has been declared unconstitutional, and, in consequence, the immigration has been renewed. Several thousands have lately arrived, and great swarms are preparing to leave China for California.—*Christian Times*.

#### LIBERATION OF SLAVES.

Eighty slaves were liberated recently by Colonel Thomas Hite and other philanthropic citizens of Jefferson County, Virginia. Col. Hite, as agent of the owners, accompanied them to Middleburg, Pennsylvania, where, with a present to each, of \$40 in money, and sufficient clothing, they were set at liberty.—*American Paper*.

#### NEW SCHOOL CHURCH SOUTH, U. S.

It appears from American Papers that the place of the Convention, which is to be held on the 27th August, has been changed from the City of Washington to Richmond, Virginia ; and there seems great diversity of opinion as to the course which ought to be adopted. Some wish to make overtures to the Old School, while others are opposed to that idea. A new organisation does not seem to be generally approved of. *The Presbyterian Witness*, the New School paper, published in Tennessee, says :—"A large majority of our Presbyteries (Southern) will never again acknowledge this present General Assembly—that is clear ; and unless our churches act together in the proposed Convention at Richmond, our denomination in the South will be broken into fragments—some will go to the Old School, some to the Cumberlands, and others to Independency."