

In former issues of the *Advocate*, we adverted to the case of Professor Smith, of Aberdeen, whose writings have caused so much excitement in the Free Church of Scotland during the last two or three years. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Assembly, he was reinstated in his chair, with an admonition solemnly tendered by the Moderator, and accepted with apparent humility. Since that time the Professor has contributed some articles to the "Encyclopedia Britannica," which are even more objectionable than any of his previous writings. In August last, a Committee was appointed by the Free Church Commission to examine and report upon these articles. That Committee has given in its report and is to the effect that, the teachings of Professor Smith are "such as are fitted, and can hardly fail to produce upon the minds of readers the impression that the Scripture does not present a reliable statement of truth, and that God is not the author of it." The report enumerates four classes of passages from the Professor's writings.—"I.—Passages in which the books of Scripture are spoken of in an irreverent manner; II.—Passages in which the books of Scripture are spoken of in such a way as to render it very difficult for readers to regard God as the author of them; III.—Passages that naturally suggest that Scripture does not give an authentic narrative of facts or actual occurrences; IV.—Passages which discredit Prophecy in its predictive aspect." By a majority of 68, the Commission "resolved to receive, and approve generally of the report, and to instruct Professor Smith to abstain from teaching his classes during the present winter, and to leave the whole question as to his position and status in the Free Church to the determination of the ensuing Assembly."

The Presidential election in the United States has resulted in the complete triumph of the Republican cause. General Garfield has been chosen by a considerable majority, to occupy the Presidential chair for four years, commencing on the 4th of next March. The President elect is the son of poor parents. By industry, good conduct, and the blessing of Providence, he worked his way up, step by step, until he has been chosen to occupy the highest place in the gift of the United States. May he have wisdom given unto him in his high position, to acknowledge God in all his ways—to stand up for that righteousness that "exalteth a nation"—and to seek the removal of that sin that is "a reproach to any people."

Dr. Joseph Angus, of England, reminds the Christian world of the fact, that with 50,000 Missionaries at work, and \$75,000,000 to support them, the Gospel might be preached again and again to every human being within ten years. It is about one hundred years since the commencement of modern foreign missions. There are at least one million and a half of converts from heathenism. The Bible has been translated into two hundred and twenty-six different languages, and the copies circulated amount to one hundred and forty-eight millions. More than seventy barbarous languages have been endowed with a grammar and literature.—*Our Banner*, New York.