

from Madagascar. Rain'haro is dead; his son, Haro, has succeeded him as prime minister; he is a Christian, or at least favourable to Christianity, and seconds the young prince admirably in all his plans of usefulness to his people and country. The queen seems to coincide in all the wishes and projects of her son. The flags hoisted along the coast of Madagascar bear the name of Rakotond Radama. He may, therefore, be considered as being in fact king, though his mother still wears the royal diadem.

The prince is making every effort to renew the good understanding between our government and his own. He proposes opening the ports to the commerce of all nations, and is anxious to have a treaty made with the British government to insure the permanency of amicable relations between the two countries. Three messengers have been sent to Tamatave with power to negotiate with any agent sent by the British government. * * *

My dear sir, is not this good news? Should not the Christian friends in England do everything in their power to bring about the so-much desired opening of Madagascar to the messengers of gospel peace and mercy? O! had we some one of the old missionaries to watch the moment so long and so ardently prayed for, when his feet could again tread that land rendered a thousand times dear to his heart from the fact of so many faithful witnesses for Christ having bled and died there for the gospel! What an awakening it would create here; what a reviving of faith and love would it excite in the hearts of our refugees and other Christian Malagassy friends! And when the prince shall issue forth the order, "Let the missionaries return to their former field of labour," how happy and propitious would it be to have some one ready to step forward, and in the name of our Protestant mission, taken possession, before the emissaries of Antichrist (who are already watching their opportunity at Bourbon) go before us, and thus de-

prive us of the privilege of being first, to answer the welcome invitation.

We must be up and doing; and watch and pray. Now is the time to plead strongly, earnestly, and believingly with God. Let the Churches at home set apart a day of humiliation and prayer in behalf of the mission at Madagascar. May the Lord cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and invite us again to that once promising and blessed field of evangelical labour.

We extract from the Report of the Association for the Relief of Irish children attending Scriptural Schools, the following passages, showing the working of the schools, the blessing which has attended them, and the necessity for the continuance of the aid already granted. This report, which comes down to October, 1852, acknowledges from Canada £10 12s. sterling. There are many Irish children in Canada who have bread enough and to spare. Let them read these anecdotes, and increase their own blessings by sharing them with those who are ready to perish:—

From Mrs. O'Callaghan, the Glebe, Outerard, January, 1852.—"The barrels and their contents arrived safely; many thanks to our kind friends in Scotland. There are a number of nice school girls who sing in the choir in the church. I have given each of them a dress and a tippet, so that they look very neat on Sabbath. Mrs. Willis of Clairville gave a dinner to the children the day after Christmas. It was a delightful sight. The soldiers had, with the permission of their commanding officer, decorated the fine school-house at Glan with wreaths of laurel and holly, and appropriate texts. It was indeed pleasant to see the children, with grateful happy faces, after returning thanks