

STATE OF RELIGION.

The young men here, I am sorry to say, are yet very thoughtless respecting the [all-important] claims of Christianity. Those who were born in heathenism, the old generation, are the most exemplary Christians we have. However, the best of these are much less alive to the great realities of our holy religion than we should like. Our Sabbath and week day meetings are indeed generally well attended, and a seeming devout attention is paid to the hearing and to the preaching of the Word; but they do not manifest that brokenness of heart on account of sin, or that warmth of love to the Saviour which one would expect to see manifested in true converts to God. However, we know that they form a part of the visible Church of Christ, and as the ordinances of divine appointment are being dispensed among them, the cause of truth, we doubt not, is advancing here in some degree, as Galileo of old said of the earth, *it moves*. But O how unspeakably desirable it is that this people should be pricked in their hearts to cry out of their depths of sin and misery, with those who were awakened by means of the preaching of Peter, on the day of Pentecost, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Will you not pray in faith that this may speedily be the case with them?

WORK OF DEATH.

By last mail we received the sad tidings of the death of my honored and excellent predecessor, Dr. Geddie. This event will be learned with profound sorrow by thousands, especially by those of the Church whose messenger he was. But his work on earth was done, and he now rests from his labors. By the same mail we heard of the death of my esteemed friend and venerable brother, the Rev. John Campbell, Sherbrooke, the voice of these providences to us who survive is, Work while it is called day; for the night cometh wherein no man can work."

GENERAL MISSIONARY ITEMS.

GERMAN MISSION AMONG THE SUTMAINS OF CHATTESGARH.—It is only five years since this Mission was commenced, and already seventy adults have been gathered in. The Missionaries bear testimony that most of them are sincere Christians, and were ornaments to the Christian Church. There are, besides, twenty-five enquirers. This is one of the tribes in India.

BAPTIST MISSION AT ORISSA.—During the past year the number of baptisms, at the different stations, were 32. There are in communion 651, and nominal Christians 1,915. There are orphanages attached to each station.

CEYLON.—Mr. Pearson, of the Wesleyan Mission, at Ceylon, writes that after a period of discouragement, he had had the privilege of baptizing thirty-four. Of these 17, were adults.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN UNITED STATES.—FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS.—Of the \$128,000 debt on the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of America, as reported last May, \$117,000 have been raised, while the regular collections of the Church since that time, up to last month, have been \$99,438, against \$74,780 raised during the same period last year, showing that while the people have been giving towards paying off the debt, the ordinary contributions have been largely increased. This is a noble record. During that period the Board has sent out 37 missionaries, male and female, a few of them, men and women, returning to former fields. They have been appointed as follows: 6 to Indian Mission, 5 to Japan, 8 to China, 1 to Siam, 2 to India, 6 to Syria, 4 to Africa, 1 to Brazil, 4 to Chili. Others are under appointment, and will be sent out soon.