

We have those among us, who have for years testified faithfully to that truth which made them free; and in the hearts of others—weak ones—God has been, and is still working, how and when He will.

Not eighteen months ago, the writer stood by the bedside of a dying Roman Catholic woman. She was old, and unable to read, but she had learned and treasured in her memory many passages of Scripture, and these had evidently become to her “the power of God unto salvation.” Two of her favorite passages were, Psalms ciii. 1, 4, and Philippians iv. 6, 7. She had learned nearly 100 texts! She testified to the peace and sustaining grace imparted by her “merciful Saviour,” and her desire for the teaching of the Holy Spirit. She never came out *openly* from Popery. She died surrounded by Roman Catholics; but is she not an example of those *weak ones* ‘for whom Christ died!’ But we look abroad upon the general aspect of affairs in Connaught, and seek further for an answer to the question.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The *Record* of the American Presbyterian Church states:—The Mission year of the Board ended on the 1st of May. We much regret to say that a heavy debt is reported—\$128,695.50. This is discouraging, indeed. Earnest consideration must be given both to the causes and the consequences of this deficiency of funds. We do not enter on the subject here. In other respects, the Report of the Board, as sent up to the General Assembly, and soon to be published, shows considerable progress in nearly all of the Missions. It is a cause of thanksgiving that God is giving our Church so great a work to do in the spread of the gospel, and that he has granted such marked success to our labors.

From Mexico we still receive interesting accounts of progress in the spread of gospel truth, particularly in places not far distant from the capital, and also at some points within easy reach of Cos or Zacatecas.

“ADDED TO THE CHURCH RECENTLY.—On the Tonawanda Indian Reserve, 5; at Cos, Mexico, 9; at Sao Paulo, Brazil, 7; at Sorocaba, 2; at Pereira, near Brotas, 4; at Beirut, to be received soon, 5.

A cordial and unanimous resolution in favor of continuing the negotiations for union was carried.

Meetings of Assemblies and Synods.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Assembly met on the 22nd of May. Dr. Duff was appointed Moderator. The report of the various Committees were full of interest and testified to the Church's success during the past year to all departments of the work. Many depositions were heard, tending much to enliven the proceedings. The subject of union, it was feared would create a schism in the Church, but on Dr. Candlish amending his resolution of approval of the Mutual eligibility scheme, the danger was averted and the motion made unanimous amid great applause. The amendment was.—“That in every case of a person being proposed to be called, who belongs to another branch of the Church of Christ, if the Presbytery find the call regular and sufficient so far as the congregations are concerned, they shall adjourn to meet on a