

the Lord, for the joy and peace which had come into her soul in these two days' conference. For quietness, melody of voice, simplicity, perfect punctuation, and fulness of praise to the Lord Jesus, I never heard anything among Christians in England America, or Asia, equal to the praising of this Caffre sister. Yes, the Lord had come into our midst, according to his word. I felt the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in this conference, as I never felt it before in my life.

All the churches have been filled with joy and the Holy Ghost. The change in many of the faces was most marked. All said that they had never received such blessing to their souls as during these two days' gathering together round the person of the Lord Jesus. For my own part, though I never doubted the call of the Lord to me, to watch over this field, I never expected such marvellous tokens of his presence and blessing as he has given me here; and I praise and adore him the more.

And who is my fellow-labourer? On the 11th of July, 1866, I was with three companies of my regiment at Downpatrick, in the north of Ireland. I invited any soldiers, desiring to hear the word, to come to me without the town, to an old Roman camp there. At the appointed time, one redcoat, a private soldier, Robert Radley, came. We read 1 Peter i. together. It began to rain. We knelt bareheaded, and prayed before parting. This was the first time I ever met him. Now we are companions,—fellow-witnesses for the gospel of Christ.

May I ask the earnest prayers of my brethren and sisters in Great Britain? When they are reading this, I shall probably be hundreds of miles from Mbulu, preaching among another tribe, the Basutos. I hope to return from the Basutos, and go to another tribe, the Galekas, about the end of the year. I entreat your prayers, that the Lord will quicken me mightily for His service, give me always utterance by the Holy Ghost, power in prayer, and physical strength; for my body is weak, and nothing but the manifest life of Jesus has upheld me so far. Pray for me, beloved friends, as I do for you, and then I shall hope by and by to have some other news to give you from Africa which will cause you again to praise the Lord.

General Religious Intelligence.

LECTURES ON ROMANISM.

The Rev. J. G. Robb, B.A., the pastor of Cooke's Church, Toronto, has been doing good service to the cause of truth, by his able lectures on Romanism, and his replies to the discourses of Archbishop Lynch. The lectures have been listened to by crowded audiences, and much interest has been excited by the reports which have appeared in the newspapers. On Sabbath, the 17th, the subject of Lecture was: "The Doctrine of Purgatory, as taught in the Church of Rome." In the course of the lecture, Mr. Robb entered into a full examination of the grounds on which Roman Catholics base their belief in this doctrine, and especially of the text in 1 Peter iii. 18-20, and in that of the Apocryphal Book of Maccabees—2nd Mac. xii. 40-46—on which the most able defenders of the Church of Rome base the dogma of Purgatory.

In concluding his discourse, Mr. Robb referred to the evidence on this subject to be deduced from the inscriptions in the Catacombs of