

and standing in the church make him peculiarly suitable for such a locality.

**TURKEY.**—The gospel makes rapid advances throughout the interior. The Missionaries at Constantinople, say that they could employ double the existing number of agents, if they had the funds.

**POPIH BOOKS CIRCULATED BY GOVERNMENT.**—From enquiries made by the Scottish Reformation Society, it appears that several Popish Books such as "*the Garden of the Soul*," and "*Via Crucis*," are distributed among the troops at the expense of Government.

**THE MORTARA CASE.**—All the applications which have been made with reference to this case have as yet been unavailing. The Board of Deputies of British Jews intend to make direct application to the Papal Government. It is stated that the mother of the abducted boy has been bereft of reason, and that the father prostrated in Spirit, intends to emigrate from the scene of his severe afflictions.

**THE SABBATH QUESTION.**—The Sabbath Question still engages much attention. A Sabbath defence association has been formed among the working men at Paisley.

**FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA.**—A "Free Church of England," has been commenced at Geelong in Australia. The originators of this movement state that they withdraw "until better times from episcopal authorities here," and that they wish to secure, "the prevention of all arbitrary and injurious interference on the part of a Bishop, and the inalienable right of every congregation to have a voice in the selection of its minister."

**DEATH OF REV. MR. DILL AND REV. DR. GOUDY.**—The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has recently lost two of its most distinguished and useful ministers, the Rev. Mr. Dill of Dublin, and Rev. Dr. Goudy of Strabane. They were intimately associated with each other in life, and in death it might be said, they were not divided. Dr. Goudy had gone to attend the funeral of his friend, when he was taken ill and suddenly removed by death. Dr. Goudy was recently moderator of the General Assembly, and was one of the ministers recommended to the Government as Military Chaplains.

## Communications, &c.

PIETERMARITZBURG NATAL,  
South Africa, 5th August, 1858.

REV. W. REID,  
Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR,

We take the liberty of addressing you, for the purpose of expressing our sincere thanks for the valuable aid and assistance which our Minister received in Canada.

Mr. Campbell has cheered our hearts by narrating the warm reception which he received at your hands, and we trust and pray that the Great Head of the Church, may return your kindness a hundred fold, and it is our heart's desire that the ministers and flocks of the Canadian Presbyterian Church will experience in the largest sense that it is more blessed to give than receive.

During the absence of our esteemed minister, we trust we were favoured with the countenance of the great master of assemblies, and that good has resulted to the cause of Christ from our intercourse with the minister and his co-workers of other christian churches. We were greatly indebted to the able assistance of Dr. Fure, Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church whose connecting with us led to his inviting in the Synod the desirableness of union with sister Presbyterian Churches in South Africa.

We rejoiced to perceive the prospect of union you have with a sister Church in Canada, which we sincerely trust will be speedily arranged, and tend to the furtherance of the Gospel in your advancing Country.

It may be stated that several ministers of the Dutch Church, are from Scotland, amongst others a Brother of Dr. Murray of the Free Church Aberdeen, whose sons studied at that University, and in Holland, and who have labored, with much success; and one of them was chosen to fill a Professor's chair in the new Theological Institution which they determined to establish as well as a mission to the heathen in the interior of Africa. As the latter course has been adopted by the sister church in the United States, we look upon it as a token for good that the Presbyterian section of the Church universal are sending forth missionaries to the heathen in their capacity as a Church of Christ.

It afforded us pleasure to learn that you had adopted the like arrangement, but in the mysterious Providence of God, your plans had been frustrated for carrying on your mission in British India. The Pulpit ministrations of Mr. Stevenson, were known to some of our number and we therefore deplore you have been at present deprived of his valuable services. But this like every other dispensation from a fathers hand, teaches churches as well as private Christians to walk by faith and not by sight; and we hope that in his own good time and way, a door of usefulness will be opened for your Brother as well as other fellow labourers in the vineyard of the Lord in foreign climes.

Shortly before the return of Mr. Campbell the missionaries of the American Board of Foreign Missions held their annual meeting for the first time in this City. The convocation lasted for five days and the services were viewed with much interest, and we believe had a happy effect upon the minds of the Colonists. If your hands hang down by the breaking up of your cherished hopes, the narration of their early trials in the South African Zulu mission was equally discouraging. The Brethren had actually left the Colony, but were persuaded by the late Dr. Phillip and other Christians to return from Cape Town, and prosecute their labors in Natal. They have sown the seed with tears and in reliance upon the promised aid of their Divine Master, after a lapse of years they are beginning to witness some slight result of their labors.

At the time of the meeting, news had not reached of the revival of religion in America, but since that period the esteemed brethren think they will in some way or other experience a blessing from on high.

We trust that your church and country has also shared in this blessed work, so that the Kingdom of the Redeemer, may soon be established throughout the earth, and that in answer to the prayers of the children of God, in the western world and elsewhere, we may be permitted to witness the fulfilment of the glorious promise, "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto to God."

If you can favor us with details of the work and progress of your Church, it will confer another favor in addition to what we have received. Soliciting an interest in your prayers

and with every good wish for the prosperity of the Canadian Zion, we remain in the bonds of christian fellowship, in name and on behalf of the managers of the Pietermaritz congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Natal.

EDWARD R. DIXON, *Chairman.*  
E. J. LEATHERS, *Treasurer.*  
WM. MARTIN, *Elder and acting Clerk.*

## MISSIONARY REMINISCENCES—GRAND RIVER.

EDMONDVILLE 8th January 1859.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was struck with the title of one of the books advertised, and briefly reviewed by you in your January number, purporting to be "Memoirs, Letters, and Journals, of Harriet Maria Jukes, wife of the late Rev. M. R. Jukes, compiled and edited by Mrs. H. A. Gilbert and published by these enterprising and Christian booksellers, R. Carter & Brothers New York." and as I had a slight acquaintance with the deceased, the notice awoke in me various memories of the past. I was but a short time in this country when the Presbytery of Hamilton assigned me a sphere of missionary labour, for a brief season along the Grand River, where accordingly I preached in Caledonia, Cayuga, and Dunnville, and it was when in the latter place that I had the pleasure of gaining the acquaintance of the Juke family. The publication of Christian biographies when prudently gone about, has been a great blessing, and though many of them may be somewhat one-sided, giving an undue prominence, to the brighter over the darker shades of character, and though the best cannot be expected to be as impartial as the heart-stirring delineations of the 7th chap. of the Epistle to the Romans, yet we would feel it a great blank in Christian literature had we no female biography. It is with pleasure therefore that we hear of this publication and though the work has not been seen by us we can easily believe, from the little knowledge we had of the deceased that it "is one which will be read with deep interest; that Mrs. Jukes was a superior woman, and Christian, that her letters and writings evince great strength of mind, and high Christian attainments, and that her character as exhibited here, beautifully unites the devotional and the practical." It would appear that Mr. Jukes, "was admitted to orders by Bishop Mollvaine, in the State of Ohio, and that during the prevalence of Cholera in 1854, both husband and wife were suddenly removed." In life they were lovely, in death not far-divided, both cut off by the same disease, and likely sleeping in a common tomb, aye sleeping for years though we knew it not.

"Hark what the voice from heaven proclaims  
About the pious dead,  
Sweet is the savour of their name  
And soft their sleeping bed!"

For a time the Episcopalians were favoured in Dunnville with the evangelical ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Gribble, but circumstances occurred which led him to return to England, whence he occasionally corresponded as we think with this family. Through some ecclesiastical restrictions we believe he could only preach in a private building, after his return, but how he is doing now, whether a sojourner in this vale of tears, preaching the Gospel as best he may, or whether he has winged his flight to the better country, and joined Harriet along with a multitude of others, in the heavenly land who can tell, except he knew the sequel of his history. Some of the Presbyterians of Dunnville spoke of him as "good Mr. Gribble," and it is always so. One who is a Christian indeed whether in public, or in private life, belongs to the universal household of faith, and