

cato intelligence of importance from this distant and interesting settlement; but we regret that as yet the friends of religion in Toronto and Canada seem to take *very little interest* in this christian out-post on the very verge of civilization. The subscriptions for the churches at Red River do not yet amount to £20. We are desirous to send at least £50, and we earnestly implore of our friends, that if they mean to send us any donations, (however small) they would do it without delay. We heartily thank the two kind friends who have lately sent us their unsolicited but welcome gifts.

Subscriptions received at the Agency, Knox's College, and by the Rev. Dr. Burns, on behalf of the Red River Committee.

**SOURCE.**—A very large party met in the Presbyterian Church at Lambie's Mills, C. E., on Wednesday 23d March. After partaking of refreshments provided by some of the ladies of the congregation, the meeting was addressed by several gentlemen. The addresses, which were lively and interesting, were interspersed by some excellent pieces of music. The meeting separated about eleven o'clock, all cheerful and happy, and well satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The profits realized on the occasion amounted to £12 10s., which goes to the liquidation of the debt on the Church, the whole amount of which is only £18, and which the congregation have resolved to clear off immediately, get a deed of the church, seat it, and put it into good repair. May the Great Head of the Church himself prosper them!

#### REVIEWS.

**HISTORIC DOUBTS RELATIVE TO NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE, and Historic Certainties** respecting the early history of America. New York: Carter & Brothers. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

The hypotheses which would explain much that the Divine Record requires us to believe, without reference to supernatural causes, require *more belief*, and produce *more difficulties*, than they remove. Of all men, infidels are the most credulous. The work under notice was originally written by Archbishop Whately, to meet such cases. His logical acumen has been ingeniously employed in ridiculing the dogmas of those who would account for every thing on natural principles, and discard revelation and miracles. The little volume is very entertaining, and may be read with profit.

**MEMOIR OF REV. W. A. B. JOHNSTON**, Missionary of the Church Missionary Society in Regent's Town, Sierra Leone, Africa, with an introductory notice by Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. New York: Carter & Brothers. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

This is an interesting biographical sketch of a devoted Missionary, who counted not his life dear to him that he might further his Master's cause. After about six years' faithful services, he fell a victim to the inhospitable climate of Sierra Leone. The life of Mr. Johnston is full of instruction to the pious Missionary, and forces upon the notice of the intelligent reader, the importance of training Africa's sable sons to carry

the message of mercy to their fatherland. Providence has fitted them for withstanding the climate of that country, which has been the charnel-house of Europeans. And as our own Buxton Mission demonstrates, they are not less capable of intellectual culture and religious training than their pale-faced brethren.

**STARTLING QUESTIONS**, by the Rev. J. C. Ryle, B. A., author of "Living or Dead?" "Wheat or Chaff?" &c. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

Like the other works of this earnest practical minister, the "Startling Questions" are searching personal appeals to the conscience and the heart—calculated to awaken the careless to a sense of his danger, and to minister comfort to the believing soul. Those who have read his former volumes, will not deny themselves the pleasure and profit, we trust, of perusing this; and those who are unacquainted with the author's works, we advise to buy them without delay.

**CHRISTIAN TITLES**; a series of practical Meditations, by Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York. Robert Carter & Brothers, New York. For sale by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

The author, a distinguished minister of the Episcopal Church in New York, has given in this volume fifty short practical Meditations on as many of the Scriptural names by which the people of God are designated. Each title suggests some personal duty, and is improved to call into exercise some christian grace. It is a volume of experimental religion.

**DISCOURSES UPON THE EXISTENCE AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**; by Stephen Charnock, B. D., Fellow of New College, Oxford; with his Life and Character, by Wm. Symington, D. D., in 2 vols. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

This is an able work on one of the highest themes, from the pen of one of the most distinguished Divines of the seventeenth century. It speaks well for the religious taste of the age, when such sterling theology as that of Charnock is in requisition. The subjects treated of in the two volumes before us are, the existence of God, —Practical Atheism—God a Spirit—Spiritual Worship—The Eternity—Immutability—Omnipresence—Knowledge—Wisdom—Power—Holiness—Dominion and Patience of God. Toplady's eulogy sums up, in a sentence, the character of the Treatise under notice, and the same may be said of all the author's other works.—"Perspicuity and depth, metaphysical subtlety and evangelical simplicity, immense learning and plain but irrefragable reasoning, conspire to render that work one of the most inestimable productions that ever did honor to the sanctified judgment and genius of a human being."

Though we must never complain of God, yet we may complain to him.

While promised mercies are delayed, our unbelief and impatience are apt to conclude them denied.

If we continue instant in prayer, and yet pray with a humble submission to the divine will, we shall not seek in vain.

Those who would have the comfort of the promises, must mix faith with them.

#### NOTES ON THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF EUROPE.

The spirited and manly letter of Lord John Russell to our ambassador at Florence, and the well-toned discussion in the House of Commons in the case of the Madiai, have not been in vain. The prayers that have risen to the Great Head of the Church have been heard, and the liberation of the prisoners has been conceded. Yet, while thankful to God for this eagerly-sought and much longed-for act of justice, we must not forget that many hundreds of our fellow-creatures are said to be undergoing imprisonment for the very same offence as the Madiai. What of Guadalupe! What of the many other Bible-readers, more obscure in station, who are in a similar predicament! We earnestly, yet somewhat anxiously hope, that the Protestant community will not for a moment think that the contest for religious liberty is over. Though we should have to agitate case by case, let us never rest so long as there is reason to believe that over wide Europe there is a single man or woman undergoing imprisonment for conscience sake. All that we have yet gained is experience of the power of our weapons,—though not carnal but spiritual, we have learned that they are mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds. Even allied Popery and Despotism have been found unable to stand before the force of enlightened opinion, made irresistible by the breath of prayer. Onward, then, let us press,—pillorying every tyrant who dares come between the Word of God and any of His creatures, to whom He has given it to be a light to his feet, and a lamp to his path.

The tone of the discussion on Maynooth, in the House of Commons, in the end of February, afforded evidence that sound views on that subject are making no inconsiderable progress. Though the motion for the withdrawal of the grant was lost, the majority was small, and the defence lame and generally spiritless. It is tolerably plain that the people of this country are progressing toward the state of feeling regarding Popery which prevailed when Mary was burning Protestant heretics at Smithfield, or James II. was committing Protestant bishops to the Tower. It is encouraging to look back on former periods of our national history, when the public mind was roused to a proper sense of the danger from Popery: we see the more reason to hope that it will now return to similar convictions. The generosity of the English people made them slow to believe all that was alleged against Rome and her partisans; but, by slow degrees, the truth is dawning on their minds. Let means continue to be employed, with increased activity, for still further enlightening the public mind, and ere long, the pressure of such convictions on the legislature will lead to the withdrawal of the Maynooth Endowments.

We have not yet had the discussion that was anticipated on the proposed opening of the Crystal Palace on the Lord's day; nor does it appear likely at present, that such discussion will be brought on. The company seem to have been somewhat staggered by the formidable opposition that their intended desecration of the Sabbath evoked.

Turkey has been the chief scene of interest on the continent of Europe during the past month. Her position may well excite compassion. Destitute of internal strength, some of her own provinces rise in rebellion; Austria, her neighbour on one side, presents her bill of demands; Russia, her neighbour on another, determined to outdo Austria, then presents hers; France summons her navy to the neighbourhood, to be ready for emergencies, and the *Chargé-d'Affaires* of England sends a message for hers. Poor Turkey! We cannot venture to predict the issue; but many of our readers have doubtless seen the fate of Turkey, and of the world generally, down to the battle of Armageddon minutely described in