

to the doctrines of grace, together with a Scriptural discipline and government, have we not mightily the advantage of the party who continued in connection with the State, contaminated as they were by Arminianism, Pelagianism, and occasionally open Socinianism; and glorying in an administration Erastian to the very core, for the carrying out of which they frequently required the aid of the Military, and the employment of "Riding Committees" of Assembly to perpetrate, what nothing would induce the Presbyteries of the district to undertake. Dr. Candlish and his friends know that we are not speaking without book. In grappling with the remnants of some of these abominations, they found themselves foiled; and were forced to retire, as our forefathers did a hundred years before. Who were the leaders and who the followers? At all events, our Free Church brethren may rest assured, that, if ever they and we are united, it will not be by our being absorbed.]

TOLERATION IN SARDINIA.

[The King of Sardinia has recently been on a visit to Her Majesty, at London. A number of Protestant Associations embraced the opportunity of presenting Addresses to him; and the following is his reply, which cannot but be regarded as liberal for a Roman Catholic.]

"Gentlemen,—I thank you for the mark of sympathy that you have come hither to give me to-day. The reforms which have hitherto marked my reign are the most sure index by which to judge the principles which direct me; to be durable, they must advance with the spirit of the age, and be governed by the laws of prudence. I am pleased to think we agree upon this point. It is very agreeable to me to see the efforts which I have made to assure liberty of conscience to my States worthily appreciated by the principal representatives of religious opinion in England. My subjects have equally understood my sentiments in this regard, and have shown themselves in every respect worthy of the emancipation which has been granted to them on this important point. I take great pleasure, gentlemen, in seeing in the parity of these tendencies, another bond the more between our two countries."

STATISTICS OF MORMONISM.

The Mormons have about 95 Missionaries in Europe, and as many in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, also, a number in the United States and British America. They have a Paper in Salt Lake City that issues 40,000 copies per week; another in Liverpool, issuing 22,000; and others in South Wales, Copenhagen, Australia, India, and Switzerland; their Bible has been translated into the Welsh, Danish, French, German, and Italian languages, and has made considerable progress in Sweden and Norway.—*Deseret News*.

ONE YEAR'S FRUITS OF THE LONDON CITY MISSION.

967 cases of decided reformation of life; 700 persons induced to become communicants; 411 prostitutes induced to enter asylums; 470 persons living improperly together induced to marry; 656 drunkards reclaimed; 363 persons induced to commence family prayer; 9561 children sent to school.—*Report*.

[Though we should reduce each of these numbers by one-half, still what a prodigious amount of good must have been effected!]

OBITUARY.

THE REV. ANDREW ELLIOT.

This very instructive and edifying preacher, and most exemplary and excellent man, died at the U.P. Manse, Ford, Midlothian, on the 4th of December last. He was minister there for nearly forty years, and was for some time editor of the *United Secession Magazine*. Great probity and firmness, largely blended with gentleness and suavity, all based on enlightened, ardent piety, rendered him a person of no ordinary worth. The neighbourhood has sustained a serious loss by his removal.