

successor to the arch-heretic. The Society for the Propagation of the gospel, the oldest missionary body in Britain, has at a stormy meeting voted £2,000 for the salary of a new and true bishop. Dr. McCosh has had a farewell banquet in Brechin, his native town, before departing for America to be installed as President of Princeton College—the highest seat of theological learning in America, and famous over the world. He is by this time entered on his duties. McCosh is an able divine—a man of much metaphysical acumen and calm logic. There is perhaps an absence of warmth and interest in his book on the “Divine Government.” A less able book with more warmth would be more eagerly read. In his new sphere may he do honor to his country and add to his past reputation! At the Brechin banquet, the Earl of Dalhousie and Dr. Guthrie alluded to his disappointment at home in not getting a place in some of our home universities having led to his acceptance of the present appointment. He was a candidate for the logic chair in Glasgow, when Professor Veitch obtained it. McCosh was superior to his successful rival in dialectic reputation and might have had the office, but the Free Church party made a party question of the matter and cannot therefore complain of defeat. Such should not, however, be party appointments and there is great need of university reform in this matter. Dr. Calderwood, the first U. P. minister who has ever obtained a chair in a Scottish university, has been appointed to the important chair of moral philosophy in Edinburgh.

A revolution of a most sweeping character in Spain has driven out the Queen and placed a provisional Committee at the head of affairs. The revolutionary manifesto is a calm, dignified document. They are divided between a Republic and a Monarchy, Prim wishing the former and Serrano the latter. There is to be an appeal to the country. There has been very little bloodshed, and all parties seem to have been ashamed of the Government and the corruption and disgrace of the nation. “By their fruits ye shall know them.” Applying this rule to Romanism it is the curse of mankind. Spain was the first Roman Catholic country in Europe. It has 200 convents and upwards of 30,000 priests. The people now want freedom, education and religious liberty. It is to be earnestly desired that the present moderation and unanimity may continue. But we have small hope of a country trained to superstition, from which the inevitable recoil is towards tumult and infidelity.

A social abuse has interested the British public much for some time. A Madame Rachel, a Jewess, has been prosecuted by one of her victims, Mrs. Borradaile, widow of an Indian officer for fraud, convicted upon a second trial, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, where she will have to pick cotton and may reflect upon her ways. It

seems she has been in Newgate before. Her place of business was a shop frequented by nobles and fashionables, where she sold compounds under such names as—Royal Arabian soap, Armenian liquid, Magnetic dew, water brought by swift dromedaries from the desert of Sahara. She professed to make faded beauties “beautiful for ever.” The Jordan water cost £21 a bottle, and the soap a guinea a cake. Without a particle of education—able neither to read nor write, this woman fleeced Mrs. Borradaile out of £5,000 and when the pigeon was plucked bare, threw her into jail. The worm trodden upon turned, prosecuted her persecutor, and we see the result. What an awful sermon this upon human vanity and corruption! How gullible are people in vice! What a cheat is the devil! Look at our quack advertisements and you will see that the world is filled with Borradailes and Rachels and that if they were to be all punished, a continent would be required for the accommodation of the penal colony.

There is much said of female suffrage, and aspiring ladies are claiming votes here and there—a vagary of John Stewart Mill, which, it is to be hoped, will be sent to the limbo of oblivion as soon as possible. In such matters the husband must represent the wife, as the author of marriage intended and has taught. As to single ladies of property and widows, they will best consult their respect and comfort by leaving such matters to those who can mix in the turbid pool of politics with less injury to themselves. Those who love and admire the female character most, will never wish to see them active politicians. Are they to mount the stump? Are they to be sheriffs and catch thieves? We all know they can speak, are they to be speakers of the House of Commons? Are husband and wife to be on opposite sides in politics? Will the divided house stand?

The Rev. Robert Thomson, a personage well known under various expressive titles to those who have in former days frequented the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrew's, has offered for the representation of the Kilmarnock boroughs. He made his speech, promising, if not allowed to sit in the House, to stand—the audience appreciated the joke, and passed a resolution in his favor with much fun and acclamation. It may not be commonly known that a dissenting minister can sit in the British Parliament, but not a minister of the Established Churches.

In America there have been terrible earthquakes, attended with immense loss of life and property. Peru is the chief seat of these movements, which have extended as far north as California. Forty or fifty thousand people have lost their lives, and about 800,000 their homes. A complete eclipse of the sun has taken place in the east, of which the *Times* correspondent in India, gives a most graphic description. Thus we have had terrible