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THE CITIES OF REFUGE; Or, the name of Jesus. By Rev. J. R. MacDuff, D. D., author of "Mind and Words of Jesus," &c., &c., &c. New York: R. Carter & Bros.

This is a work by the same author as the preceding. It is intended for the young. Its object is to describe the six cities of refuge, and to set forth Jesus as the true refuge.

ENGLAND'S YKOMEN. From Life in the Nineteenth Century. By Theresa Louisa Charlesworth, author of "Ministering Children," &c. New York: R. Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

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The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria held its fourth session towards the end of last year. The Rev. Dr. Cairns, the retiring Moderator, proposed as his successor the Rev. James Ballamyne, who was elected without opposition. The attendance of members was numerous and a large amount of important business was transacted. The greatest unanimity characterized the proceedings. The recent union is regarded as being a great success. The following items will show the work which is being done by this religious denomination. The Scots College has now a full staff of thoroughly-qualified teachers, and shows an attendance of 284, while its revenue during the year has been close on £7000. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund has now a capital of upwards of £3000, and administers to widows and children the sum annually of £290. An Infirm Ministers' Fund is in process of organization, which proposes to secure an allowance of £100 per annum to ministers disabled by age or infirmity from active duty. One mission has been established among the Chinese in the colony, and a missionary has been engaged, while steps are being taken for the establishment of a second among the aborigines. A Home Mission Committee has been in operation during the year, and has reported the reception of 14 new ministers from the old county, from the Free and United Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. A Sabbath School Union has been formed under the Assembly, and a depot for books and tracts. The desirability of establishing a Theological Institute has been affirmed. A considerable number of students are reported from the different Presbyteries, some of whom are already in training, and a curriculum of literary and theological study has been fixed upon. The Assembly has agreed to engage catechists in the work of evangelization, and several are already thus employed, one of whom receives at the rate of £250 per annum, and a house. A code of rules and forms of procedure is in course of preparation. Various other Committees, such as the Committee on Sabbath observance, on Finance, &c., reported good work. It having been frequently and publicly asserted that the famous Act of Expulsion has prevented the dissentients in the former Free Church from entering into the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, the Assembly, in order to remove such barrier, on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Cairns, unanimously rescinded said Act. Fourteen new causes are now in readiness to receive ministers, and many fields in addition to these are opening up, which meanwhile cannot be overtaken. Thirty new churches and manse are in course of erection, twenty-two of which are of substantial brick or stone. It appears from these items that the Assembly is girding itself for a great work, and prosperity is evidently attending it in all its organizations.—*News of the Churches.*

We regret to observe that the attempts of the General Assembly to reconcile the seceding brethren, have not, in the meantime been successful.—*Editor.*