

country. Every month additions are made to the churches in Antananarivo.

BIBLES FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.—Sixteen thousand copies of the Scriptures have been forwarded for Gen. Hood's army. These are the first instalment of 50,000 presented to the troops of the Confederate States by the America Bible Society at New York.

There are about 50 students in attendance on Knox College, Toronto.

GUIZOT, the illustrious French statesman and philosopher is engaged on a work entitled "Meditations on the Essence of the Christian Religion." The first volume is published and is very highly spoken of.

A great struggle is to take place in Paris in January between the Orthodox and the Neological parties in the French Protestant Church. All the keenness of political canvass is manifested. The result of the contest will be watched with eagerness by the Protestant world.

THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Mr. Findlater of Dublin has erected a church in that city at the expense of £16,000 stg. It is one of the finest, as it is the largest, Protestant place of worship in Dublin. It is very seldom that we have to record such munificence.

COLENSO.—This "Bishop" still subscribes himself in his letters to the papers "J. W. Natal." He has recently made a spirited and amusing effort to convict the Archbishop of York of heresy like his own.

FREE CHURCHES.—A gratifying movement is going on in England—that of making the churches free to all who choose to enter. People are often restrained from attending public worship by their inability to pay pew rents.

FREE CHURCH.—The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church shows an increase of £1487 over the amount received at the corresponding period last year.

Fireside Reading.

Youthful Indian Converts.

The Rev. R. F. Colvin, Bombay, recently said at a missionary meeting:—

A wicked heathen mother once permitted her daughter to attend one of our day schools at Poona, but refused to send her son, a boy

about four years old. The lessons and hymns which the little girl learned, impressed her so deeply that she used to teach them to her little brother when she came home. One hymn, 'Come to Jesus,' was a special favourite with both children. So deep was the boy's interest in those blessed subjects, that after watching for his sister's return, he would run to meet her with the eager question, 'Have you heard any more of Jesus to-day?' Then, with dawning missionary zeal, he told his parents their gods were false ones, and that, too, they must not lie or steal, for God forbade it in the Bible.—At first the parents laughed, then threatened to punish him. They said, 'We can shew you our gods: you cannot shew us this Jesus. We have many gods. We worship fever and small-pox, and pray them not to come near us or hurt us.' 'These cannot be gods,' said the child, 'for they are bad things; and the Bible says, "God is love."' Not long after small-pox was prevalent in the city, and this child became its victim. As he lay on his sick-bed, he tried to join his sister in singing his favourite hymn, and then went, without fear, to that Jesus whom he loved and trusted.—Another girl, who did not attend school, used to linger about the doors, and so acquired a great deal of knowledge. After some time she came to the missionaries, declaring her wish to be a Christian. She was about thirteen, still subject to the control of her parents, who claimed and took her home. She, however, persisted in her resolution; her mother locked her up, but she managed to escape, and came back to the missionaries. She is now in the school at Ahmednugger. Allusion was made to two sisters named De Susa, both of whom were educated in the Bombay Orphanage, and brought to a knowledge of the truth. The elder died at the age of fifteen, after her removal from the Orphanage; the younger was eight years of age. The latter said to the city missionary, 'I feel as if Satan were at my left hand, trying to draw me away, but Jesus is on my right hand.' Mr. Colvin then alluded to the many instances in which those who had received the truth had lived to exemplify it.—*Sabbath Scholar's Treasury.*

Three Steps to Heaven.

Rev. Rowland Hill once visited a poor silly man, and on conversing with him, said, "Well, Richard, do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?"

"To be sure I do; don't you?"

"Heaven is a long way off," said the minister, "and the journey is difficult."

"Do you think so? I think heaven is very near."

"Most people think it is a very difficult matter to get to heaven."