

who are found in the districts near the mouths of the Euphrates, and the provinces of Khuzistan, or Susiana; and are probably the descendants of the ancient inhabitants of Babylonia and Chaldaea.

It will be seen, from the foregoing remarks, that there are some most striking points of resemblance between the Chaldaean Christians, and the members of the Protestant church; which are the more important, and the more deserving of attention, inasmuch as they confirm many of the doctrines of the Reformed religion, and connect them with those of the primitive church; and whilst the peculiar doctrine which has brought upon them the accusation of heresy—even admitting it to the fullest extent—can only be charged against them as an innovation; their being uncontaminated by the superstitious of the church of Rome, and their more simple observances and ceremonies, may be clearly traced to the primitive form of Christianity received by them before they were corrupted. Isolated amongst the remote valleys of Kurdistan, and cut off from all intercourse with other Christian communities, they have preserved, almost intact, their primitive faith. Corruptions may have crept in, and ignorance may have led to the neglect of doctrines and ceremonies; but, on the whole, it is a matter of wonder that, after the lapse of nearly seventeen centuries, the Chaldaeans should still be what they are. There are no sects in the East, and few in the West, who can boast of such purity in their faith, or of such simplicity in their forms of worship.

The Protestants of America have, for some past, taken a deep interest in the Chaldaeans. Their missionaries have opened schools in and around Oroomiah. A printing press has been established, and several works, including the Scriptures, have already been issued in the vernacular language of the people, and printed in a character peculiar to them. Their labours have, I believe, been successful. Although members of the Independent church, they profess to avoid any interference with the Ecclesiastical system of the Chaldaeans; admitting, I am informed, that Episcopacy is the form of church government best suited to a sect circumstanced as the Chaldaeans are.

It is to be hoped that the establishment of the authority of the Sultan in the mountains, and the removal of several of the most fanatical and blood-thirsty of the Kurdish chiefs, will enable the Chaldaeans to profess their faith without hindrance or restraint; and that, freed from fears of fresh aggression, they may, by their activity and industry, restore fresh prosperity to their mountain districts. As the only remnant of a great nation, every one must feel an interest in their history and condition; and our sympathies cannot but be excited in favour of a long persecuted people, who have merited the title of "the Protestants of Asia."

MONUMENT TO WISHART.—It is with satisfaction we understand that the Rev. Mr. Buchan, minister of Fourdoun, Kincardineshire (the native parish of the Martyr), is actively engaged in raising subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of George Wishart, one of the earliest and most devoted preachers of the reformed faith in Scotland. The sum obtained for the work as yet is small, but we trust it will go on accumulating, and we earnestly recommend the scheme to the favour of the earnest Protestants of Scotland. Fourdoun, in the Strathmore Valley, is a place of some note in the Scottish annals. Here, it is said, St. Palladius had his seat in the fifth century. John Fourdoun, the famous author of that historical treasury the *Scottichronicon*, was in all likelihood born in the parish. So was the profoundly learned Lord Monboddo. The parish school was at one time taught by the amiable and gifted Dr. Beattie, one of Scotland's most favourite metaphysicians—a thorough Christian in an age too much marked by vain philosophy and scepticism. It is the

desire of Mr. Buchan and his friends that the Wishart memorial should be erected in the church-yard, which occupies a beautiful wooded locality, overhanging the romantic glen through which flows the river Luther. A finer spot can scarcely be found among the Grampians.—*Edinburgh Evening Post.*

We would again urge upon the attention of our friends the propriety of exerting themselves to remit us the subscriptions due in their various localities. The year is now rapidly drawing to a close; and it would be obliging if all who are in arrears would remit the amount at once, for though the sum may be to them a trifling one, these small items form a large aggregate.

We would also respectfully suggest that the present would be an appropriate season for obtaining new subscribers for the ensuing year.

We would beg to remind the Clerks of several of the Presbyteries, that we would be greatly obliged to them if they could furnish us, from time to time, with reports of the proceedings of those Reverend bodies. We are very anxious that our journal should present as accurate a view as possible of the operations of our Church in this Province; and this object will be easily attained in the manner requested.

The letter of "A Subscriber" has been received, and the article alluded to, shall receive consideration as soon as we can refer to it.

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