

"atlantean load," which the Government are already bearing, by predicting gloomy things and even by circulating reports without foundation. In another month we hope that definite and triumphant news will have been obtained, showing that the Government were doing the best they knew, which, indeed, was the best for the nation; proving that General Gordon is no energetic fool; and telling us that something had been done to pacify and civilize the peoples of that desert region. Probably it is only the slow lifting up of another of the gates through which the King of Glory is to enter dark Africa, that is being now accomplished.

THE very able letter from Mr. Builder, which appeared in the *Canada Presbyterian* of October 22nd, is fraught with deepest interest to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and in a special manner to the students of Knox College, since Mr. Builder so recently left its halls. The letter sets before us in a clear and convincing manner the difficulties which our missionaries have to contend with in that part of the world. Such high handed acts of cruelty and tyranny perpetrated by the native princes are hardly credible in a country under British rule; and one can hardly help exclaiming, where is British justice? The Government of India appears to be very tardy in instituting inquiries into these acts of tyranny. But it is to be hoped that since the Government has begun to act it will do something to liberate the missionaries from the interdict under which they are at present placed by the native prince. But amidst all these hindrances it is encouraging to know that christianity is exerting its power and presenting its claims among the masses; so much so that many of the leading men realize that their religious systems are crumbling away. These clouds, which at present look so ominous, will undoubtedly pass away, and a brighter day appear. Indeed, the dawning light appears upon the horizon already, which prognosticates the triumph of Christianity. Let the church at home be mindful of her missionaries abroad; let the missionaries be prudent in their efforts, and faithful in their work, and there is sufficient power and vitality in christianity to gain control over the people of India and commend itself to their hearts and intellects. Mr. Builder, we believe, is the right man in the right place. His acute mental powers, his broad culture, and high character, eminently fit him for carrying on the work in the difficult position in which he is placed. We hope that he and Mr. Wilkie may be successful in their efforts; and we repeat the prayer, "May the Lord hasten India's blessed day."

Our College Letter.

KNOX COLLEGE, Toronto, November 30th, 1884.

MY DEAR GRADDE.—Your letter in reply to mine of a month ago, I received and read with much pleasure. You say that I need not be afraid of wearying you with the fullest possible account of all the college happenings, so you may prepare yourself for a heavy budget this time. In fact I have so many things to tell you about, that I hardly know where to begin.