

In addition to holding meetings throughout the various churches of the denomination, the Society have agreed to solicit Subscriptions from such as may be disposed in this way to show their interest in the scheme; and in order to facilitate the latter object, Treasurers have been appointed in each of the principal towns."

Extract from Minutes of Mission Board, 5th September 1854.

"The Committee agreed to state that, having all along felt a deep interest in the mission to Australia, they are happy to receive the co-operation of the Missionary Society of the Hall in raising funds to send out suitable agents to that important and interesting field; and they have to express their earnest hope that the congregations of the Church will liberally respond to the appeals which the Students may make on this subject."

[We are glad to learn that the Rev. A. D. Kinninmont, Leith, and the Rev. James Ballantyne, Edinburgh, have offered themselves for Australia, and have been accepted by the Board. We trust it may be regarded as a token for good that Ministers are willing to make the sacrifice of resigning such situations for the mission field. However much friends at home may be disposed to smile when they hear that men of talents and energy are specially required for the colonies, and outposts of the Church, it is nevertheless true. Sending inferior or worn-out men, is a misapplication of money, and something unspeakably worse, as generations yet unborn, will experience. What blessings is not the U. P. Church in Scotland, continuing under providence to derive from the fact that its founders were all men of mark.]

MISSION AT DAMASCUS.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have established a mission in this ancient city, the oldest in the world, memorable, among other things, as the place where Saul of Tarsus first "preached the faith which once he destroyed." A letter was recently received by the *New York Observer*, from Mr. Paulding, the missionary, bearing date August 8th, which gives pleasing intelligence of the results of this mission. He says:

"The attendance on our Sabbath services has been larger during the last six months than at any time preceding, and an increased interest has been manifested by the audience to understand the truth. The success thus far has exceeded even our most sanguine expectations. We have had in our school twenty four pupils, all of whom have made rapid progress in their studies. The institution is fast growing into public favor, and promises to be an efficient agent in enlightening and evangelizing the community. The primary school has recently been placed more immediately under the supervision of the mission than ever before; and being taught by a member of our native Church is doing much good. Between thirty and forty boys, Christians, Jews, and Moslems, are receiving instructions in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and grammar. Dr. Meshakeh has had another contest with the Greek Catholic Patriarch and come off victorious as usual—and what was worse for them, he printed it. Thus notwithstanding all the excitement about the war, we are making progress, we trust, against the powers of darkness in this benighted city. We would give God thanks and take courage."—*Presbyterian Advocate*.

ITALY.

The intelligence of the progress of the gospel in northern Italy continues to be highly encouraging. The new hall, which has been obtained in a central situation in Genoa—much better than the former one—for the Waldensian congregation, is crowded. The spirit which the bishop and priests had evoked against them among the bigoted portion of the Roman Catholics, and which