

nexion with the Society, and a proposition having been made by him that he should endeavour to enlist the sympathies of the young throughout the metropolis in the work of the Society, the Committee entered into a fresh engagement with him for the purpose of carrying out this most desirable object."

The arduous toil of his new sphere of duty soon admonished him of failing strength, "and though he had struggled hard to maintain his position, and indulged the hope of eventually resuming his work, he gradually awoke to the conviction that his Heavenly Master had a different purpose; and after bearing with much resignation a prolonged illness, attended with much suffering, he entered into rest on the 4th of November, 1870, in the 47th year of his age."

THE LATE DEAN ALFORD.—Deep and sincere will be the sorrow with which the announcement of the death of this distinguished and beloved Christian, gifted writer, and able defender of the Book of God, will be received wherever his wonderful reputation has extended.

"In the *Contemporary Review* Dean Stanley writes in memoriam of his friend the late Dean Alford, dwelling chiefly upon his many contributions to the better understanding of the New Testament. Grateful reference is also made to Dean Alford's most Christian efforts to produce and deepen feelings of mutual respect between State Churchmen and Nonconformists. 'The gathering of distinguished Nonconformist ministers,' it is remarked, 'round his grave, and the genuine expressions of sympathy that his death has called forth, are cheering pledges that his kindly relations to them were fully appreciated, and will bear a lasting fruit.' A biographical sketch of the deceased is added from the pen of the Rev. E. T. Vaughan, who gives us this sweet glimpse of his family life:—'I can only say that from first to last, at Wymeswold or at Canterbury, it was the simplest, the fullest of all affection abundantly returned, of thought and care for all who came within its circle, the purest from all alloy of selfishness or worldliness that I have ever known, or could have imagined.'—*Christian World*."

"There the Weary are at Rest."

M. VICTOR DE PRESSENSE.—And yet another has gone, but not until the Master permitted him to finish his work. Intelligence from home states as follows:—

"Just as the *Monthly Reporter* is going to press the sad intelligence has reached the Committee of the lamented death, after a short illness of nine days, of M. de Pressensé, for nearly 38 years the Society's Agent in France. He had remained at Tours subsequently to the removal of the Government, thinking it the most central spot whence to superintend those colporteurs with whom he was still able to correspond; but soon after he had formed this determination he was laid aside from active employment, and a rapid development of the malady from which he was suffering brought to a close, on the 4th of January, a long and laborious career of extensive usefulness."

COLPORTAGE WORK AMONG THE GERMAN AND FRENCH SOLDIERS.

(From the report of the Rev. G. P. Davies, the Society's agent.)

THE DANGERS AND PRIVATIONS OF THE COLPORTEURS.

"If I write little on this subject it is because the colporteurs, in their letters to me, have written nothing at all. With admirable tact and self-forgetfulness they dwell on the encouraging aspects of their work. It is