

—dwelling, first, upon the name of the Father, as representing to us God in nature; secondly, upon the name of the Son, as representing to us God in history; and, thirdly, upon the name of the Holy Ghost, as representing to us God in our own hearts and spirits and consciences. All true education, he said, must, so far as it was good and true, rest on one or other of these sacred names; so far as it approached the best, it must rest on all three together. Wherever we were taught to know the true relations of this wonderful and beautiful world, there was a testimony, however humble, to the name of the Father; wherever we were taught to admire the heroic courage, life of truth, tenderness, and purity that might be seen in human nature, there was a testimony to the name of the Son; wherever there was implanted within us a sense of reverence for conscience, freedom, and truth, there was a testimony to the name of the Holy Ghost. Let them unite all these principles together and work them out to the utmost, and they would then have a perfect education and a perfect faith.

This chapel is not necessarily Presbyterian. It is, in the truest sense, national. As students who attend the University are of all persuasions of Christianity, it is left to the Professor of Divinity to say who shall and who shall not preach. It was with good grace that a man such as Dean Stanley was invited to occupy the pulpit.

Persecution of Christians in Japan.

More than four thousand human beings are this moment in rigorous and cruel bondage in Japan, because they profess the Christian religion. Nearly all of them are Roman Catholics. Only about twenty persons in Japan have professed conversion under the Protestant missionaries, who have but recently begun their labors. The Japanese Government makes no distinction between Romanists and Protestants, but condemns all alike to imprisonment or death. This is a state of things scarcely known to the civilized world, but it has now come out in such a form as to challenge attention, and to call for such an expression of opinion as the Japanese Government cannot fail to respect.

At a time that the Japanese are sending their youths to the English speaking countries to be educated, and are talking of even having the English language universally taught in Japan, it surely ought to be possible to persuade the rulers of that country to permit converts to profess their faith without being exposed to imprisonment or death.

Cape Coast Castle.

Cape Coast Castle is the Capital of the British Possessions on the Guinea or Gold Coast of Western Africa. The Gospel was first introduced among the native races residing in this country, through a few native youths who had learned to read the Bible at the Government School. They formed a little society for the study of the Scriptures, of which their supply was so small that they made known their wants to the master of a merchant vessel from Bristol who happened to be there in 1834. He was so interested in these intelligent youths, that on his return to England he not only secured the necessary supply of Scriptures, but also offered to convey a Wesleyan Missionary out free of charge. A Missionary was sent, but only lived six months after landing there. It is a pestilential coast, and no less than 63 Missionaries and their wives have fallen a sacrifice to the climate on the coast of West Africa. On Cape Coast Castle there are now 2124 church members and six European Missionaries. This one instance shows how much might be done by our sea captains if imbued with a true missionary spirit.

Spain.

Of the existing Missions in Spain, that of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland was the last to enter this wide open field. Two Missionaries were sent out in 1869. With much difficulty a suitable building was procured for public worship, owing to the fanaticism and bigotry of the priests. At length a building was procured seating about 300, which soon proved too small. A large and commodious hall has now been secured seating nearly 800, and a Roman Catholic Church has been obtained in a neighbouring city seating 500. Though the last to enter the field, the United