

countries will see, that a traffic that causes so much misery and crime, is bad not only on the Sabbath but every day, and must be suppressed by the strong arm of a righteous prohibitory legislation.

The British public have been again startled by sad news from Afghanistan. At the time when the British forces were about retiring from that country, leaving the people to enjoy the privileges and bear the responsibilities of self-government, an attack was made upon them by Ayoub Khan, an aspirant to the throne. It is estimated that about 3,000 soldiers have been cut to pieces. The emergency is evidently considered by the British authorities very grave when General Wolsely, the Wellington of the day, has been so suddenly despatched to the seat of war, to assume the supreme command of the troops. It is to be hoped that by his wisdom and valour, and through the favour of the Governor amongst the nations, the insurrection will soon be suppressed, and peace and order restored to that distracted land.

The past season in Britain has been remarkable for its commemorative services. Besides those held in honour of Raikes, the Gloucester printer, the founder of Sabbath Schools, some very interesting and enthusiastic meetings were held in different parts of Scotland to commemorate the struggles and sufferings of the Scottish martyrs two hundred years ago. One of the largest and most animated was that held in the Old Greyfriars Church yard, Edinburgh, in view of the monument erected in memory of 18,000 persons who suffered martyrdom from 1660 till 1688. It is computed that about 10,000 persons were present. Similar services, on a smaller scale, were held in many other places; sometimes at the graves of the martyrs. Whilst it is pleasing to note the disposition thus manifested to honour the memory of those "of whom the world was not worth," it would be more pleasing still to note a more general appreciation of the principles for which "they loved not their lives unto the death."

Formerly, Dissenters in England were not allowed to bury their dead in the Parish grave yards, unless they consented to use the burial service of the Established Church. The "Burial's Bill," which has recently passed the House of Lords, removes all such restrictions, and now non-conformists can bury their dead either with or without any religious services, in any Parish burying ground within the kingdom.

A London paper states, says the *New York Observer*, that the following directions are given to those who attend the Ritualistic Church of St. Michael: "During prayer all are requested to kneel. The kneelers should be hung on the hooks provided for the purpose, by those who have used them."

A Boston paper says that Miss Anna Oliver, who cannot get ordination in the Methodist Church, was advised to be a preacher, by friends who said that "she had a remarkable talent for talking." The *New York Observer* states, that "if such a talent were the only prerequisite to the ministry, it is quite probable that millions of men as well as women would press and be pressed into it, who are not now called."