

thought, soon give the cause he had at heart a good start; and a school for the native children would prove very useful, leaving him free for more direct missionary labour amongst the adult population.

Everything seemed to promise fair; a piece of land was offered him if he was in a position to take it up, and nothing remained for him to do but to return homewards, with the view of completing the necessary arrangements. He reached England in 1886, met the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, with which body he desired the mission to be associated, though the expenses were to be borne by himself, and made diligent inquiries for a suitable doctor, whom he eventually found. During the summer the Bishop of Ely (Lord Alwyne Compton) offered him the Lord Almoner's Professorship of Arabic, which he accepted, as the duties were not onerous. He delivered his first and only course in the November of the year, and then proceeded to take up his work at Shaikh Othman.

Into the details of his work there space does not permit us to enter. It was full of promise for the future; but Aden fever laid hold upon him, from the effects of which he finally succumbed on May 10, 1887, after six months' residence there. Ion Keith-Falconer thus breathed his last in his thirty-first year. He was a man, as our readers will have seen, of rare gifts, and admirably fitted for the last work which he had taken in hand. He has left his mark behind him, which will not be effaced; and his work, we are glad to find, will be carried on, being taken up as a sacred legacy by his family and other friends. All we hope of our readers is that they will endeavour to become acquainted with the "Memorials" for themselves. The story of the life is admirably told by Mr. Sinker, and we do not know when we have read any memoir which has so pleased us.

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THE MONTH.

THE Clergy Discipline Bill was read a third time without a division. The Archbishop of York severely criticised the Bill.

At the Synod of the Roman Catholic clergy of Limerick Bishop O'Dwyer denounced the National League.

We record with regret the death of the much esteemed Archdeacon of Lewes, Ven. John Hannah, D.C.L. Of the Archdeacon's latest contribution to the *CHURCHMAN* the *Guardian* says:

. . . . A singularly clear and cogent essay on "Christianity without Christ" is a forcible analysis of the real character of Comtism, and of the views propounded in some "prominent English publications." We commend the article to the notice of those who dream that the pure morality of the Gospel and its beneficent influences upon human life and society can be retained whilst its supernatural basis is abandoned or subverted.

After a reign of some ninety days the German Emperor Frederick III. has entered into rest. "History records no nobler or more pathetic spectacle than is presented by the brief reign just closed." He is succeeded by his son, Emperor William II.

Prebendary Billing, Rector of Spitalfields, is appointed Suffragan Bishop of Bedford.