

£500, raise an equal sum among his friends, it would be like a lever in the hands of the Committee. He got a letter from the donor, saying he would be most willing to place £1000 at their disposal. The scheme was put before the Church, and a sufficient sum having been raised to warrant further action, the result has been the sending forth of four pioneer missionaries."

Dr. Scott, of Greenside, made reference to the claims of China as a mission field—its ancient history and civilization, and its vast population. "When Cyrus was King of Persia, Confucius arose in China. He had his whole heart set on the elevation of his people, and succeeded in raising them to, if not what we should call a high standard of religion, at least a standard of virtue and morality. There was a vast deal in his system that was erroneous; much of it was dangerous, and as a whole it was imperfect; but there was one thing in it which even we should require to take home to ourselves, for the first principle of his system was reverence for parents; and just because he trained the Chinese to honor their father and mother, the days of China in the history of the world had been long."

Dr. Scott then spoke of the work which had been going on unseen since 1833 as having prepared China for the reception of the Gospel. Dr. Herdman, of Melrose, addressing the missionaries, reminded them that already more than 200 missionaries are working in China. The number of Protestant converts is estimated at 13,000. But what is that number compared with the teeming millions of China? They should go to their work "having Faith in God." The question had been asked of Mr. Morrison many years ago: "Do you really expect to make any impression on the idolatry of the Chinese Empire?" "No, sir," was the reply, "but I expect God will." Mr. Muir, of Dalmeny, then commended the party in prayer to the grace and guidance of God.—*P. R.*

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Better late than never. Although justice seemed tardy in coming to the aid of the *minority* of the Synod of the Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, their rights are now begun to be recognized. We learn by a Toronto correspondent of the *Monthly Record* of the Church of Scotland in Canada, that a Judge of the Superior Court, gave a verdict in favor of said minority of Synod, limiting the \$500,000 to the use of the ministers who remained in connection with the Church of Scotland. Without an Imperial Act confirming the Legislation and Union passed in the Upper Provinces, we do not understand how any other verdict could justly be given in the face of the charter that in very plain and emphatic language gave the Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, the exclusive right to that fund. We hold, that without the Imperial consent it was *ultra vires* of the majority of the Synod to alienate the fund from its original purpose and object, and that Judge Rainville's verdict is in accordance with justice and common sense. We believe the *minority* will receive the verdict with unmingled satisfaction, and use their victory in a becoming manner, not forgetting the claims of *equity* where *justice* can make no claim, remembering that it is not as men do to us that we are to do them, but as we would have them do.

ITEMS.

It is stated that *five hundred thousand* human beings perished last year in the Turkish Provinces, in the war between Russia and Turkey.