

and become open schismatics. On the whole we think the Pope has not gained much by his demonstration. He may kindle for a short time a spasmodic enthusiasm among the flocks of the returning bishops, but there is not life enough to make it more than spasmodic, while he has played his last card, and if it fail, is left more absolutely helpless than ever.

Eastern Europe and Western Asia, from the extreme of Russia to the shores of the Mediterranean, appear to be secretly agitated. St. Petersburg has been the scene of a succession of conflagrations, supposed to be planned by incendiaries, for the purpose, probably, of weakening and distracting the Government, with a view to preventing its interfering with intended operations elsewhere. The whole of Turkey is much agitated. In European Turkey, the war of the Turks with the Montenevins is rousing the most bitter passions of the Moslem and Christian races. In Syria, there is only a surface calmness. Constant acts of violence are taking place in more secluded districts, and there is reason to fear renewed outbreaks on a more extended scale.

The progress of the Missions in India among the Coles, and in Tinevelly, continues to be most encouraging. Thousands have been added to the churches within the past year, and something approaching to a general movement begins to appear. In Burmah, also, the mission to the Karens continues to bear abundant fruit. One fact of great importance in these several districts is, that native agency is assuming constantly a more prominent place, and that the churches are thus becoming more national in their character. So soon as this change is completed, the light of Christianity is likely to spread with much greater rapidity. Hitherto we have been engrafting the wild plants upon the stocks of our European churches. A time must elapse be-

fore the sap can enter in, and the plants be thus made healthy; but when they do so, the will soon put forth their native luxuriance, and grow up, untrammelled, from the soil in which they are planted. Our latest mission intelligence from New Zealand, the Friendly Islands, and other groups of the Pacific, show rapid progress in the same direction.

The demon of war still desolates America. The North appears nearer the goal than ever; but still there are immense obstacles to overcome. The whole Mississippi is now in its hands. The spirit in which some of the representative ecclesiastical bodies of the Northern States have treated this question, is, we feel, to be regretted. The Church cannot, of course, exclude the body politic from her sympathies, but her noble mission is rather to moderate than stimulate political passion. We believe that most of the present disasters in the South has been caused by the clergy becoming in former year leaders in social agitation, attempting on theory to defend the corruption of slavery; and from the result the North also might take a warning. It is most gratifying to see that the funds of many of the religious societies, whose anniversaries are reported in our New York letter, have increased rather than diminished in this year of disaster. Foremost among these whose position has improved is the American Board.—*News of the Churches.*

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