

schools, and artistic, mechanical and agricultural institutions. At Jerusalem there are Protestant deaconesses conducting a ho-pital and orphan asylum, which latter now contains about forty young girls, chiefly from Lebanon. In the interior of the city there is an institution for the training of artisans and farm labourers; and on Mount Sinai, 'extra muros,' an Internate, which is under the immediate direction of the Protestant Anglo-Prussian bishop. Outside, on the west of the city, Prussian ecclesiastics are conducting an agricultural institution, attended by about thirty young people brought together from nearly the whole of Syria."

### Cannibalism in Hayti.

At Bizoton, about two miles from Port-au-Prince, there resided two wretches, a man and his woman, who stole one of their own nieces, a girl of about eight years of age, for a human sacrifice to their god, the Snake; strangled her, flayed her, cut her up, cooked her, and then devoured her, offering the blood to their god! Happily, another girl of fourteen, stolen from the high road to Port-au-Prince, and destined for another similar feast on Twelfth day, escaped from them, and getting to Port-au-Prince, divulged the whole affair. The uncle and aunt, and six accomplices, four men and four women, have therefore been arrested, tried, condemned, and shot, and their dwellings have been burnt to the ground.

REV. DR. DUFF, OF SCOTLAND.—Many will rejoice that this distinguished servant of God, and veteran in the missionary cause, has had his health so far restored by rest and healthful associations since returning from India to Scotland, that he is now able to undertake some pulpit duties.

PUBLICATIONS.—The American Tract Society now prepares each year a "Chinese Christian Almanac" for use at all the principal mission stations in China. At the Society's House there has also been printed a Tract Primer, in the Armenian Language, which has been forwarded to the Mission at Constantinople.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—The right support of the ministry seems to be as little regarded in the great established churches, as in those conducted upon the voluntary principle. In the great and wealthy Church of England starving curates are proverbially abundant, and sometimes cases like the following come to the light, and reveal terrible distress among ministers and their families. We cut this from among the advertisements in the London Record:

"A clergyman, with a large family, in difficulty and distress, seeks aid from those more blessed with this world's goods. A few postage-stamps or parcels of old clothing thankfully received."

The *Canada Observer* says:—"We find that the two presbyteries of our church have decided unanimously in favour of Dr. Cairns of Berwick, as Professor for the vacant chair of Knox College,—the Presbytery of Hamilton and the Presbytery of Guelph. In a third Presbytery there is a notice of motion given to the same effect; and the probability is, we suppose, that in that Presbytery also there will be unanimity." Dr. Cairns would be a great acquisition, not only to Knox College, but to the Christianity of Canada.

IRELAND.—In the west of Ireland, particularly about Sligo, lay Evangelists have been preaching with much effect, and many persons of position and property are themselves roused to plead for the faith which once they despised.

A large Romish party in Ireland is assuming a tone of serious hostility to the Church of Rome as at present administered in that country. Every effort made by pastors and injunctions to crush them has hitherto failed, while they are driven by opposition to maintain almost a Protestant position, from which they would have shrunk at first.

AFRICA.—Over 150 churches have been built on the Western coast of Africa.—Nearly 200 schools are in operation; 20,000 children have been instructed in English; 20,000 baptized persons are members of different bodies of Christians; 25 dialects have been reduced to writing. Between 60 and 70 settlements have been formed—the centres of Christianity, civilization, agriculture and commerce. Lawful commerce has increased from \$100,000 annually, to between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000; and yet, tho' so much has been done, it is very little in comparison with what yet remains to be done on the "Dark Continent." These sixty or seventy Christian settlements are but so many beacon lights on the coast, while the vast interior is still enshrouded in midnight darkness.

PRESBYTERIANS IN AUSTRALIA.—The Presbyterian body are making rapid progress in all directions. They have now nearly one hundred self-supporting congregations throughout Victoria. Every minister of standing, arriving from the mother country, is cordially received and speedily settled. A Young Men's Association in connection with this body, has recently been set on foot, and promises to be a very effective organization. It has its weekly meetings for discussions and readings; its monthly lectures; its Sabbath morning prayer meet-