

after its kind." In 1850 there was formed the Hawaiian Missionary Association, to carry the gospel two thousand miles further to the southwest to the Micronesian group and neighboring islands. It was just 33 years from the sailing of the *Thaddeus*, when this new movement started, seven native Hawaiians joining the band, and in the harbor at Honolulu there was a similar departure as from the Long Wharf in Boston.

Let us now turn for further illustrations of apparent waste to Turkey—the key of Asia—and look for a little at the Harpoot mission field. About the year 1857, Messrs. Wheeler and Allen, followed by Mr. H. N. Barnum and wife and Miss West, introduced self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating faith into the midst of the irrepressible Turks. The fundamental principles of their work were these: 1. To ordain elders in every church; 2. To give a native pastor from the people to each native church, who should be chosen and supported by the church itself, and, 3. To make the church independent of missionary control. The main dependence was on the Bible, read, preached, sung. The wonderful power of the Bible was demonstrated, as is shown in "*Ten Years on Euphrates*," Mr. Wheeler's charming tale of the mission. In 1865, these natives churches were organized into an Evangelical Union, with a thorough system of Christian activity, Bible distribution, Education Society, Home and Foreign Missions, and church erection. In fourteen years there had been formed 18 churches, 10 of them independent, with some 70 out-stations and 112 native preachers, etc., and all this at a cost of perhaps \$150,000—less than the cost of many a single church edifice in our cities!

Look at Syria. It has about 2,000,000 inhabitants. But its small numbers cannot convey any idea how far it is the pivot of Oriental missions. It is the key to Arabic-speaking races of the world! The Arabic Bible, issued from the presses at Beirut, can speak to 120,000,000. Even in Africa, China, India—wherever Moslem disciples dwell—the providence of God in the very restrictions of Mohammedanism is very apparent, for all Arabs wish, and are expected, to read the Koran, and so actually do all the educated or better class of Mohammedans read it, whatever their native tongue. The translations of the Bible are printed in a type so exquisitely classical as to please even the fastidious eye of the Arab scholar, and the cry comes up from all quarters for Arabic Bibles and Testaments. Have the gifted men who have been withdrawn into foreign lands to preach the gospel and translate the Bible wasted their time and strength?

Levi Parsons and Pliny Fisk started for a mission among the Jews. Mr. Parsons reached Jerusalem February, 1821. Driven away by declining health, two years later he died at Alexandria, and not even his grave can now be found. Fisk left his grave to go to Jerusalem himself, and after two years more he also died, in 1825. Fisk was a splendid scholar,