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JAPAN.—A correspondent of the Examiner and Chronicle says :- " Of all forms of Christianity the Greek Church seems to be the most popular among the official class in Japan. The ceremonial of the Greek Church is as dramatic and dazzling to the eye as Buddhism, and finds great acceptance among these Orientals. 'Father' Nicholas, the present head of the Greek-Russian Mission, is building a magnificent church-the finest in Japan-a favor that has been granted to no other nationality, and a proof of Russia's great influence The assistants are all natives; and his long residence here, his wonderful skill in the language, and thorough knowledge of Buddhism, which he studied in a Buddhist convent for years, give him great influence, especially as he is backed up by his Government, which has secured for him full liberty of residing in whatever part of the empire he chooses.

The Romanists have a numerous mission of over fifty priests in Japan, but they are not popular either with the people or Government. They have also a mission in the centre of the capital, which they owe to the power of France. Their work at present seems to be chiefly among their old con-They have a school of about fifty pupils preparing for the priesthood, and are extremely cautious of aggressive work.

Persia.- Whether the Shah of Persia imbibed the spirit of toleration or not during his trip through Europe, he certainly did a Christian thing lately in ordering the release of a poor creature who had already been nearly bastinadoc l to death for renouncing Mohammedanism. The convert would, doubtless, have been put out of the way eventually, but is now happily doing good service as a colporteur in the American mission.

KNOX COLLEGE, Toronto, is shortly to have a new Building \$47,000 of the Building Fund are already collected. The Montreal College is flourishing finely, and hids fair soon to take the lead among the Theological Schools of the Dominion.

CHRISTIAN students connected with the University of Edinburgh send an address on the importance of religion to the students of Paris. By the latter, as a whole, it was received with scorn and tumult, some however have been impressed and are said to be anxious to learn the truth.

Religious revivals continue in Scotland, Ireland, England, &c., and in the Protestant Churches of France and Switzerland.

THE Sustentation Fund of the Free Church shows an increase of £10,000 for ten months.-The Foreign Mission Fund for the same period has increased nearly £8,000 as compared with last year.

God's people are ardently leved by Him: they are His jewels; He protects, blesses them, and considers the favors bestowed on them by others as conferred on Himself. Even so small a gift as a cup of cold water to the humblest of them He notes and re-"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love which re have showed towards His name, in that ye have have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. vi. 10. Let us best this in mind every season, but especially the winter season, when so many of God's people may be suffering for the necessaries of lite.

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