

for scrofulous children. Although not distinctly evangelistic, the scheme is included in the operations of the Glasgow United Evangelistic Association, and sprung out of the work for the children carried on in the Tent Hall on Sunday afternoons.

#### ASIA.

Islam.—Last year was for Robert College "one of the most trying through which it has ever passed, through the prevalence of cholera, the great earthquake with its destruction of life and property, and the serious political troubles in Asia Minor. Nevertheless, the work was in many respects more satisfactory than ever before. The total number of students was 200, representing 10 nationalities, among them 68 Armenians, 65 Greeks, and 44 Bulgarians. Improvements have been made in all departments, and the preparatory department has been entirely reorganized. Funds are needed for a separate building for the latter.

—The mission press in Turkey is kept in constant embarrassment by the absurd fears of the government. "All the manuscripts must be submitted to examination at Constantinople before being printed. Some are rejected or returned in a mutilated condition, while those accepted are kept a long time and the printing delayed. Books that have received the sanction of the government may be seized and destroyed at any time upon a foolish pretence, as the coloring of a map in a geography. Two men were imprisoned and their books confiscated, not for selling their geographies, but for procuring them for the governors at their request."

—The petition of 300,000 Christian women has brought to light a new example of Turkish justice. A Mr. Mahdissian has been banished for life to an oasis in the desert of Sahara for translating into Turkish a portion of Scripture referring to the coming of the kingdom of Christ. "In attempting to stem the tide of Christianity by such petty

measures, the Turkish Government is the greatest Mrs. Partington on record."

—"Converts" from the Oriental churches must needs be examined most carefully as to motive and aim before being received. For not a few are prompted to become Protestants from merely selfish impulses, or to spite somebody. Thus Rev. W. S. Nelson, of Tripoli, Syria, tells, in the *Independent*, of a man who was eager to turn Presbyterian, though grossly given to strong drink, and ready to withstand the Maronite Church with "guns and pistols."

—Dr. Jessup is able to make a delightful setting forth of the Christian comity which prevails, whereby the Presbyterians are left to themselves in Syria, and the Church Missionary Society has exclusive possession in Palestine, and neither will receive disaffected members belonging to the other.

India.—Miss Phillips, of Balasore, Orissa, says: "I am sure you will think I have abundant reason for making a thank offering when I tell you the Lord has permitted us as a family to give 166 years of service to India. This includes the time given by father, mother, brother, and 5 sisters, and when added to the time of 2 brothers-in-law and 1 sister-in-law makes a total of 206 years."

—An interesting sign of changing times in India was furnished in a Mohammedan educational and social conference, held at Ahmedabad in October. The fact was brought home that if they are even to hold their own in the future, the education of their children must go beyond the mere learning of the Koran by heart. A result of their present defective education is that, out of 1000 subordinate clerks in the collectorate of Ahmedabad, only 2 are Mohammedans. A notable feature of the conference was that Mullahs and Moulvies advocated female education.

—Anna Thompson writes to the *Christian Advocate*: "The Maharajah