

Eastern Turkey, on a rainy day, and in the open air, an audience of from 800 to 1,000 people were present the entire day. The public services were conducted wholly by the native pastors, and, with great appropriateness. It was an occasion of great rejoicing with the people. In Central Turkey the spiritual prospect never seemed so encouraging as at present. A nation of wild mountaineers are clamoring for preachers, teachers and schools, and they are willing to help pay for them.

NEW ZEALAND.—Bishop Williams says that, though great numbers of the Maoris have fallen away, "it is a cheering fact that there are twelve native clergymen supported by the contributions of their flocks, amounting to upward of £3000, who are laboring with diligence and zeal to lead their countrymen in the right path. The present is the sifting time of the Church, a sifting which will be for its benefit." The Rev. Mr. Grace, who was with the late Mr. Volkner when so cruelly put to death, and who has been itinerating among the Maoris, was kindly received, and is very hopeful of the future. He says: "I believe the natives generally are preparing to come back."

The Cross.

In olden days to be a Christian was to render oneself liable to death upon the Cross. In some parts of the world at this day, Christ cannot be followed except at the risk of death. Rev. Mr. Verbeek, of the Reformed Church Mission to Japan reports in a recent letter that the chief obstacle now existing to the spread of Christianity among that awakened and interesting people, is the imperial edict, that every one embracing the Christian religion shall be executed upon a cross. "When we, confessed missionaries of the Cross, settled down on the outskirts of this town, we found it no easy matter to get access to the people. When a few of them come to our house, and venture to inquire about our work and the Bible, they laid their hand upon their breast as a sign of great secrecy, and to their throat, as a sign of danger. There are a few native Christians now, and we hope for more; they are so now in secret, but cannot remain so when the number increases."

How thankful should we be for our privileges in this land of light and liberty!

A Missionary Family.

A German paper states:—"There died lately in West Africa, Brother Dauble, educated at Basle, and sent out by the Missionary Society of North Germany. His brother, also a missionary, died last year in Bengal. A third missionary is preparing

for the missionary work in the institution at Basle. Two sisters of the family are married to missionaries, a third sister is to leave her country, and go to West Africa. The father of this devoted family has five children more, and says the Saviour may have more of them for the work if he will. Why are there so few such families.

Five Points!

No people in the world are more active than the Wesleys in spreading the Gospel, or more liberal in giving of their means for the support of ordinances.

"How do you contrive to raise such immense sums for your foreign missions?" was once said to a humble follower of John Wesley. "Oh, Sir," was the reply, "it is the five points that do it all." "And what are the five points?" "The first is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance unto life; third, gospel holiness; and the fourth and the fifth are a penny a week and sixpence in the quarter."

We often hear them also appealing to the principle of united and constant effort!—"At it, all at it, always at it!" These are the lessons which our churches—all our members and adherents—have to learn.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, having been authorized by Synod to engage the services of one or more Missionaries to the New Hebrides, invite Ministers and Probationers to consider prayerfully the urgent call for Evangelists in that dark and destitute portion of the earth.

Applications or letters of inquiry addressed to the Secretary will meet with immediate attention. By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y B.F.M.
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