

and low in the scale of civilization, and prompted, very likely, by mixed and poor motives; but he finds this opportunity an open door for the Gospel to a miserable population.

THE JEWS.—The Rev. J. C. Reichardt says:—"According to the best calculations, the Jews in Europe amount at least to five-and-a-half millions, of which nearly three millions are in Russia and Poland; in Austria, more than one million; in Germany, 400,000; in European Turkey, 300,000; Roumania, 400,000; France, 100,000; the rest in England, Holland, Italy, and other countries. In Asia, more than half a million; in Africa, more than one million; and in America, Australia, &c., at least 400,000; so that that the number of Jews may be computed, at the least, at eight millions.

MEXICO.—Here is a glorious story of one to whom Christ and His cause were indeed precious. It is narrated by one of the American ministers who have been taking advantage of that wonderful opening for the Bible in Mexico to which we recently referred. "The Government," he says, "which has intensely favoured the Christians of Mexico, gave us a building on the outskirts of the city, and the Christians asked the privilege of refitting that building as best they could. One of our congregation, an architect, and another, a painter, offered to paint it for a merely nominal price, and they set to work. One evening I was suddenly called on to see that master-painter.

"He had been painting at the very ceiling, and had broken through the planks and had fallen to the floor, and was taken up mangled and dying. I found him with a firm faith in his Saviour. He said to me, 'My only trust is in Jesus.' The next day they were to amputate his arm, and he gathered his little family around and said, 'I may soon die and be with my Saviour.' He asked them to sing a hymn together with him, in which he joined, and then asked the doctors to perform the operation. The arm was amputated, but he lingered only a short time and died. Can you imagine my feelings, as he said to me, in his mangled, broken condition, 'I know how poor our Church is, and offered to do that work for so low a price, that I could hardly pay for the paint and the workmen. For nine days I had only been able to afford myself one meal, and that I took at dinner. I fell at 12 o'clock; I was so weak and hungry, that I grew dizzy and fell.'"

MADAGASCAR.—Several years ago Mr. Ellis proposed that four churches should be erected in Madagascar in memory of the martyrs of former days. The erection of one was specially undertaken by the children of our English Churches, who collected for it the sum of £2850. The Ambatonakanga Church, erected on the site of the first prison in which the martyrs were confined, was opened on March 22nd, 1867. That at Ambolipotsy, built on the ridge above the ditch where Rasalama and others were speared, was opened in November, 1868. The Children's Church at Faravopitra is built in a commanding position in the capital, and, from the height and solidity of its walls, is a very striking object. On its site, in February, 1849, four Christian nobles, including a lady, were burnt alive; and the bodies of fourteen others, who had that day been thrown over the lofty precipice, were also consumed. In digging the foundations of the church, Mr. Cameron laid bare the charcoal and ashes which have remained from the fire; and the first stone of the church was laid under the very spot where the stake was planted. It has taken three years to erect the building, and it was opened in September last.