

moved before the white light of truth fills our minds. The service began by singing the hymn, "Our God, our help in ages past," followed by the Psalm, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place." Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. M. Reith, and addresses were given by the Dato Meldrum, a Mohammedan official, and by the Rev. J. A. B. Cook. Mr. Cook said of the late Sultan that "He stood head and shoulders above all the Malay princes of his time."—*Indian Witness*.

—In our much speech concerning the marvels of Japan's progress, let us not forget that Siam also is forging forward into line with civilized nations. She has her railroads and telegraphs. She enjoys electric lights. But the newest and most significant act is her acceptance of the Red Cross Treaty, by which she binds herself to recognize the neutrality of those who minister to the wounded in time of war.

China.—It seems to be a fact well established that, as in Turkey the recent atrocities were all planned in Constantinople, so also in the Celestial Empire riot and murder did not originate among the masses, but were contrived and encouraged by mandarins, governors, and such like. It is they who start foul slanders and stir up the baser sort of the people.

—An imperial rescript has sanctioned the construction of a trunk line of railway from Chinkiang, near Nanking, along the Grand Canal to Peking. This will connect with the line from Tientsin to Shanhaikwan, and thence to Kerin in Manchuria, ultimately connecting with the Russian transcontinental railway. The length of the line will be not less than 1500 miles, and it will connect the heart of Manchuria with Peking and Shanghai. This railway, so far from being opposed, was approved alike by metropolitan and provincial officials. This is one of the results of the war. An extension of this line to Canton, a line to the western provinces,

a branch line from Peking to Kalgan, are things which are sure to come in the not distant future.—*Rev. Henry Blodgett*.

—Robert Coltman, M.D., writes from Peking: "Two years ago I was called to see a Manchu official named Rui, who had been stricken with paralysis. Under treatment he gradually recovered, and is now able to go about. He sent at first for his medicine by his son, a young man of twenty-one years. Afterward he came himself, and they both listened attentively to the preaching of the hospital evangelist in the waiting-room. From the truth they heard there they became interested in Christianity, and daily attended Mr. Ament's chapel, which was much nearer than ours. They also invited Miss Russell, of the American Board, to visit them and in a little more than a year, father, mother, and son all united with the church of the American Board mission, and are living good Christian lives.

—European statesmen rejoiced when the gates of the "hermit nations," China and Japan, were forced. It meant an immense extension of commerce. They rejoiced again when Japan began to introduce Western civilization. It means an immense demand for Western food, clothing, and machinery. But now they are standing aghast at the fact that the Japanese are supplying their own wants, and are already competing with Europe in supplying China and India. They have dismissed foreigners from their mills and machine shops. They operate 2100 miles of railroad, and the only foreigner employed is a Scotchman who married a Japanese woman. Sir Charles Lyall says that "the industrial inventions by which Europe has prevailed over Asia are about to be turned against her."

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—The agent of the American Bible Society reports favorably on Bible circulation in Egypt, the work being done