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## MISSIONARY NEWS.

**The Embarrassments of the War.** Much anxiety has been felt about the many mission-

aries of many Boards for the most part American, who are in Turkish territory, either in Europe or Asia. The magazines of the societies concerned with one accord declare that no one is in danger of his life, though naturally distressed because of the difficulty of securing money, and because of the surrounding conditions. But if American missionaries are faring tolerably well, it is not so with representatives of Continental societies. The French Protestant Missions, which appeal to us strongly because of their brave struggles in the midst of weakness, can get no money to their representatives. Many of the missionaries have been called back to serve in the army, and some have already given their lives. The German societies are equally helpless as regards funds, and missionaries of the Schleswig-Holstein Mission, the Leipzig Lutheran and others, are depending on private hospitality. The London Missionary Society passed resolutions some time ago, expressing their sympathy and hoping that the old relations might later be resumed. The German papers, in answering, true to the spirit Germany is displaying, repulsed these advances with scorn, declaring that victorious Germany would have no need of England's help.

In Africa fearful things are occurring where the missionaries have tried for so many years to teach civilization to the natives. In German East Africa, these natives were enrolled by hundreds, and consequently they had to be in Rhodesia. Their old barbarism has returned intensified, and one of the missionaries

wrote, "Hell is let loose, and no one can tell what is going to happen."

In Smyrna, though, as has been said, the war has not brought danger, the foreign residents have need to fear plague and earthquake, both of which are now at their work of devastation.

**Japanese Factories.** According to the "Tokyo Advertiser," factory conditions among women and girls are as bad as they well can be. Twenty thousand women and girls are brought in from the rural districts annually, of whom 3,000 die every year of tuberculosis, and 12,000 never see home again. They work twelve to fifteen hours a day, and have only thirty minutes for meals. Girls who go into factory work young show no growth after the age of fourteen, and the old injustice is there, as here, that women who do the same work as the men receive two-thirds less in wages than they.

**Queen Wilhelmina's Charity.** Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is said to be responsible for the partial support of a Mission Hospital in Amoy, China.

**Tokyo.** The next Convention of the 1916 World's Sunday School Association was scheduled for Tokyo, Japan, in 1916. In spite of the unfavorable outlook, preparations are being carried forward to hold the convention at the appointed time in the appointed place. For the first time the International Sunday School Lessons have been this year printed in Armenian and in Turkish, and are being used even in the Gregorian Church.