

AT REST.

How calmly she rests amid flowers,
Sweet tokens of sorrowing love;
Remindful of what she held dearest,
On earth, or in heaven above;
Fond friendships, in service so sacred
and pure,
That out-living death, they will ever
endure.

How sweetly she sleeps on her pillow,
Her hands gently laid on her breast;
From bearing the burdens and sor-
rows
Of others forever at rest;
At rest, blessed rest, from earth's ills
ever free,
With Jesus "and spirits made per-
fect" to be.

And, oh! what a look of contentment,
And beauty, the blossom of grace;
As if the dear night-watching angels
Had pictured her soul on her face;
With a smile on her lips, and peace on
her brow,
From childhood she never seemed lov-
ely as now.

And thus she will live in the memory
Of fond hearts for many a day;
Like a strain of delightful music,
When the player has ceased to play;
Like the beautiful glow in the golden
west,
Long after the sun has sunk to rest.

Missionary News.

The progress of Christianity in Madagascar has been hindered for a long time by the French governor. It is good news to hear that a new governor has just declared a policy of toleration in religious matters. This means the re-opening of mission schools, the permission to hold public services on Sunday, and license to erect church buildings. The people have long been favorable to the Christian religion, so there is every reason to hope that Madagascar will soon cease to be one of the dark places of the earth.

Protestant work on the Congo, has received an impetus from the action of a Belgian official, who, though himself a Catholic, has appreciated so highly the kind of work done by the Protestants that he has promised to approve the choice of, and defend from any interference by Roman Catholics, any tribes who wish to be taught by Protestant missionaries. As a direct consequence of this, two kings, ruling over more than a million people, have chosen the Protestant faith, and have placed their eldest sons and heirs in mission schools.

Fears have been entertained by many that the great religious movement in Korea, would be hindered by the appointment of Prince Ito's successor, a

man of stern disposition. But to the relief of many, one of his first proclamations guarantees that "all religions shall be treated equally, and further, due protection and facilities shall be accorded to their legitimate propagation."

China is making rapid progress. The Provincial Assemblies, the first step towards popular government, met for the first time last year. The Senate, the first National Assembly, convened on October 3rd last. Arrangements had been made that the first Imperial Parliament should be called in 1915. But the demands from the people, and the urgency of the already-constituted assemblies, have resulted in the Throne granting an earlier date, and now it is expected the Imperial Parliament of China, will meet for the first time in the history of China, in 1913. This is a great advance movement, and opens the way for wonderful progress along many lines.

Political conditions in Persia, have been very much unsettled of late. But the mission work has not lost any ground. Perhaps even a little progress has been made in the matter of attendance at the public services, and in the mission schools. The people are waking up to the importance of education, especially that of girls, and many native schools are springing up for them.