

these hundreds of thousands of converts to Christianity in India it is obvious that a spiritual development of an uncommon type has so advanced itself as to arrest attention.—*Madras Christian College Magazine*.

—The Indian Witness, noting the retirement of a noted infidel educationist from India, says:

"The ancient god Nemesis seldom worked a more striking revenge than he has done on Principal Wordsworth, who has just left the shores of India, after about a quarter of a century spent there. Instead of a crowd of native friends on the pier to bid him farewell, such as gathered to see Sir Richard Temple away, two of the gentlemen for whom he spent his life came to show their good will. The learned professor might well exclaim, 'If I had served my God with half the zeal I have served my friend, he would not,' etc. Opposition to the gospel of Jesus Christ has been the most conspicuous feature of Mr. Wordsworth's efforts among the natives throughout his Indian career."

Principal Wordsworth is a disciple of Herbert Spencer, and he commended to the Hindus the gospel of Agnosticism.

—Bishop Sargent of Madras, who last year celebrated the jubilee of his missionary career in India, has outlived all the original missionaries of his society in that diocese. When he went to Tinnevely in 1835 the Church Missionary Society had only three or four missionaries, one native preacher and 114 communicants. There are now 81 missionaries, of whom 64 are connected with his own society. In 1,618 villages there are now 98,184 Christians and catechumens, of whom 18,460 are communicants. There are 22,170 pupils in schools, and the contributions last reported were 47,761 rupees, or about \$22,000.

—Dr. Chamberlain's scheme for a united Presbyterian Church in India, the thirteen Presbyterian and Reformed bodies represented in the empire uniting in one general assembly, has been favorably received in Scotland.—*Scottish Free Church Monthly*.

—There is a great movement in the Punjab mission of the Church of Scotland. New villages are receiving the gospel and new churches being formed. The strength of the missionaries is taxed to the utmost by the demands of the work.

—Christianity in British India has advanced 30 per cent. during the last decade. Mohammedanism during the same period only advanced 10 per cent. From these figures the general increase of the population, which is now 201,000,000, must be deducted; this amounts to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.—*Punjab Mission News*.

Japan.—Japan has now an excellent translation of the entire Bible. After sixteen years the work

was finished Feb. 8. It is largely the result of the Rev. John C. Hepburn, M.D., LL.D., assisted by six other scholars. It has received high commendation from the *Japanese Weekly* as well as from missionaries capable of appreciating its excellence. It is dedicated to God's honor and service "in the name of the whole body of Protestant missionaries in Japan."

—Not long since Tokio and the rest of Japan were thoroughly pagan. Now we hear of a great Christian revival in that city, with five hundred conversions in a single month. The whole city seems stirred, and missionaries, native pastors and theological students are busy gathering in the harvest. Everybody is interested in Christianity, and nobody speaks against it. This is a revolution of itself.—*New York Independent*.

—The last report of the various Protestant missions in Japan is a significant index of the growth of Christianity in that land. The total membership of the 231 organized churches is 19,827, the 5,000 added during the year representing a gain of thirty-three per cent. in the Congregational and Presbyterian forces. Twenty-four societies have 253 missionaries on the ground, and the large part that America is destined to play in the evangelization of Japan is shown by the fact that five-sixths of the workers are connected with societies in the United States. There is a great demand for the new translation of the Bible, orders pouring in by mail and telegraph for a considerable time after its publication. It is cause for deep gratitude that the 37,000,000 inhabitants of the country can now read the entire Scriptures in their own language. A sentence in a recent communication to our office from a correspondent in Yokohama deserves pondering. He says: "It is felt here by all Christian workers that the length of time required to make this a Christian nation depends simply upon the number of competent men which the churches at home are ready and willing to furnish. Would that many would follow the example of Dr. Scudder, and others, who have come here with no expense to the missionary boards."

Madagascar.—Two or three years ago 900 barrels of whiskey were landed on the shores of Madagascar with a brand which indicated that they had come from a professedly Christian nation. The authorities of that once heathen nation actually