

previous to that, who had found her sitting weeping, from the strokes her brother had inflicted upon her." The school, at present, numbers forty-one, and five have lately written letters to Miss Whittet, expressing fully their views, and their anxious desire for an interest in Christ.

PROTESTANT MOVEMENTS AMONG MUSSELMANS.
—In several places there are symptoms of inquiry among the Mussulmans. A Koordish chief, not far from Arabkir, has lately abjured Mohammedanism, and embraced and professed Christianity. This, we trust, will be the precursor of more extensive changes.

JEWISH MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.—HAMBURGII.

The following extract from the Annual Report of the Assembly's Jewish Mission, will show the nature of the work in which Dr. Craig, the zealous Missionary at Hamburg is employed, and the success, which, by the blessing of the Head of the Church, is attending his efforts:

"The past year has been one of severe trial by sickness and death. In the *Herald* for October notice was taken of the removal of six persons by death, four being members of the Church, and two children, of whom we entertain a good hope that they are with the Lord. Since then, two other church members have been called home, and died in peace. One was far advanced in years, and had been very self-righteous when we first made her acquaintance, but, when she had already passed her eightieth year, became a partaker of Divine grace, and for the last three or four years of her life led a close and constant walk with God in Christ Jesus. She preserved all her faculties to the last; and during the eighteen months or more that she was chiefly confined to bed, her views of Christ and of eternity became so clear, that it was a precious privilege to sit beside that sufferer, and learn from her. Another young woman, who had been very active and very useful, was taken away, after about eight days illness. During the greater part of that time her judgment was impaired, so that we can say little of her death-bed experience. At one time she seemed to feel the terrors of the grim king, and to tremble, but before she expired she had again recovered her assurance of the love of Jesus. What gave us more comfort, however, than aught a death-bed could reveal, was the fact that, perhaps, the half of those who stood weeping around the coffin, before it was consigned to its last resting-place, felt that it was primarily to her instrumentality they had been indebted for the first impulse heavenward. In hours of darkness she had been their friend, and their spiritual joys had been all shared with her. Others have died, over whose graves we sorrow without hope, and some of whose state before God we could obtain no certain evidence.

"One Jewish proselyte was called away by death. For years he had suffered severe torment, being unable to turn in his bed, or to take with his own hand a morsel of food. He had once been a wealthy bookseller and publisher in London and Edinburgh. He was useful in his day in contributing to the breaking down of the Bible monopoly in Scotland. Many will recollect how the publishing of *Seehing's Bible*, with notes, materially contributed to open the eyes of those who wished to see the monopoly continued. The publisher of that, and of many other editions of the Bible, has lain for five years here in an hospital, helpless and friendless, having been unsuccessful in business, and his constitution quite broken down. It afforded me much gratification, and no little anxiety and expense, to comfort him

in his last years, when no other friend was near. When free from pain, he seemed to have much spiritual comfort, and his only consolation was in reading the Scriptures and prayer. Whether it was his disease, or whether there was some other cause, I cannot say, but the last months of his life did not manifest the spiritual progress we might have wished. It does not belong to us to pass any sentence, but it affords subject of serious examination, why the Lord seemed to withdraw the evidence of His presence, which He usually bestows.

"As usual, several members of our Church have gone to reside elsewhere, and it affords us pleasure that their usefulness does not cease with their connection with us. A superintendent of one of our Sabbath-schools has become a minister, and is gone to take charge of a congregation in Bremen. A Sabbath-school teacher has left us to become a missionary to the heathen in Africa. Another has left us, with his family, to become editor of a Christian periodical. Others have left for other reasons, but we have great cause to be thankful that the great Master seems to acknowledge our labours.

"The new members joining our Church numbered thirty-four—exactly the same number as in the previous year.

"The Sunday-school have not decreased in number or in efficiency. One of them is ably superintended by a Danish nobleman, who had served in the Danish army as captain of the cavalry, and who is also an elder in our church. This British and Foreign Bible Society very kindly furnished us with a grant from the Jubilee Fund, for the benefit of our schools, which we desire here gratefully to acknowledge.

"The number of Bibles and Testaments sold during the year amounts to 3130. Were I to recount the difficulties we have experienced in these last two branches of our mission work, you scarcely believe it possible in a Christian land bearing the Protestant name. As the recording of these trials would, however, for the present, produce no good effect, and might irritate, I refrain from their recital. We prefer spreading our case before Him who will in due time deliver those who cry to Him against the oppressor.

"A considerable number of Jewish proselytes reside at all times in Hamburg, and connects themselves with our mission-church. We feel it to be as much our duty to watch over and instruct them after baptism as before. We have been able to find work and Christian society for some proselytes who came to stop for a time, and for others we have not been so successful. One widow, who had been baptised upwards of thirty years, has lately been admitted as a communicant, and seems to have fairly entered on the narrow road."

AMERICAN MISSIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

No essential change has taken place during the year in the routine of labor at this station. Mr. Ladden removed with his family to Smyrna soon after the last annual meeting, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodell returned from America in September. Of the eight missionaries laboring here, one is devoted to the Jews, two in part to the Greeks and to the Armenians. Messrs Benjamin and Schauttler are employed in preparing and publishing books; about a third of Mr. Dwight's time is taken up in the same department; Mr. Goodell is almost wholly occupied in the revision of the Bible in Armeno-Turkish for a new edition; Mr. Van Lennep has given a large share of his time for several months to the revision of the Psalm and Hymn Book in Armenian, and to the preparation of a book of music adapted to it; Mr. Riggs has brought a Greek Hymn Book, and assisted in the Armenian, and is now preparing a Church Members'

Manual. Messrs. Hamlin and Riggs have their principal sphere of labor in connection with the seminary, and Mr. Everett superintends the female boarding school, the book depot and the department of colportage, employing regularly twelve colporters in the city, and in the villages and cities around.

At the same time, each missionary has his stated weekly service or services, there being an average of nine sermons and two thirds, preached every week in the native languages. There are also three weekly prayer meetings, four catechetical exercises, four expositions and one doctrinal lecture every week, besides English and German preaching in Pera and Bebek every Sabbath, and an English expository service in each of these places and in Hass-keny, on a week-day evening. Nine or ten hours in the aggregate are spent weekly in visiting the families of the native brethren and friendly Armenians, besides what is given to visitors.

The average attendance at each of the five places of worship for the Armenians, is not far from fifty. A change from Armenian to Turkish, made by Mr. Goodell in the forenoon service at Koomkapoo, which had been thinly attended, resulted in an increase to upwards of fifty, most of whom are new comers. An adult Bible class in the same language, conducted by brethren of the church, and having from twenty-five to thirty attendants, promises to be very useful. Mr. Goodell is always present to make remarks at the close. The congregation at Hass-keny is large and interesting; Sabbath afternoons the place is crowded. At the Thursday evening lecture, Armenians not connected with the Protestant community are usually present, and sometimes from the first families in the place. Much discussion of religious truth has prevailed,—especially among this class, and the evangelical system has gained the intellects if not the hearts of many individuals. The Patriarch, in view of this, has issued the most stringent orders for his people not to have any intercourse with the Protestants, a measure which has given great offence to some leading men of the village, and which can hardly fail of promoting the cause of truth. The theological students have been conducting the service in Samata in turn, and apparently with profit. The average attendance on preaching in Greek in Pera, by Messrs. Benjamin and Constantines, has been about eighteen. Mr. Riggs also preaches in Greek to the pupils of the seminary and a few others.

Twelve new members, five of them Greeks, have been received into the churches in the city during the year; the number of communicants in these two churches is one hundred and twenty-one. Twenty males, several of them with families, have joined the Protestant community at the capital.

AMTAR.

Notwithstanding several trying reverses which have been experienced at Amtah during the year, there has been cheering advancement. At one time there was a falling off, both in numbers and interest, at public worship, but for several months past the house has been full, and the truth evidently taking effect on the mind. The additions to the church have been twenty-one; three members have been excommunicated and one has died, making the present number one hundred and seventeen. The Sabbath school has been very full and efficient. The average attendance since the first of January has been one hundred and five. Besides this, Mr. Nutting has a Bible class of some forty young men. In the high school are thirty-seven pupils, in the boys' elementary school one hundred, and in the girls', eighty. A private school taught gratuitously by a member of the church, has sixty girls, about two-thirds of them are from Armenian families. There has also been progress in teaching adult females, one hundred and fifty, at least, are now