

faculty of the old heathen capital, so self-complacent in their pitiful ignorance. Dr. Palm had been instructed to give his strength to the language for the first year, but has already found work, in the providence of God, laid upon him, both as a teacher of the truth and healer of the sick. A recent letter says of himself and wife: "We are both well, and are making progress in learning the language. I have also had a little medical work. I find I have become notorious, in consequence of having removed a large tumor from a man's face. There appeared a paragraph in one of the native papers, giving an account of the operation, and extolling the surgery by which a growth of twenty years was removed. I have also treated a case of pleurisy with considerable effusion, by drawing off the fluid with the pneumatic aspirator. The native doctors were utterly ignorant of the nature of the disease. They were very much surprised at my explanation—at the aspirator, the operation, and the result; and one of them, seeing the other notice in the paper, put in an account of this case, saying, *that the other was nothing to it!* He likewise gave a long story about myself, giving due prominence to the fact that I am a missionary. This was all done without my knowledge; and as I often get my teacher to tell me what is in the native newspapers, as part of my lesson in Japanese, I got on one occasion the account of myself, and the operations above referred to, though neither were quite correct."

These facts will give some idea of the extent and character of the influence exerted by one Society alone, and of what may, with God's blessing, be expected from similar organizations formed in Glasgow, London, Liverpool, and Manchester. There is ample scope for all of these; as the demand for men of this stamp increases, as the value of their work becomes better known and appreciated. The present revival has helped to fill the lists to the limit of existing resources; but yet the supply is not equal to the demand. The Rev. Dr. Lowe, present superintendent of the Edinburgh Institute, says that all their men who will finish within eighteen months are already engaged, while ten more applications cannot be met. It is gratifying to hear that a movement is on foot which will afford the Society improved premises, extended usefulness, and, it is hoped, enlarged producing power; and at the same time furnish, in the capital of Scotland, a most appropriate memorial to one of the greatest and best of her sons, and probably the most famous of medical missionaries,—Dr. Livingstone. A fine site has been procured near the new University buildings, and also convenient to the field of labour in the Cowgate; and already about half the required amount (£10,000) has been obtained. This is another of the indirect fruits of that noble life. It serves, with the Memorial Missions now being planted in Central Africa by the Churches of Scotland, to illustrate the words of the poet:—

"The great and good, who serve a worthy cause,
Can only one way fail—by perishing therein.
Is it to fail? No, for every good man's death is
A step firm set toward the end of all being,
The glory of God and the good of men."

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Erratum.—In last number, the word "India," at the foot of page 86, should have been Judea.