

mense numbers of them are gathered together in one place, and hence are without the means of education or are without employment, and hence live a miserable life. Their personal appearance is exceedingly repulsive. Their bodies covered with dirt, their faces emaciated, their hair very lengthy, so that they are in a perfect state of impurity. A missionary, however, has been visiting them, and finds a craving for the Word of God.

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#### America.

The Young Men's Christian Associations of Minnesota have undertaken to establish a Christian Mission on the Northern Pacific Railroad. The present headquarters of the Mission are at Oak Lake, where there are more than one thousand employees and five thousand new settlers, all without any religious privileges.

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#### New Guinea.

This immense island is situated to the North of Australia, and contains a degraded population. In 1854, a mission was commenced here by the Dutch, and has since been crowned with success.

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#### The Amazon.

A large heathen population dwell upon this immense river in South America. Nothing has as yet been done for the evangelization of this people. The South America Missionary Society have, however, proposed sending out a representative, and have also asked the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society for a Medical Missionary to accompany him. May the Gospel now spread on this magnificent river.

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#### Lystra in Lycacnia.

In the first great Missionary tour undertaken by Paul and Barnabas, they visited Lystra, where divine honours were first offered them, but afterwards Paul was stoned and left for dead. Since that time the scene is sadly changed in Lystra. Its present ruins extend over a space of a mile in length and about three quarters of a mile in breadth. The people dwelling in it are bigoted Mahomedans, sitting in the

region and shadow of death. There is in this country almost no Christian population. How sadly these ancient cities, once enjoying the labours of the Apostles, have degenerated.

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#### China.

A Chinese Bible Woman at Jihzkong, near Ningpo, is now being supported by the weekly contributions of the native Christians here. Poor as they are, they are willing to do what they can in this way to show their love to the Saviour. Let professing Christians in more highly favoured localities imitate this example.

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#### Manissa.

This station is near Smyrna, and was opened about a year ago to the Gospel. It now gives promise of bearing much fruit. At the first preaching service, the audience only numbered eight; at the second, sixteen, and at the third, thirty-two. Many no doubt come from curiosity, yet the attendance on Sabbath is now pretty large.

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#### Norway.

Some members of the Society of Friends have lately visited Norway for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to its inhabitants. Numbers came out to hear, and several interesting services were held.

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#### Sweden.

A Missionary writes: although in former years we have witnessed more powerful revivals, I do not remember a time in our Mission when we have at one and the same time received accounts of conversions from so many places through the instrumentality of our labours. The fields are ripening for the harvest. Oh, that we had more labourers to send into the harvest.

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#### Sumatra.

In one or two localities on this island, since the departure of a missionary from among them, Mahomedanism has made rapid strides. In one place not less than one hundred have gone over to Islam. Notwithstanding, however, these changes that are taking place, showers of spiritual blessings have come down.