

KHARPOOT, EASTERN TURKEY.

The report from this place to the American Board says:—"We rejoice, yea and will rejoice that, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached, and the knowledge of his salvation spread abroad. But we chiefly rejoice that the word has apparently not been unfruitful. The twenty-nine additions to the two churches represent as we hope, less than half of the good fruit ready to be gathered when we hear from churches in all the places where converted men are to be found. We are happy to see that a good number, not only of the church-members, but of others also, are zealous in efforts to preach the gospel. In this city, and at eight out-stations, more or less persons go regularly, every Sabbath, on missionary labour to neighboring villages. In several cases the fruit of these efforts has been already seen."

LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

The income of this Society from all sources during the past year was £34,628 1s. 2d., and the expenditure £35,845 18s. 8d. The report stated that there were now in the employ of the Society 34 ordained missionaries, 18 unordained missionary agents, 82 colporteurs, Scripture readers, schoolmasters and mistresses, &c., making together 134, nearly half of them believing Israelites, distributed among 32 stations. The New Testament has been translated into Hebrew, and both Old and New widely circulated among the Jews, during the last ten years, to the extent of 35,319 of the former and 21,868 of the latter.—Tracts and treatises in various languages on Jewish controversy have been largely circulated, with which the Jews have been most favorably impressed. The Society has also published the Liturgy in Hebrew. When the Society was formed there were not 50 Christian Jews known in the United Kingdom. Now, in the Church of England and Ireland there are more than 100 ordained ministers of the seed of Abraham; and there are many converts. In the Society's chapel in London 480 adults and 567 children of the house of Israel have been baptized up to the end of 1864. In the Society's schools in London 822 Jewish children have been educated in the Christian religion. In the Society's school at home and abroad more than 1000 children are annually under instruction. A marked change has taken place in the feelings of Jews towards Christ and Christianity. The New Testament is extensively read, and hence more enlightened views of Christianity prevail. Multitudes of Jews are learned that true Protestantism is the only form of Christianity in accordance with the New Testament, and that it is

neither persecuting nor superstitious. The report gave a most encouraging account of the operations of the Society in Abyssinia and other foreign parts.

INTERESTING ARRIVAL.

Rev. Lowell Smith, D. D. with his wife, son and daughter, arrived at New York, from the Sandwich Islands, on the 25th ult. They were accompanied by several children of missionaries in those islands. Dr. Smith went there in 1832 to engage in the service of the American Board. For several years he, with his family, lived in a grass hut, without door, window, or floor. He gathered the second church in Honolulu, and enjoyed with it a large refreshing from the most wonderful revival which soon after swept over the mission fields there. He now returns, after an absence of thirty-three years, to witness changes and progress in his native land, which can only be appreciated by those upon whose sight they burst in one bewildering view. While we have lived amid the unparalleled creations of human energy, he, in his far off seclusion, has been lifting the souls of the dying up the ladder which reaches from earth to heaven.

PEKIN.

The Rev. Dr. Martin, who has been fifteen years a missionary in the City of Ningpo, left that place for Peking about a year ago; and in a letter dated November 4th, 1864, he says:—

"1st. Peking is the common centre of a family of nations. Mongolians, Coreans and Thibetans reside here in great numbers. This place not only affords facilities for the study of their languages, but is obviously the best location for a missionary institution, which shall prepare natives of each of these nations for carrying the gospel to their countrymen.

2d. Peking is the chief seat of Pagan worship for the whole of Eastern Asia; and the negations of Confucianism, and the superstitions of Taoism and Buddhism, will not continue long to dominate the provinces after Christianity is rooted in the capital.

3d. The Manchu race, which controls the destinies of one third of the human family, is mainly concentrated within the walls of Peking, and accessible through the medium of the Chinese language, for, with few exceptions, they speak no other.

4th. The re-capture of Nankin and overthrow of the rebellion seem to open a new career for the reigning dynasty.

5th. It appears now to be the settled policy of the great Treaty Powers to maintain the authority of the reigning house.

In view of these considerations, it may