

recently been able to hold a Zionist Convention, and to hold it in Moscow, the seat of authority of the Greek Church.

The African Conscience: "The Ten Tyings" is what the Bulus of West West Africa call the Ten Commandments, says Miss Jean Mackenzie in her interesting volume, "Black Sheep." She describes the toilsome effort with which these people first learn the "Tyings," and then try to practice them. They toil and sweat to make a place in their minds for the verses of the twentieth of Exodus. 'Pray with me,' a woman will say, 'that I may learn this Tying. Others I can learn, but this about the Sabbath day will kill me. What struggle of heart and anguish of spirit does the effort to follow the commandments not entail! Miss Mackenzie recounts some wonderful stories of how consciences become sensitive and highly developed through the action of God's Spirit. Here is a woman who walks three days—sleeping two nights by the way—in order to submit to the missionary a case of moral uncertainty. Alone among the villagers she belonged to 'the tribe of God.' "We are watching the walking that you walk," say her neighbors. "If it is indeed a good walking and it is a straight path we too will arise and follow after you." Her son had found an old cutlass in the forest. Is it right for a Christian woman to keep it in the house? "Does it not spoil the eighth Tying?" Hence the long journey to the missionary for moral guidance."

All do not realize how close to us are our leper asylums. Besides the two in Canada, the one in New Brunswick and the one in British Columbia, there are several in the United States; the one in

San Francisco has twenty lepers at present, the majority being Chinese. The climate of California allows them to live outside the greater part of the time, and they are as happy as they can be with their affliction. In the Louisiana Leper Asylum, the chapel is decorated with the motto, "Brighten the corner where you are," and one of the lepers who has suffered the amputation of several fingers from both hands, has tried to do so by building a beautiful desk and chest. Farther south, in the State of Colombia, there are 5,000 lepers, who live in communities, where they have their own lawyers, doctors, police force, etc.

Bolivia has only one-thirtieth of her population at school. The whole of South America is behind in its educational program. New York spends in one year more than all the South American republics combined. South America has 43,000 school teachers and two millions in the schools. Japan, with the same population, has, in contrast to this, 133,000 teachers and six million pupils.

It is reported that the wife of Sun Yat Sen, of China, has become a member of the Baptist Church at Macao, and that she was baptized near the place where, a hundred years or more ago, Dr. Robert Morrison baptized the first Chinese convert.

Some time ago a prominent Japanese professor asked a missionary friend of mine to recommend to him ten or twelve young teachers. The missionary did his best and sent them to the professor. A few days after he met the professor, who said: "Out of the teachers you sent me, only four seemed to have much life in them, and upon inquiry they proved to be Christians.—Rev. F. R. Alnsworth.

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