

The Missionary Herald reports that "an Armenian named Arslan Sahagian died recently in Yonkers, N.Y., and left his entire wealth, amounting to about \$80,000, to the American Board. He was one of the first graduates of Bebek School at Constantinople, which institution was the precursor of Robert College. He was for many years a successful furniture dealer in Yonkers. Thus one of the pupils of the illustrious Cyrus Hamlin becomes a grateful and generous donor to the treasury of the Board. So far as is known, Mr. Sahagian is the first Armenian to bequeath such a large sum to this society."



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Mr. Asquith (to Wee Kirk Minister): "That's much too heavy for you to carry, my friend. Hadn't you better drop it?"

Wee Kirk Minister: "Ou ay! It's an awfu' weight, but I canna drop it, man; it's Predestination."

Mr. Asquith: "That's all very well, but remember there's a House of Commons as well as a House of Lords."  
—The Westminster Gazette.

The peculiar malignity of the German press, or a large portion of it, toward missions is explainable, remarks *Le Missionnaire*, by the fact that it so largely in the hands of unbelieving Jews. Goldwin Smith remarks that the press of America is coming more and more largely into Jewish hands. If so, we may expect that here also the same unfriendliness toward Christian missions will soon appear in American newspapers.

The Presbyterian Church in India, says *The Missionary Review*, is the title proposed for the native Church which will be established next December in Allahabad. The Presbyterian Alliance embraces ten Presbyterian bodies, carrying on missions in India, from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Canada, and the United States. The large results of this mission work in native churches and

ministers, are now to become a separate and native Church of Christ. They speak eight languages. A confession of faith, a constitution, and canons have been prepared, translated into all the languages, and to be adopted, or amended and adopted, in the formation of a General Assembly.

The death of Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop at her home in England, says *The Christian World*, will cause mourning in the Far East as well as in the Occident. She had travelled as widely as any woman of her time, and had informed the public much about the world at large by her many books of travel, and by her formal addresses before scientific societies. Many honours from learned societies had fallen to her, and in recent years she had won the gratitude of friends of Christian missions by her unqualified support of the foreign mission cause and by her defence of missionaries. Earlier in her life she thought otherwise, but, like Darwin and R. L. Stevenson, she was converted by facts.

Missionary advocacy, says *The Methodist Times*, too often has to come from the missionaries themselves; when an independent and skilled traveller, with the power of coming into close contact with the populations of the countries she visits, adds her testimony, it is of double value. Many will remember the powerful speech she made at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in Exeter Hall two or three years ago, and there are few who heard it but will be very sorry that they will never hear her again.

The struggle between the Wee Church and the United Frees shows no signs of peaceful settlement. The Highland remnant demand their pound of flesh, and will accept no compromise and show no drachm of mercy. What the four-and-twenty Gaelic ministers will do with the hundreds of mansees and churches and missions is a difficult problem. The House of Commons and the common-sense of the nation will surely find some way out of the present *impasse*.