

animously resolved to invite the Protestant Missionaries in China to meet in conference at Shanghai on Thursday, May 10, 1877. A committee was chosen to watch over public questions which may arise affecting the interest of Chinese Missions, and to take action upon them, or to serve as a centre for initiating united action; also to consider whether it be advisable for the Conference to take steps toward such a united examination of the existing translations of the New Testament in the literary style, as may lead to the adoption of a common version by all Protestant Missions.

A MOTHER'S MEETING FOR JEWESSES has been opened in Rome, and numbers twenty-seven. Also a sewing meeting, at which from sixty to seventy assemble to work for twopence an hour while Christian truth is presented in simplicity to their minds. Funds are wanted to carry on this work on a larger scale: address Dr. Phillip, 50 Bocea di Leone, Rome.

THE UNIVERSAL ISRAELITISH ALLIANCE has sent a deputation to the Turkish Ambassador of London to inform him that there is a growing desire among the Jewish agriculturists and mechanics to colonize Syria and Palestine. He assured them that the Ottoman Government would welcome such colonists, and would give them any amount of land on favourable terms, and insure their protection.

A LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL MEETING was held last month in Paris with a view to the better observance of the Lord's day in that great city. M. Lombard, of Geneva, who has been instrumental in promoting the Sunday rest movement in his own country, spoke on the subject from a national, religious, and individual point of view. A committee was appointed to urge on the Government a cessation of labour at the public works on Sunday. M. Alfred Andre and M. le Pasteur

Dhombres also addressed the meeting.

MOHAMMEDAN TRADERS FROM CENTRAL AFRICA continue to arrive at the coast towns. They bring with them gum, elephants' teeth, and other valuable commodities, and are often under leadership of Arabs who place scarcely any value on the lives of their servants and slaves. It was not long since that a party of some two hundred arrived in Zanzibar, where they met with Missionaries who did not understand their language. Very many of the men of that party were shipped as sailors for the port of London, where Mr. Salter, the London City Missionary, not only met with them, but found that he knew enough of their language to enable him to make known to them the Gospel of Christ.

THE BRITISH MINISTER AT MOROCCO has heard that over a thousand ancient manuscripts are kept in an African town near Timbuctoo, which no European has ever visited. It is thought that possibly this collection may contain one of the complete Bibles translated by order of Ptolemy, King of Egypt, on which many Jewish priests were for years engaged.

MISSIONARY LABOURS OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES.—The German *Allgemeine Missionszeitschrift* gives some statistics illustrating the Missionary labours of the Protestant Churches in various countries. From its statement it appears that the Protestant Churches maintain collectively 1,559 Missionary stations and 2,132 Missionaries. The annual expenditure incurred by this staff amounts to £1,107,314. Of the Missionaries referred to, 1,060 are English, 502 German or Swiss, 460 American, 43 Dutch, 22 French, and 45 Scandinavian. England is supposed to expend annually £615,000 upon Missionary purposes; America, £356,000; Germany and Switzerland,