

2,000 Jews in London, an address was given by the Rev. H. Mackobe, on the new movement for the colonization of Palestine. It was stated that large numbers of Jews were being enrolled as members, and that the proposed agricultural pursuits on the ground round Mount Zion were meeting with general support. The allotments would be by ballot.

**Russia.**—The Russian Minister of the Interior has ordered the local authorities to prevent foreign missionaries from carrying on their religious propaganda among the Jews, to the detriment of the exclusive right of conversion possessed by the orthodox church.

**Scotland.**—A society in Scotland, the Ayrshire Christian Union has undertaken the work of sending out young men to Southern Morocco, to become missionaries after the plans advocated by Rev. E. F. Baldwin, going forth two by two, without purse or scrip, according to Matt. x: 9, 10.

**Switzerland.**—The annual session of the Switzerland Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was recently held at La Chaux de Fonds, with Bishop Warner presiding. The Conference reports 5,109 members, 33 preachers, and 28 chapels. Formerly the churches of this Conference were united with those of Germany in one conference.

**Turkey.**—An extraordinary result of mission work in Turkey is the large Armenian emigration to America. The Armenians have learned that America is a paradise, next to heaven; and they are here, now, literally by the tens of thousands, all as the result of mission work. They do not go to Europe, but to America, and here they are industrious, respectable people. But this is a serious loss to the mission churches in Turkey.

—The great revival which has taken place in connection with the Turco American Mission at Aintab, in Armenia, has resulted in the addition of 534 new members to the church.

—Murder of a Missionary's Wife. A recent telegram in the newspapers has already announced the murder of Mrs. Wright, the wife of Rev. J. N. Wright, of Salmas, one of the stations of our Western Persia Mission. The facts, as they have reached the Board of Foreign Missions, are briefly these: An Armenian teacher who had been employed in our boys' school at Salmas was dismissed because of gross sin. As a maid servant in the family of Mr. Wright was involved, Mrs. Wright had felt constrained to reprove the young man, who in turn charged his dismissal entirely to her, and took revenge by stabbing her five times. Mr. Wright, who was in the adjoining room, immediately rushed to the rescue, but too late to avert the assault. A telegram was once sent to Tabriz for a physician, there being none nearer. Tabriz is thirty hours from Salmas, but because of various delays, forty-nine hours elapsed before a physician reached the bedside of Mrs. Wright. Meanwhile her husband and associate missionaries

had done all in their power to dress the wounds and sustain the patient. For a time good hope was entertained of her recovery, but in the course of a few days inflammation set in, and neither tender ministrations nor medical skill availed to save the precious life.

As usual, the authorities were slow to take measures for the arrest of the murderer, but through the vigorous efforts of Col. Stewart, the English Consul, who stirred up the officers and himself offered a reward of \$75 for the capture of the murderer, the man was finally arrested and imprisoned.

Mrs. Wright was an Armenian lady of most excellent Christian character, the daughter of a noble Christian mother who had been identified with our mission for many years. Mrs. Wright visited this country with her husband a few years ago, and won the confidence and esteem of all with whom she came in contact. Although enjoying her visit to this Christian land, she welcomed the day of her departure for her own land, that she might resume the work which lay upon her heart, and to which she had given her life. The bereaved husband and children and the mission so greatly afflicted are commended to the prayers of God's people. — *Dr. Gillespie in New York Evangelist.*

—The Proportion of Missionaries to Populations. When the total statistics of missions are submitted one gets the notion that the laborers are many rather than few. But let the number be placed side by side with the populations to whom they are sent and the impression is very different.

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| China  | has one to 733,000 of population. |
| Siam   | " 600,000 "                       |
| Korea  | " 500,000 "                       |
| India  | " 350,000 "                       |
| Africa | " 300,000 "                       |

In Central Africa and the Soudan the proportion is one to each 5,000,000 of people. What are these among so many? Like the five barley loaves, they must be multiplied to supply the needs of the hungry multitude. We confess that it requires a miracle to make the supply equal to the need. But nothing is too hard for God. Were His people as obedient to His will and as responsible to His command as were the loaves to the Lord Jesus, there would soon be more than sufficient for the work of evangelizing these millions, and there would be no lack of funds, but the people, like the Israelites in the wilderness, would have to be told to cease from giving. Christendom has the men and the means necessary for the conversion of heathendom. Our chosen fields—China and India and Central Africa—are in especial need of more laborers. The few converts call to us to come over and help them. Let them be helped promptly, liberally, and as if we are resolved soon to win China and India and the Congo for Christ.—*The Freeman (London).*