

the possession of that volume so long wished for, and which it has been the Society's glorious privilege to put in his hands?"

The African Repository brings very cheering intelligence from Africa. It says:—Ethiopia's conversion to God is promised and assured. There are rays of light in different portions of the continent, showing material, moral, and religious improvement. Not only is the Mahomedan ruler of Egypt protecting the Christian missionary, but granting him favours. The late war in Abyssinia is being overruled for the spread of the gospel in that interesting country. The diamond district continues to yield rich treasures, and the prospect is that the only remaining vestige of the nefarious slave trade will be suppressed. Several expeditions are organizing for the thorough exploration of the unknown central regions. In west Africa commerce is constantly growing, and the English language, with its noble and elevating literature, is rapidly spreading. Settlements of civilized and Christian coloured people are extending along the coast and pushing into the interior. Liberia has a bright future before her, with churches, schools, a college, wholesome laws, improved agriculture, a profitable trade, and a genial climate.

The Rev. Dr. Wegner, has, after twenty years of hard labour, completed the translation of the whole Bible into Sanscrit. The learned of the Hindoos may now investigate divine truth in the sacred language of their literature. Let us trust the day is breaking, even for them!

ICELAND, with 50,000 inhabitants, has 300 priests of the Lutheran Church. The Government pays their salaries, from \$20 to \$300 per year. But the priest does not devote all his time to ecclesiastical duties; he is farmer or blacksmith, or follows any business which may be open to him, 'labouring with his own hands.' One priest built his church at his own expense, because he received no salary, while his people were destitute of a house.

A TOUCHING incident has come to light in connection with the martyrdom of the Canadian missionary, Gordon, in the New Hebrides. Just before he was killed by a native, he had been at work on the translation of the Acts of the Apostles, and the last portion he went over was the chapter on the stoning of Stephen.

THE Theological Seminary at Oberlin is wisely enlarging its corps of instruction to keep pace with its increase in students and general prosperity. It has recently added Rev. W. W. Patton, D.D., of this city, to its list of "special lecturers" who is to give, during a brief visit each year, a course of lectures on Modern Scepticism. In lifting this important subject to a place of its own in its course, Oberlin shows a wise appreciation of the demands that will be made on the next generation of ministers.—*Advance*.

THE Germans of Iowa have concluded that it is not practicable to establish a new German Theological Seminary. They will send their young men to the Chicago Seminary, where special pains will be taken to teach them the English language, in order that they may have the benefit of the English lectures and studies. At the same time a German professorship will be founded in the Chicago Seminary as soon as money can be secured for this purpose, so that the German students may be taught in German as well as English. The recent general Association of Iowa voted in favour of this measure, which should have the active support of our German friends in every western State.—*The Advance*.

AN Illinois clergyman writes to the *Chicago Advance* against the advance-pay no-premium system:

A cheer for you now that you have quite cleared yourself from these contrived methods of the papers to creep among the people! I take it you are now on the true basis—real worth, to be sought for that solely. Good that you have the pluck to say it: "If you don't pay for me I shall not come. I shall send ahead no premiums on my worth." That is right. Stick to it.