

ing the sixty years of her labour, since the era of modern Protestant missions was inaugurated?

Perhaps previous to the year 1800, though the seed of God's word had been sown in many places, hardly a soul was known to be converted to Christ, or but very few, as a result of missionary effort. Dr. Carey had gone to India, and a few others had followed him; some had sailed for the South Sea Islands: two had gone to Africa, and two to the West Indies; the rest of the world was an awful blank! But look now! How changed the scene! The wilderness and solitary place have been made glad, the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. It has blossomed abundantly, and rejoiced even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon has been given to it, and the excellency of Carmel and Sharon.

According to the most accurate and recent computations, in India there are 112,000 native Christians, and the empire more open than ever before, to the diffusion of the Gospel.

In Burmah, 110,000 Karens rejoice in the light of Divine truth shed upon their souls by the preaching of the Word.

In Africa there are 250,000 native converts in those habitations of cruelty, where, at the beginning of this century, the Hottentot, the Fingoe, and the Caffre were hunted down like the beasts of the field.

Of negroes in the West Indies and America there are 340,000 under the care of Christian pastors, catechists, and teachers, emancipated, we trust, from a more than merely human slavery, and blessed with the freedom that is in Jesus Christ.

In the Sandwich Islands there are 80,000 (almost the entire native population) professedly converted to Christ, the Sabbath-day being observed better there than it is in any great commercial city or metropolis in this or any other land, and the Bible itself taken as the standard of the civil code and social manners.

In New Zealand there are 100,000 native Christians.

In other islands, laved by the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Georgian, the Friendly, and the Society Isles, there are 70,000 more.

In the South Sea Islands, where the missionaries followed the track of Captain Cook, until island after island, and tribe after tribe, threw away their idols to the moles and the bats, there are 200,000 souls who have bowed to Jesus Christ, and crowned him Lord of all.

In China, where only seventeen years ago, the ports of the empire were open to missionary work, there are now 3000 Chinese Christians and 80 Protestant missionaries.

In the Island of Madagascar, where twenty years ago native and other Christians were either poisoned, burned, or driven into the

sea, until but fifty who loved Christ were left behind, there are now more than 5000 native converts, the fruit of that martyr-blood which is ever the seed of the Church.

Between the Tigris and Euphrates, on the plains of Mesopotamia, once the dwelling place of Abraham, the father of the faithful, long given over to superstition and unbelief, there are 6000 more reclaimed from error to faith in the promised Seed, in whom all the nations of the earth are to be blessed.

Other examples might be adduced, and the lists enlarged. One million two hundred and fifty thousand souls (1,250,000) have been attracted to Christ during the last sixty years of missionary labour, who, but for this, must have been cast into the gloom of utter darkness, and must have sunk into the depths of eternal woe!

All this is exclusive of those who in foreign lands have during this time fallen asleep in Jesus, and whose flesh now rests in hope.

Besides these, there are now in the field 1600 foreign missionaries, who are labouring with 16,000 native preachers, catechists, and teachers. The Bible, too, is translated into more than 150 languages and dialects, and a distribution in these has been made of more than 40,000,000 of copies throughout the world, whereas at the beginning of the present century not more than 4,000,000 could have been found in the whole earth. Thus the bread of life has been multiplied; thus souls have been saved; thus there has been a yearly increase to the Church of God among the heathen, since the era of modern Protestant missions began of 20,833, leaving entirely out of consideration the whole number of converts in Christian lands.—*The Church of Scotland Home and Foreign Missionary Record.*

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### Death of the Rev. Dr. Machar.

It is our painful duty this morning to announce the death of the oldest clergyman in our city, and one of our best known and most highly respected citizens. After a long and trying illness, the Rev. John Machar, D. D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, died on Saturday morning, at the age of 65 years. Dr. Machar was born at Brechin, Scotland—the native town of the well-known Dr. Guthrie, of Edinburgh, who was placed for a while under his care when attending the University. He studied at King's College, Aberdeen, where he took his degree of M. A., and afterwards at the University of Edinburgh, where at that time Dr. Thomas Brown held the chair of Moral Philosophy, and Dr. Chalmers, that of Theology. On receiving license to preach, he became Assistant to the Parish Minister of Logie, and continued in that situation until he exchanged it for the one which he occupied in this city with much credit to himself and lasting benefit to those who enjoyed his min-