

that he was a Roman Catholic. "How do you know that?" said the sailor. "Because," replied the chaplain, "you have always been such." "That is true," answered the sailor, "but you do not know what I am now." In another ship of war the chaplain himself gave immediate permission to Mr. Costabel to distribute the Scriptures to all on board without distinction. When Mr. Costabel related all this to me, he had just arrived at our dépôt for a fresh supply of 300 French Testaments and some Bibles, to return again to the men-of-war.—*Bible Society Recorder*.

## MISSIONS OF TURKEY.

THE following is the circular published by the London Committee for aiding the above Missions:—

In consequence of the remarkable openings for spreading the Gospel in Turkey, an Association has been formed in aid of missions in that empire, especially among the Armenians and Greeks.

1. *What are the openings?*

From Ararat, Ur of the Chaldees, and Antioch, to Constantinople and the shores of the Mediterranean, where Paul planted the earliest Gentile Churches, "the Word of the Lord has free course, and is glorified."

Two hundred places in that region now contain Protestants, but of these only about thirty have stated pastors or teachers.

Nineteen churches have been formed with more than four hundred communicants, of which two are at Smyrna and Thyatira, and a third near Antioch.

In Constantinople there are four evangelical congregations.

Among the Greeks in the capital and in North-Western Asia Minor—a field long worked without any apparent fruit—an awakening has commenced, and there is a cry for the Gospel.

Among the Armenians—through Asia Minor, Armenia and, Northern Syria—there is a widespread and earnest spirit of inquiry, which has extended greatly during the War.

One hundred native agents could at once be employed.

Many in the United States—many students in the mission seminaries—many evangelists and colporters—are desirous to enter the field.

II. *What can we do?*

None of our British missionary societies are in a state, or are prepared to occupy this ground.\*

Amidst the many societies already existing, it is very desirable, if possible, to avoid forming a new one.

A truly evangelical missionary society is already working in this field, has all the necessary apparatus at work, and is capable of extension, but has limited means, viz:—

## THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

III. *The Western Asia Mission and Society* has before been formed to aid and supplement the Turkish Missions of the Board chiefly by—

Native pastors, evangelists, and colporters. The preparation of pious youths for the missionary work and education generally.

*The result will be—*

A great saving of expense.

To work in union with our brethren in Christ. To present a united front to those whom we wish to evangelize, and to all the enemies of our faith.

To strengthen the foundation already laid, and extend it, as the providence of God may bless our efforts.

*Evangelical British Christians are therefore, earnestly invited—*

To pray that God may revive these old Christian communities.

To contribute of their substance to this great object.

To seek to interest others in it by diffusing information.

\* The Church Missionary Society has at present but one agent in Asia Minor, its chief efforts in the Turkish dominions being in Egypt and Palestine, in connexion with the encouraging work of Bishop Gobat.

*The Characteristics of this work are—*  
It interferes with no other mission.  
The apparatus for carrying it on is already at work.

It seeks to "bring into the way of Truth those who profess and call themselves Christians."

It is for a field "white unto the harvest," and of deep and peculiar interest at the present time.—*Evangelical Christendom.*

## POETRY.

## THE LITTLE BOY THAT DIED.

Dr. Chalmers is said to be the author of the following beautiful poem, written on the occasion of the death of a young son whom he greatly loved:

I am all alone in my chamber now,  
And the midnight hour is near,  
And the faggot's crack and the clock's dull tick  
Are the only sounds I hear;  
And over my soul in its solitude  
Sweet feelings of sadness glide,  
For my heart and my eyes are full when I think  
Of the little boy that died.

I went one night to my father's house,  
Went home to the dear ones all,  
And softly I opened the garden-gate,  
And softly the door of the hall;  
My mother came out to meet her son,  
She kissed me and then she sighed,  
And her head fell on my neck, and she wept  
For the little boy that died.

I shall miss him when the flowers come  
In the garden where he played;  
I shall miss him more by the fire-side  
When the flowers have all decayed;  
I shall see his toys and his empty chair  
And the horse he used to ride;  
And they will speak with a silent speech  
Of the little boy that died.

We shall go home to our Father's house—  
To our Father's house in the skies,  
Where the hope of our souls shall have no blight,  
Our love no broken ties;  
We shall roam on the banks of the river of peace,  
And bathe in its blissful tide,  
And one of the joys of our Heaven shall be  
The little boy that died.

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