

ought to breathe the spirit of missions. The Methodist conferences examine all their ministers as to fidelity in the matter of missions.

### PART III.

#### MONTHLY BULLETIN.

**THE JEWS.**—The Rev. J. de la Roi, of Breslau, Germany, finds that the number of Jews annually brought to the Christian faith range from 1,000 to 1,500. Surely the friends of the cause of Christ among Israel have reason to be thankful. If, as it is estimated, there are not more than 5,000,000 Jews in Christendom, this is a very large proportion of the entire number. In Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, the N. E. province of Austria, the Jews, who are very numerous, without at all renouncing their nationality or their Old Testament faith, have accepted Christ as Messiah, and petitioned to be allowed to build a Jewish Christian church.

**TERRA DEL FUEGO.**—The Argentine Republic has extended its authority over these islands by establishing a sub-prefecture at Ooshooia. The government officers work in perfect harmony with the missionaries. The traffic in spirituous drinks is prohibited under the severest penalties. Christian villages and settlements have been reared, the Scriptures translated into the tongue of a people that at one time seemed to bark like dogs, and to have no articulate speech; and all the other signs of progress toward a Christian civilization abound.

**AFRICA.**—Professor Stewart, of Liberia, says, it is estimated that for every missionary that goes to Africa, 70,000 gallons of liquor are sent to that country.

The papers report the death of King Mtesa. His son and daughter will succeed him on the throne, both of whom are favorable to Christianity. The daughter professed to have become a Christian nearly a year since.

**INDIA.**—Of the 600,000 widows under 19 years of age, who are prohibited from marrying again, according to the laws of the country, 200,000 are less than 14 years old, and 78,000 less than 9!

The conversions among the Telugus since the great awakening in 1877-8 have averaged more than 2,000 a year, the number of church members now being near 25,000, gathered into thirty-four churches.

The total amount received by British Protestant societies for foreign missions last year was \$6,039,930, an increase of \$141,650 over the preceding year. The Roman Catholic societies, meantime, contributed \$42,720 for the same purpose.

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### THE PRAISE SERVICE.

#### No. III.

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IN the notice of Rev. H. F. Lyte, given in the last article, my pen made a slip; I wrote *Brixton* instead of *Brixham* as the place of his settlement and labor; he was Perpetual Curate of Lower Brixham. I am sorry; I was bewildered with overwork. *Peccaveram*; as Dr. Howard Crosby said once, when some one talked to him about his duties—"Peccaveram; I had *Synod*!"

As before, let it be understood that I am trying to make some suggestions for possible comments to be made on hymns used in the services of song—mere suggestions of thought.

"Come, my soul, thy suit prepare."—*Newton*.

This is another of Rev. John Newton's contributions to the "Olney Hymns." It is No. 31 of Book I. There it has seven stanzas, and is founded upon 1 Kings iii: 5. It owes something of the modern revival of its popularity from the use Rev. C. H. Spurgeon has been making of it in divine service. It is said he was long accustomed to have one or more stanzas of it softly chanted just before the principal prayer. In this way many additional thousands of people became familiar with its words, and so learned to love it. It is peculiar in that it fastens a devout man's attention upon preparation for an approach to the mercy-seat, as well as upon the petitions he proposes to offer there. The exercises of one's soul preliminary to prayer are important, and in great