

—The press censorship, as Dr. Samuel Jessup says, suggests the propriety of the organization of a "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Manuscripts." The words "freedom" and "union" are always obliterated. No Christian can be called "a learned man" except by some paraphrase. Royalty, if it refers to any Christian king or queen, must be designated by some inferior title. In the Bible dictionary, which Dr. Post is preparing, all references to rebellion, such as those of Absalom and Adonijah, are suppressed, all incidents and references to the geography and history of the land now known as Armenia are especially scrutinized and doctored. Mount Ararat has been leveled to a plain. The Scripture quotation, "King of kings," is made to read, "King of the kings of the Gentiles," with the intent of excepting the Sultan as one not under the kingship of Christ. Whenever a title occurs which is in special use among Moslems in a religious or political sense, it is stricken out, and some insignificant designation put in its place. The word "martyr" is not allowed to be applied to Christians, as only Moslems may be called "martyrs." The words "college" or "university," in connection with Christian education, are erased. The Syrian Protestant College must be called a "School for Young Boys."—*Church at Home and Abroad.*

—Native Christian populations under the Turk have been, during this generation, steadily increasing in numbers, wealth, and intelligence, simply because they eagerly strive for a share in the civilization of their more fortunate brethren of the West. The Moslem is by his religion absolutely shut out from any such share. Everywhere he is losing ground and growing poorer, while the Christian is growing richer and wiser than he. He has to witness the despised Christians rapidly outstripping him in every respect. It is this which fills him with fury, and prompts him to these acts which we are so apt to regard

as the most insane policy he could adopt. The Armenians are among the most industrious and inoffensive people in the world. Their habits of thrift have made them in commerce and in finance correspond in the East to the Jews in Europe. They have been prospering too much, and as many of them have caught some of the spirit and incentive to progress of Europe and America, the word has gone forth from the old conclave of Islam's real rulers, the Ulama of Constantinople, that the Armenian is to be suppressed in true Moslem fashion.—Dr. WILLIAM H. THOMSON, in *Harper's Magazine*.

—A colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society reports that in distributing 2413 gospels and portions of the Bible in Jerusalem, these 18 languages were required: Russian, 1570; Armenian, 162; Armeno-Turkish, 160; Arabic, 106; Turkish, 25; Greco-Turkish, 20; Greek Modern, 180; Bulgarian, 50; Abyssinian, 40; French, 20; English, 10; German, 15; Italian, 17; Servian, 7; Croatian, 10; Bohemian, 10; Polish, 5; Roumanian, 5.

—November 20th Rev. C. A. V. Van Dyck died in Beirut, aged seventy-seven, and after fifty-five years of devoted missionary service. He was healer, preacher, teacher, translator, all in one, and was the greatest of Arabic scholars. His life work centered and found its climax in the Arabic translation of the Bible, which is no doubt destined to play a momentous part in the coming evangelization of the entire Mohammedan world.

India.—In the recent debate on the Indian Budget in the House of Commons, Sir Henry Fowler said: "In dealing with Indian questions Indian interests ought to be supreme, as on no other ground could we hold that empire." Words like these, spoken in the British House of Commons, are carefully treasured up in memory by Indian politicians and used as the Magna Charta of India's political privi-