

"The Moravian missions include 293 male and female missionaries, with 35,099 baptized adults and 23,288 baptized children. There are sixteen mission provinces, and ninety-seven stations and out stations. The total of persons under instruction is 68,751, and the total of European and native labourers is 3,290. The largest number of adherents is in Surinam, where there are 24,156. In the West Indies and Barbadoes there are nearly 35,000; 888 in Africa; 1721 in Greenland; 1077 in Labrador; 349 among the North American Indians; 61 in Australia, and 9 in Thibet. The expenditure last year was only about 76,000 dollars, besides the expense of the Surinam and Labrador missions, which is defrayed by auxiliary societies in Holland and England."

The trial of Mr. Voysey, the Rationalist, before the Privy Council, has come to an end. He denied the atonement, the need of justification, the fall of man, the authenticity of the Bible itself. The decision has not yet been given. It is hoped that the Church of England will find no room for so notorious a heretic.

The Rev. R. H. Baynes, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry, a clergyman of thoroughly evangelical views, has accepted the Bishopric of Madagascar, it being the intention of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to send out a staff of missionaries with him to aid the two already laboring there. Mr. Baynes visited the Mission House of the London Missionary Society, lately, and stated that it would be better that he should go than a man of less decided evangelical views; but the directors informed him that his mission would be regarded as an act of hostility to the Society.

There have been Union debates in the Edinburgh and Glasgow Presbyteries of the Free Church, in which Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Candlish, Dr. Duff, and others, took strong ground for union, and Dr. Horatius Bonar stated that he was prepared for the alternative of breaking the tie between himself and those with whom he had been hitherto associated rather than alter the creed and relax the formula of the Church.

At the convention of the Irish Episcopal Church, a long discussion took place in regard to the revision of the Book of Common Prayer, in which Master Brooks, Archdeacon of Meath, Lord Claude Hamilton, Professor Jellett, Bishop of Ossory, Duke of Abercorn, Bishop of Derry, Lord James Butler and others took part. A committee was at last appointed to suggest changes, consisting principally of members favourable to revision.

A Swiss pastor, attached to one of the ambulances on the field of battle, when lately passing through Brussels, mentioned many pleasing instances of the large-hearted liberality he had experienced from Roman Catholic priests, with whom he had come in contact while attending on the dying. One day, when a priest had just finished reading his prayers, the pastor succeeded him, and confined himself to reading a few passages from the Bible. When he had done, the priest went up to him and thanked him for the excellent things he had said. "But I have said nothing myself. I have only read the scriptures. You must have recognized them." "I scarcely know them but from the portions in my Breviary; how beautiful is what you read." "Well, I should like to distribute a few gospels, but what I have are Protestant versions, which differ from yours, but after all only in unimportant points." "Never mind, my dear colleague, distribute them. If only all the French would read the gospel! The Germans read it, and that is how they get the better of us."