

must have been the ecstasy of Moffat when he reached the last verse of the last chapter of his translation into the Bechuana tongue !

All great reformations have begun at some *text*. Luther started with this: "The just shall live by faith." The English Reformation began with, "This is a faithful saying, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," etc. Augustine's new life began with, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."

3. We have a *revived Christian* conscience. Formerly even Christian nations were guilty of complicity with slavery and drink. Now the popular mind, which has been long roused to the guilt of slavery, is arousing to the crime of selling drink. It is remarkable that wherever the gospel goes, there Satan goes with rum to offset and upset gospel triumphs. If the governments have no conscience, then this convention ought to become an external conscience to protest against, and compel a reform in, these monstrous evils. A suspension bridge cannot easily be broken down by mere weight ; but a battalion of soldiers marching across it, keeping time to music, might cause it to sway and break. Let us march to the music of one tune, and by our united motion set swaying this bridge of diabolical traffic in the bodies and souls of men. Let us have two things : godly *aspiration* and holy *emulation* in this great work.

THE BASEL MISSION.

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[The writer of this interesting and highly valuable article was instructor till recently in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Beirut, under Dr. Dennis. This, we are confident, is the first thorough account of the Basel Mission that has appeared in English. Mr. Hulbert recently spent two weeks in the Mission House itself, at the invitation of its Superintendent, and the editor of the *Basel Missionary Magazine* looked over these notes and made suggestions. He seemed anxious that the matter should appear before the American public in an exact form. So that this article is the result of personal inspection on the ground and confidence with the highest officials, and hence its statements may be relied upon as scrupulously accurate, and as presenting the latest facts and statistics of the Mission. The writer will follow it with a briefer paper on the actual life in the Mission House and the various peculiar enterprises of the mission.—EDS.]

ONE of the most interesting missionary institutions in Europe is found in the old mediæval city of Basel, in Switzerland. This romantic old town is situated on the great bend of the Rhine as it turns toward the north and bids adieu to its Alpine birthplace. Its venerable University and cathedral church, associated with memories of great scholars and churchly councils, have given it a marked place in the intellectual and religious life of Europe. It is centrally located, and within a few miles from its ancient gates are found the territories of France and Germany.

A stranger landing at the Baden station makes his way through the smaller section of the town, on the right bank of the Rhine, crosses the ancient bridge under which rush the green waters of the river, threads his way past the market-place, turning ever toward the right, up the streets ascending the "berg," and comes at length upon the