

and they all ask for the continued prayers of God's people.

#### Mission House Memoranda.

The Rev. J. S. McIlvaine of Peking, China, has gone to Chenau-fou, the capital of Shantung province. Already he is encouraged; having baptized two interesting and well-educated men. He calls for reinforcements, that he may be able to hold this post. Rev. J. L. Whittings writes from Peking, June 28, "The work here has a few tokens of good." He refers to the trials which some converts have to endure from relatives, and begs the people of God to remember such in their prayers. Dr. J. P. Patterson has safely arrived at Tungechow.

Mrs. Nevius speaks in her letter of May 25, of the admission into the church at Tungechow of an old woman about eighty years of age, and of the matron of the school. Both were baptized. The new church building at this place will soon be completed, and will be the largest Presbyterian church edifice in China.

Rev. J. M. W. Farnham says that, at the late celebration of the Lord's Supper at Shanghai, three persons were received on profession of their faith, and an elder was ordained. Some were, however, suspended from church privileges. Rev. Dr. Happer of Canton says, under date of July 10: "Our regular communion occurred on June 25. One young man was received who is a member of the training school, and who, by his zeal and correctness, gives hope of usefulness. There were three other applicants, and five or six inquirers." The meeting for women continue to be well attended, and Miss Noyes mentions that several of them have abandoned the worship of idols, and one has applied for baptism.

#### Jerusalem.

Mission work in and about Jerusalem seems now to be progressing. The great felt want is a suitable edifice in which the native converts can assemble together for the worship of God. A church is soon to be erected, wholly devoted to Arabic services. The site has been obtained and an appeal made to the christian public for funds.

#### Constantinople.

During the past year four Mohammedans in this city have placed themselves under a course of instruction with the professed object of becoming Christians. One of these parties is a lineal descendant of Mohammed, and a privileged guardian of his tomb. After frequent conversations with a Missionary he became convinced

that there is no salvation but in Christ. Doubtless he will be a valuable acquisition to the ranks of Christianity in that city of heathendom.

#### Mexico.

The gospel by God's blessing has been firmly and widely planted in this land, and numbers are now working enthusiastically for Jesus and his cause.

#### Liberia, West Africa.

The heathen chiefs and a number of the natives of this country have learned so much of Christianity that they are now anxious for schools, teachers and ministers. Great openings for the gospel are being offered, but chiefly through lack of means—the work is not progressing as it otherwise would.

#### Damascus.

There are from 15 to 18,000 Jews in Damascus who are very intolerant and bigoted, and destitute of any kind of education. Few of them are able to read or write, and females especially are in a said state of ignorance and darkness. No efforts had been made for their instruction and conversion until a godly warm-hearted woman entered upon the work, and made known to them the love of Jesus. Her labours have been signally blessed by God.

#### Rome.

There are no less than 460 churches in Rome, most of which are dilapidated and are only open on great days. Many of these will doubtless become public property ere long, and be sold to the highest bidder. An attempt was lately made to blow up a Wesleyan congregation, which assembles in this city. Fifteen converts were for the first time about to partake of the Lord's Supper. An explosion was heard—the bursting of a bomb-shell, lights were put out, and much confusion ensued. All, however, escaped unhurt save a few cuts and scratches on the hand.

#### Prayer-Meetings.

Prayer-meetings would generally do more good if there was more praying, and less talking. An Englishman, just over, upon leaving a prayer-meeting recently, said, "In England our prayer-meetings are for prayer, and not for exhortation." These meetings are the life of a church. The best men and women are those who attend the church prayer-meetings. There is nothing that more encourages a faithful pastor than a full and earnest prayer-meeting.