

greatest among the clergy. One hundred and eighty-nine have become Presidents or Professors in Colleges.

Africa.

"Peace" is the name borne by the pioneer steamer especially constructed for mission work on the Congo river, in Africa, and shortly to be dispatched by the Baptist Missionary society of England to that river.

Bricks moulded of Sundried clay, mixed with straw, and stamped with Pharaoh's cartouche, are found around the Mound of Mahuta, on the Fresh Water Canal in Egypt, where one of the late battles was fought, and which is supposed to mark the site of the ancient Rameses.

The *Examiner* says King Mtesa, anxious for his African people to be taught Christianity, is said to have sent three trusty councillors to see English institutions and report to him. Upon the delivery of their somewhat curious report to his majesty he forbade its repetition to his people. He has now formulated the term of admission of missionaries to his country thus: "Give me a daughter of Queen Victoria for wife, and I will put away all my other wives. Then the teachers may come.

Western Asia.

The English Church has established a Christian mission at Gaza, a town which reaches further back than the call of Abraham. It was on the way to Gaza that Philip baptized the eunuch of Ethiopia.

A recent writer on Bible lands says: "Of all the seven churches of Asia' Smyrna alone is living still. It was with considerable interest I worshipped at the English Church and saw written over the communion-table the message, 'To the angel of the church in Smyrna,' closing with the thrilling promise, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.'"

China.

Several hundred women in Amoy, China, have pledged themselves that they will not bind their children's feet, and that they will marry their sons only to women whose feet are unbound. The beginning of a desirable reform.

Dr. Gulick reports that the study of English by the Chinese has received a great impulse within a year. The several missionary schools for teaching English in almost all the open ports, and particularly Dr. Allen's educational movements in Shanghai, are significant indications of a new departure in this old land.

MISSION WORK IN TURKEY.

A Turkish correspondent of *The Christian Union*, writing respecting mission work in Eastern Turkey, reports that there has been a growth in all departments of the work during the past year. Opposition, whether from ecclesiastics or people, has almost entirely passed away. A greatly increased interest in education has been developed among the Armenians; the schools have increased in attendance and improved in quality.

Prejudice against female education is rapidly yielding. The objection to education comes almost wholly from the Turkish Government, which fears that too much education will develop too great a spirit of independence; but the development of Armenian schools has stimulated the Turks to measures for the improvement of Turkish schools, and a strong organization has been formed, with its center in Constantinople, having for its object the introduction of improved schools in different parts of the country.

As yet this movement has not acquired sufficient force to overcome the inertia of the people and the local authorities, but it is an encouraging sign; if not an indication, at least a forerunner of progress.

A wealthy Armenian residing in St. Petersburg has set apart something like a quarter of a million of dollars to found for his countrymen an institution answering to a German gymnasium. Ten years ago he sent seven young Armenians to Germany to be educated, as a preliminary step. Most of them have now returned, and recently began to lay the foundation of a new institution, to be located at Erzurum. It is proposed; if government approval can be secured, to erect buildings at a cost of fifty thousand dollars; meanwhile the work of education will be begun with twenty-five Armenian boys chosen from different parts of the country.

Prayer will make a man cease from sin or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.—*Bunyan*.