

French mission on the Zambesi, where he found the families of Messrs. Jeanmiret and Jalla at Sesheke. He says that the mission has passed through the greatest difficulties. They are shut out from communication with the outward world, the receipt of letters depending upon chance travelers or merchants. The crocodiles devour all their domestic animals. The kindness of the missionaries is having great effect upon the people, but Mr. Selous says that the Barotse valley is in a deplorable condition on account of the periodical inundations of the Zambesi, and the fevers which result therefrom.

—William Taylor has done more to turn the eye of the Church toward Africa than any other man. Others have called the attention of political governments to the Dark Continent, but no man ever turned the Church toward it as William Taylor. — *Dr. Leonard.*

—East Africa has of late engrossed so much attention that readers may be in danger of forgetting the claims of missions and the progress of the Gospel in other parts of that vast continent. The venerable Bishop Crowther, who has recently arrived in England, speaks highly of the immense strides which Christianity is making among the West African natives; a very encouraging feature being the self-denying enthusiasm which converts display in helping on the good work. For instance, on the river Bonny they have themselves built an iron church to accommodate 1,500, but which has frequently a congregation of 2,000, and they have built three churches in the interior for their use when attending the oil markets. European Christians may learn a lesson of self help from their brethren of the Dark Continent.

—If Stanley has succeeded in obtaining the control of all the country about the upper Nile for England, as is reported, he must be credited with the founding of a second African Empire which will rival the Congo Free State in importance and promise.

—The Sultan of Zanzibar has granted the British East African Company the control of 700 miles of coast.

—The Italian Government has declared a protectorate over Abyssinia.

—In the midst of serious dangers, says the *Presbyterian Messenger*, the missions are prospering at Nyassa. The Free Church of Scotland has opened a new station at Malindu, on a high plain at the north of the lake. Malindu is surrounded by 17 villages, embosomed in gardens of magnificent bananas.

China.—Exeter Hall was the scene, on Monday evening, of one of those intensely interesting missionary fare-wells, to which the China Inland Mission has, of late years, made us happily accustomed. There were on the platform twenty nine friends on the eve of setting out for the far East, to swell the ranks of the workers in that vast mission field—

seventeen ladies and twelve gentlemen. Of these only three—Mrs. Stott, and Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll—are returning; all the others are fresh recruits.

—No mission in the world, perhaps, can show a more notable record than that of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in China. At the end of 16 years' work, and with a small staff of laborers, it reports 2,650 baptized members, 2 native pastors, 64 elders, 60 deacons, and 37 native preachers. It maintains 2 mission houses, 50 chapels, a girls' school, and a training college. The credit of these results is due, under God, to Dr. Mackay, one of those remarkable men who are born missionaries.

—The Chinese Religious Tract Society, of which A. P. Happer, D. D., is president, is a society formed for the dissemination of Christian and scientific literature in the Chinese language throughout China. This society publishes in Shanghai *The Child's Paper* (illustrated), and *The Chinese Illustrated News*, in addition to numerous books and tracts. — *Chinese Evangelist* (New York).

Egypt.—Along the valley of the Nile from Alexandria to the first cataract are 70 mission stations and 70 Sunday-schools, numbering 4,017 scholars, while the day and boarding-schools have over 5,200 pupils. There has been an increasing demand for Bibles, 6,651 having been sold the last year, with 8,933 volumes of religious literature, and 17,179 educational books.

England.—The second anniversary of the West London Mission, in charge of Mark Guy Pearce and Hugh Price Hughes, was held in the last week of October. This remarkable enterprise, inaugurated only two years ago, in the wealthiest part of the city of London, has accomplished results worthy of the men who have taken it in hand. Not only have thousands been attracted to the religious services, but many of the poor and wretched have been relieved and rescued, and branches of the work established in several parts of the city. The movement has been imitated in other large cities, and other denominations have been stirred up to follow the example of these zealous Wesleyans. The Lord Mayor of London, who presided at the anniversary meeting in St. James Hall, said, after hearing the financial statement of the treasurer, that in the whole course of his experience he had never heard an abler financial statement or one which made so small a demand when the great interests involved were taken into consideration. He also subscribed £50 to the enterprise, and then proceeded to make a brilliant speech, in which he commended the various branches of work undertaken by the mission in most enthusiastic terms. *Christian Advocate* (New York).

Miss Janet Hunter, M. D., of Ayr, sailed for India last week, with several other ladies, to engage in medical missionary work at