

World of Missions.

The Outlook for Missions in Africa.

As to the future of missions in South Africa, in view of present disturbances, there need be no fears. Irrespective of the merits of the war now raging in that country, we believe that the result will be favorable to missionary and religious enterprise. The past years of jealousy and discord between the ruling powers has been a serious hindrance to religious progress. The war may be expected to clear the political atmosphere, settle great questions of government control, and usher in an era of peace with all its attendant blessings and opportunities. Africa has been brought vividly before the world never again to lapse into its former dark condition. The opening of the continent must go on still more rapidly. The railroad is open to Bulawayo, which a few years ago was the capital of a heathen king, but which has now a population of 4,000 white people, 10 hotels, 2 club houses, 6 churches, 3 newspapers, hospitals, schools, and all that goes to make a civilized community. The prince of this world is already making strenuous efforts to forestall the missionary. A strong prejudice exists, even among many good people in the English colonies, against the work of missionaries to the natives, and as for the civilization brought in by an army of adventurers and speculators, it may be called Christian, but it does not make for rightness. At a wayside railroad station the writer came across a distiller's advertisement; it was a large map of the world, and across it was printed the words, "Our field is the World." Is the Church of Christ characterized by a like zeal and enterprise? The motto is also theirs.

Millions of dollars are being poured into the Cape to Cairo railroad and telegraph scheme. Yet the promoters of that gigantic enterprise probably will not live to reap dividends therefrom. They are investing for future generations. A nobler investment, making larger promises and offering greater and surer returns, is before the Christian world to-day, an investment that aims at the transformation of a continent—the redemption of millions. Ten thousand per cent. in this life and in the world to come life everlasting is the reward offered by the Almighty.

The redemption of Africa and the transformation of its trackless wildernesses, vast forests, and great lakes, now the habitations of wild beasts and, perhaps, of wilder men, is not a chimera. The same forces that wrought out the redemption of Gothland are at work there. The spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire, among the Gothic races, in the British Isles, with the wonderful story of transformed lands and peoples flowing therefrom, is the history of missionary enterprise. The time is as surely coming when the wilds of Africa shall be subdued, when its fever belts shall yield to sanitary laws, its great plains be converted into fruitful fields, its great lakes into centers of commerce, and the whole be inhabited by a people whose God is the Lord.—The Missionary Review of the World.

The Printing Press in Beirut.

This press was founded in 1822, and is the most important Arabic press in the world. It printed last year 49,000 volumes of the Scriptures, and among its sales were 3,941 scientific books, and 18,811 tracts. One of its characteristic doings was a "Martin Luther edition" of El Neshea, the mission newspaper, at the time of Emperor William's visit to the Holy Land. It contained a brief history of the causes of the Reformation, and a special copy with the first page printed in gilt letters, was presented to the emperor and acknowledged with his thanks.

Exodus from Judaism in Austria.

It was reported not long ago in the Jewish papers that last year 4,000 Jews were baptized in Vienna. The Jewish congregation of Vienna contradicted this, and gave the number of baptisms during the last five

years as follows: in 1891, 424 were baptized; in 1895, 433; in 1896, 457; in 1897, 485, and in 1898, 468. The number of baptisms is a great deal smaller than was formerly reported.—Jewish Daily News.

A Catholic Bible for Spain.

A Catholic version of the Scriptures in Spanish has been prepared in London with notes authorized by the Roman clergy. Wherever a text contradicts Roman theory or practise, a foot note is appended to lessen or destroy the effect. The purpose of the work, according to the preface, is to arrest the progress of Protestantism. It seems, however, to be an almost utter failure. Very few copies have been sold, partly because the book costs three times as much as a Protestant Bible, and partly because Spanish Catholics as a whole are insensible of their need of Scripture. The Protestants have very adroitly turned what was meant to injure them into a valuable help. Every colporteur is provided with a copy of this Catholic Bible, so that when he is called to account by a priest or an official he can prove that the Protestant Bible agrees on all essential points with that issued under the sanction of the church.—The Missionary Review of the World.

Persecution in Spain.

The campaign of persecution recently organized against Protestantism in Spain has commenced, and the Protestants of Granada are passing through a severe ordeal. For some time the pupils of a neighboring Roman Catholic institute have resorted to the cowardly habit of stoning the Protestant chapel and the adjoining buildings. Before the police could interfere, a serious attack was organized by a crowd of 200 persons, under the instigation of the priests, who cried out, "Death to Protestants," etc., and threatened to burn the building. The riot was only quelled with extreme difficulty; and it is a fact that throws light on the methods and power of the Romanist party in the country, that the only newspaper which dared to publish an account of the outrage was afterward forced to call in all the procurable copies that had been issued. The Missionary Review of the World.

The Sultan as an Educator.

The Sultan of Turkey is beginning to put himself in line, to some degree, with the educational movement of the day. Through his agency, 70,000 schools have been established throughout his empire, for girls as well as for boys. This shows he is at last waking up to the fact that the world moves. His action marks a striking departure from the traditional usages of his race. Some of the old Sultans and Turks would look upon him as an innovator of the iconoclastic stamp. But the missionary is abroad with his school, and Islamism feels the necessity for keeping pace with the educational force which has come with an advancing Christianity.—Presbyterian.

Christian Endeavor in Beirut.

Seven Christian Endeavor societies are organized in this city, and more are planned for. No greater encouragement has come to the devoted workers in Beirut than the spontaneous demand among young men of the church there for a Christian Endeavor society. They wanted it. They asked for it—received help in organizing and, at the first meeting, 20 earnest young men took charge of the meeting and thrilled the hearts of the veteran missionaries who could remember when the first evangelical church was organized in Syria with only 18 members, some fifty years ago. Now there are 17 different Protestant services conducted on Sunday in Beirut, in Arabic, besides the Christian Endeavor societies, attended by some 4,000 men, women, and children.—Woman's Work for Woman.

Demand for the Bible in Syria.

The rule now is to make every person who wants a Bible either pay for it entirely or in part, and there were 5,000 more volumes of Scripture sold last year than the year before—and 22,000 more Bibles and portions sent out from the press for use in Syria and

Egypt. In America we see sales advertised of the "best-selling books." In Syria the Bible is the best-selling book.

Canada and England.

THE SERVICES CANADA HAS RENDERED FULLY APPRECIATED.

A Prominent Brockville Business Man Pays a Tribute to the Good Work of a Canadian Institution in England.

(From the Brockville Recorder.)

One of the most successful business men in Brockville is Mr. Thomas Nappy, the well known Perth street grocer. Mr. Nappy is an Englishman by birth and the success he has achieved in business here, has enabled him for some years past to make an annual holiday trip to the Motherland. In a casual conversation with some friends in the Bank of Montreal, recently, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills happened to be mentioned and Mr. Nappy said that if the pills effected many cures as marvelous as one that had come under his notice, he was not surprised that they were so frequently the theme of conversation. Asked later by a reporter of the Recorder to give the story, Mr. Nappy readily consented to do so, and we give it practically in his own words. "Don't be disappointed when I tell you that the cure did not occur in this country," said Mr. Nappy. "As a matter of fact it occurred in England and came under my observation on the occasion of two visits made to that country. During the summer of 1898 I paid a visit to my old home in England and while there visited William Ledger, a relation of mine living at 45 Fitzwilliam street, Doncaster. In Ledger's family was a little girl, Lilly, about six years of age, who was absolutely helpless with what the doctors said was St. Vitus' dance, but really seemed to me more like paralysis. This child was one of the most pitiful sights I ever saw; more helpless than a new born babe. She could not move a single limb, and if the head were turned to one side or the other it remained in that position until someone changed it. The poor child had to be held and looked after like an infant and as the doctors had not been able to do anything to relieve her, recovery was not thought possible. Indeed, I said to the child's grandmother that I thought its early death would be a relief, not only to the child, but to its parents. This was the condition of the child when I left for Canada. Again in the summer of 1890 I made a holiday trip to England and to my amazement when I visited my friend, Ledger, I found Lilly as bright and active a child as one would find anywhere, with absolutely no trace of the trouble that had made her a helpless burden the year before. I told her parents I had never expected to see her alive again and asked what had affected her cure. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," said the father. He further said that returning from work one night, he found in the house a little book describing the pills, left during the day, and after reading it decided to use them in Lilly's case. After supper he bought some of the pills and gave the first to the child that night. In a few days they saw they were helping her, and in less than two months time there was not a child in the neighborhood, brighter, healthier or more active. I have heard a great deal concerning what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done in this country, but this case coming under my own observation is as near a miracle as we can look for in these days, and shows why Dr. Williams' Pink are so much talked about everywhere.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are just as valuable in the case of children as with adults, and puny little ones would soon thrive and grow fat under this treatment, which has no equal for building up the blood and giving renewed strength to brain, body and nerves. Sold by all dealers or sent post paid at 50c a box or six boxes for \$1.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Do not be persuaded to try something else said to be "just as good."