

able offence for the little flock of Methodists—loyal, God-fearing people, good subjects and citizens—to meet together for the worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel. The Middle Ages are not so distant after all—only thirty-six hours from London!

ASIA.

Turkey.—This is heaping coals of fire on the head of the foe. Mr. Bartlett, whose house in Bourdour was burned last summer by those who were hostile to his work, and to whom the Turkish Government paid an indemnity, while the work of rebuilding goes on in Afion Kara Hissa, about 70 miles north, bestowing aid and comfort upon a little body of Protestants suffering severe persecutions; and soon after arriving the house was stoned in which Mr. Bartlett and his daughter were staying. But, far from being discouraged, however, he is planning to use most of the money paid him personally by the Turkish Government to help purchase a site and build a place of worship. He has good hopes of so establishing the work that the persecutors will become disheartened.

—The Presbyterian mission at Beyrut reports a steady and serious loss of strength through emigration to America and Australia; and in large part it is the best-educated young men and women who take their departure, seeking better opportunities for themselves, the most useful church-members, teachers of the native schools, prospective pastors, etc.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lethaby, says the *Scottish Leader*, carry on their educative operations in that out-of-the-way land which lies between Palestine and Arabia entirely at their own risk. And the risk is no small matter, for, on several occasions, they have been waylaid and robbed and placed in peril of their lives by the lawless Arabs.

Persia.—The field which the missionaries of the Persian Mission are attempting to evangelize embraces an area

of 500,000 square miles, and comprises three ancient kingdoms—Babylonia, Edom, and Persia, the whole of the Persian Gulf, and the northern half of Arabia.

—The revised Syriac Bible, long in process of preparation, is now going through the press under the superintendence of Dr. Labaree, at the expense of the American Bible Society in New York. It is said to be the most laborious and difficult job which the Society has ever undertaken. But no expense is spared to make it as perfect as possible. The book is eagerly waited for by Syriac readers in Persia, Turkey, and Russia.

India.—On an average in this vast peninsula there is one Christian (non-heathen) to every 126 persons, and in certain districts of the Madras Presidency as many as one to every 5; and yet there are multitudes, millions, to whom the Gospel has never been preached.

—The *Church Missionary Intelligencer* contains a report of the conversion of the number of Mohammedans who some months since were baptized at Poona. Among them was a Maulvi, who was said not to have his equal in Poona. He has lived in Arabia eighteen years, made sixteen pilgrimages to Mecca, and was for a time interpreter for the English Consul at Jeddah. He has been a great student of the Koran, knows Arabic well, and is an eloquent speaker. He has come to abhor Islam, and rejoices in the light of the Gospel. He has about him in Poona 200 or 300 disciples whom he is seeking to bring to Christ.

—The proud Brahmins are not what they used to be, and instead of receiving honor and worship, are often compelled to work for their living like other people, and to perform offices in business establishments or under government with salaries ranging from \$6 to \$25 a month.

—In Southern India these six societies have been especially successful in