

Thousands, at the edge of the sword, to save their own lives or to save their families from a fate worse than death, have made an outward confession of Mohammedanism. Few places of worship, Protestant or Gregorian, are open. In many places Christians are so closely watched by their Moslem neighbors that they are afraid to meet in private houses. Christ has a Church here, but it has crossed the Red Sea and is now in the wilderness. When will it reach the Promised Land? Moslem fanaticism is now in the ascendant. The cross, for the time, has yielded to the crescent. I have drawn a dark picture, although I am not a pessimist. I do not think anyone can draw a bright one from the human point of view. God is good. I have firm faith that in some way, how I do not know, good is to come out of all this evil.—*Rev. H. N. Barnum, D.D., of Harpool.*

The latest advices from Constantinople, June 26th, are that "there was another sanguinary outbreak at Van yesterday, and four hundred people (Armenians) were killed."

The following statement is made by Captain Vialar:—"I have witnessed hideous enormities. Armenian girls and women were publicly sold at auction. A mother threw her two daughters into a well before my eyes to save them from the Turks. Evidences of Turkish official complicity have been obtained by me."

Has the world seen a more suicidal crusade than this since the prosecution and expulsion of the Huguenots from France? It has been, and still is, the undoubted intention of the Turks, from the highest to the lowest, to crush out the Armenian spirit of independence and reduce them to their ancient condition of serfdom and to destroy them altogether.

PERSIA.

"Persia, with its 9,000,000, has forty churches, and is teaching about 4,000 children in the mission schools, a glorious sign of promise. The civilized world is beginning to recognize that its life and health depend upon the sanitary condition of Turkey and Persia, and in its efforts to bring this about, the cause of Christ will also be furthered." The Persians are promoting the disturbances and fomenting the revolt throughout Armenia.

ARABIA.

"It was not until sometime between 1880 and 1890 that Arabia itself, the cradle and home of the race, seriously engaged the attention of the Church of Christ. Six of the most important points on this great peninsula are now held for Christ. Thousands of Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Scripture have been scattered by the Bible Societies and missionaries; thus a good beginning has been made, but nothing more."

AFRICA.*

This vast continent is rapidly coming under European and Christian influences. The watch-towers of Christ's army have been placed at many of the most strategic points, and all along the line of battle the enemy is laying down his arms and suing for peace.

There are now forty-five missionary organizations in Africa with 1,200 missionaries and a force of 5,200 native helpers, working in 1,400 stations and sub-stations. There are over 1,900 churches with a membership of 120,000 and a community friendly to Protestant missions, numbering more than 1,000,000. There are 1,100 schools and educational institutions, into which upwards of 60,000 pupils have been gathered. A line of stations in Central

Africa now stretches from the Congo to the equator, and Africa's darkest millions have begun their forward march out of centuries of midnight darkness.*

But all that has been accomplished is as nothing compared with what remains to be done before Africa is evangelized. What is a membership of 120,000 beside 200,000,000 of the unevangelized. Many workers are needed in Africa.

Our readers will be interested to know that Miss Whitfield is about to return to her beloved Africa to take charge of an Industrial School in connection with the Lutheran Mission at Muhlenburg, Liberia.

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AS a pleasant change in the consecration meeting it is suggested that instead of responding to the roll-call with a passage of Scripture or remark each member shall give a brief missionary literary gem, not necessarily news regarding missions, but some of the grand sentiments regarding mission work with which literature abounds. A few examples:

"Let us never forget that the Church is Christ's representative on earth; she speaks in His name; she acts for Him in His absence." "The greatest medical missionary was only a poor carpenter, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor." "Whatever question arises as to the future of the heathen, there can be none as to their present terrible need and suffering."—From "The Epworth League Manual," † a handbook of mottoes, for the use of pastors, officers and members of Epworth Leagues and Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, compiled by Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of Epworth Leagues in Canada. Every department of League work is treated. A number of the most experienced League workers have written for this Manual.

Send 25 cents to the General Secretary's Office, Room 9, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, and the book will be forwarded, post-paid, or order MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER for one year and Epworth League Manual for 30 cents.

* "Facts on Foreign Missions," by W. J. Wanless, M.D. Five cents each, 30 cents per dozen, \$2.00 per 100. Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

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