

those who stay. The support of the former must devolve upon the latter, and it is the only way in which they can bear a substantial part. If the missionary's salary is a needless or questionable device, then the great

majority of Christian people are exempt from any duty in the case, for it is impossible that all shall go, and the question, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" is without meaning.

V.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

Our beloved Associate Editor, Rev. James M. Sherwood, D.D., died on Wednesday afternoon, October 22, at his late residence in Brooklyn, having been stricken with paralysis just one week before. We reserve for the January number a fuller notice of this most valued friend and co-worker, and have only to say at present that his death was as beautiful as his life has been, and a fitting close to his career of abundant and varied service.

Our readers will understand that, as this suddenly devolves on the surviving editor the entire charge of this REVIEW, there will necessarily be some delay and difficulty in the adjustment of the large amount of correspondence and manuscript matter now to be examined and arranged. Contributors and correspondents must exercise patience and forbearance. Some manuscripts which would have been used may now be returned to the writers. Some letters may have to wait many days for replies. Meanwhile, all correspondence referring to the business affairs of THE REVIEW may be addressed to Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York City, and all communications referring to the editorial department to Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, 2320 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

We ask all those interested in THE REVIEW and its work to remember in prayer the surviving editor, that he may be made strong for the heavy responsibilities suddenly thrown upon his hands and heart; and, likewise, may we not invoke God's blessing and the reader's sympathies and supplications in behalf of the family left without husband and father?

A. T. P.

Madagascar.

[With profound sadness we print the last Editorial paragraph that will ever appear from the pen of our beloved but departed Associate Editor.—A. T. P.]

An arrangement whereby France will be at liberty to assume control of Madagascar has been assented to by Great Britain, with a proviso, however, that the rights of all resident British subjects are to be preserved and perfect freedom for missionary work guaranteed. While from a missionary stand-point this guarantee may be satisfactory, yet in view of the former bloody struggle of the Malagasies to maintain their political freedom we cannot but be apprehensive of a repetition of the struggle should the French attempt to take advantage of the concession they have gained.

The Christian (London) says:

"It is with something like consternation that British Christians learned a few days ago that Madagascar was to pass under the protectorate of France. This refers to the apprehension of hostility to Protestant missions, such as the action of the French in the South seas naturally awakens. It begins to be evident that Protestant Christians in many lands may have to help French Protestants in their foreign mission work by money appropriations to them for work like this thrust upon them in Madagascar now, as in Gaboon and elsewhere yesterday."

We share in these fears. The policy of the French colonial authorities is inimical to Protestant missions. There are many ways in which Jesuit art and trickery can subvert this proviso and hinder, and in the end drive out, the English missionaries. J. M. S.

The more we study that last great missionary conference at Shanghai, the more we are persuaded that it was like some great Ecumenical Council, and marked an *epoch* in missionary history. There was something apostolic