

so intense that even the smoke is turned to frost in chimneys.

—Mr. Penazottj, the agent of the American Bible Society, in Peru, is in prison solely for the crime of circulating the Word of God in the Spanish tongue. His instructing of the people has been construed as violating a semi-obsolete decree of the Peruvian constitution. We watch the result of this trial of Protestantism in South America with interest.

—Rev. John Newton, seventy-eight years old, and oldest of missionaries in India, landed in Calcutta in 1835, and is still a hale and happy worker. He is a Presbyterian, and believes in the "Perseverance of the Saints!"

—According to Dr. Pentecost, Bishop Taylor is the only evangelist who has left behind him in India a permanent work. We may be permitted to say that our friend Pentecost sometimes allows himself to make statements which are too sweeping, if not careless. Bishop Taylor not only worked as an evangelist, but he founded churches, and large churches, too, which few evangelists do. Hence, his eminently scriptural and apostolic work abides, which cannot be said of some who only do the work of an evangelist.

—Think of America sending a few missionaries to Africa and finding it difficult to raise enough money to support them, while Boston alone, from 1882 to 1887, sent to the Dark Continent 3,500,000 gallons of strong drink! Rev. David A. Day, at Monrovia, saw landed at one port on one Sunday 50,000 casks of gin!

Africa.—Mr. J. Nixon declares of Magata, a chief near Pretoria, where the Hermannsburg missionaries are working, that not even in England has he met with a more perfect gentleman. Chief Kehama, he declares, is also a chief whose word can be depended upon, a noble example of successful missionary work. His Christianity is nothing nominal, but exerts

a pronouncedly good influence upon him and his people. He has abolished drinking in his land, and is always intent on some reform. His word is always trusted, not only by the missionaries, but also by traders and hunters, who are mistrustful of everything accomplished by missions. He is sincere, courageous and manly, and if all Caffre chieftains were like him, Caffreland would have a very different look from its present one.

—Basel Missionary Society recently observed its seventy-fifth anniversary. It has missions in India, China, and on the African Gold Coast and the Camaroons, and not until recently have unmarried lady missionaries gone to the frontier to engage in educational and other work among their dark and darkened sisters.

Alaska.—Important are the openings for the spread of the Gospel in this largest possession of the United States. Its area is 531,409 square miles: Arctic division, 125,245; Youkon, 70,881; Southeastern, 23,930. Its extreme length north and south is 1,100 miles; its extreme breadth is 800 miles. Total population about 30,426; white, 430; Creole, 1,756; Inuit, 17,617; Aleut, 2,145; Teneh, 3,927; Thlinket, 6,763; Hyda, 788. It occupies the extreme northwest of the continent. This important country was purchased from Russia by the United States government in 1867, and is now under its control.

Turkey.—Great Revival in Aintab. In the annual report of the American Board the significant event in Asiatic Turkey was the revival, whereby 538 were added to the church in Aintab, and by its influence no less than 1,000 hopeful conversions occurred within the limits of that one field. The three centers of collegiate and theological training were specially blessed. Only a small number of college graduates, however, enter the theological school, and there is an increasing tendency to come to America to complete their studies and to better their fortunes.