

comfort of the patients, forty-six in number, all of whom I saw. There is a dispensary at the gate, and numerous applicants were waiting at its door. Our next visit was to the American Medical Hall, over which Dr. Lewis showed us; and lastly we spent some time in the noble College, built on a large rocky promontory, acquired at a very reasonable price, and in the most business-like manner by the United States Mission, a conspicuous object in every view of Beyrout, and calculated to exercise an immense influence on the fortunes of Syria. The seventy students attending it are from all parts of the country, studying mental and moral philosophy, chemistry, anatomy, astronomy, &c., all under men of high culture and practical ability."

### Facts in Foreign Missions.

The Government Blue Book of India has the following statistics in regard to the mission in that country, chiefly founded on reports for 1872, with a well-deserved acknowledgment of their important influence upon the prospects of the country:

The Protestant missions of India, Burmah and Ceylon are carried on by 35 missionary societies, in addition to local agencies, and now employ the services of 666 foreign missionaries, of whom 551 are ordained. They are widely and rather evenly distributed over the different presidencies, and they occupy at the present time 522 principal stations. Though belonging to various denominations of Christians, yet, from the nature of their work, their isolated position, and their long experience, they have been led to think rather of the numerous questions on which they agree than of those on which they differ: and they co-operate heartily together. During the last twenty years, on five occasions, general conferences have been held, and at the latest of these gatherings, at Allahabad, 121 missionaries met together belonging to twenty different societies, and including several men of long experience, who have been forty years in India.

The labors of the missionaries assume many forms. Apart from their special duties as public preachers and pastors, they constitute a valuable body of educators. They are the compilers of several dictionaries and grammars; they have written important works on the native classics and the system of philosophy; and they have largely stimulated the great increase of the native literature. The mission presses in India are 25 in number. During the ten years between 1852 and 1862, they issued 1,534,940 copies of the scriptures, chiefly single books; and 8,604,033 tracts, school-books, and books for circulation. During

the ten years between 1862 and 1872, they issued 3,410 new works, in 30 languages; and circulated 1,335,503 copies of books of Scripture, 2,375,040 school-books, and 8,750,129 Christian books and tracts.

The report then gives details of the various missionary schools; of the Anglo-Vernacular schools; of the Zenana schools for females, chiefly adults; of the training colleges; and the connection of the mission schools with university education. An analysis is thus given of the different Protestant missions—English and American, and foreign—with special notice of recent efforts to carry the Gospel to the numerous aboriginal tribes. Without pronouncing an opinion upon the matter, the Government of India cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by these 600 missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labors are infusing new vigor into the stereotyped life of the great population placed under English rule, and are preparing them to be in every way better men and better citizens of the great empire in which they dwell.

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"If your Lord call you to suffering, be not dismayed; there shall be a new allowance from the King for you when you come to it. One of the softest pillows Christ hath is laid under his witnesses' head, though often they must lay down their bare feet among thorns. He hath often brought my poor soul to desire and wish, Oh, that my ashes and the powder I shall be dissolved into, had well-tuned tongues to praise Him."

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"CHRIST hath another sea-compass, which He saileth by, than my short and raw thoughts—I leave His part of it to Himself. I dare not expound His feelings as sorrow and weak faith often dictate to me; I look often with bleared and blind eyes to my Lord's cross; and when I look to the wrong side of His cross, I know that I miss a step, and slide. Surely I see that I have not legs of my own for carrying me to Heaven; I must go in at Heaven's gates borrowing strength from Christ."

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A gentleman is a Christian in spirit that will take a polish. The rest are but plated goods; and however excellent their fashion, rub them more or less, the base metal appears through.