

—The punishment of iniquity at home is helpful to the Gospel in heathen lands. So it is fitting to note that the last of the ballot box stuffers in Jersey City have been sentenced. Originally there were sixty-seven persons indicted for this crime. All but seven have been tried. Two of these are dead, one is in the insane asylum, one fled to foreign parts, and three the district attorney did not think should be tried.

—Max Limon, until lately a rich banker of Kiev, Russia, recently exiled by the Czar's edict against Hebrews, is working in the stock-room of a Chicago clothing house for a weekly salary of \$7. At one time his fortune amounted to almost \$500,000.

—Mr. Joseph Arbely, a native of Syria, and a graduate of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, has started in New York City a weekly paper in the Arabic language for the thousands of Arabic-speaking people now in the United States. The title of the paper is the *Kankob America* (or *Star of America*).

—Mr. Mellin, a Portuguese lay missionary at Madeira, was arrested and tried for expounding the Scriptures and singing a hymn at a Protestant funeral in the Portuguese cemetery on All Souls' Day, when it was crowded with Roman Catholics. A clever lawyer succeeded in obtaining his acquittal on the ground that the service was not an act of public worship, inasmuch as Mr. Mellin was not an ordained pastor. Twelve years' banishment from the islands would have been the punishment.

Palestine —The number of blind persons in the East is large. There are mission schools for them at Beirut, Damascus and Tyre. Blind Scripture-readers have the *entrée* of Moslem homes, a privilege which blindness confers.

—The *Presbyterian* reports that Jerusalem has 135 places where liquor is sold, and the license fees, which last year amounted to \$2,292, are sent to Constantinople.

India.—It is Dr. Pentecost who declares: "You can pick out the children of the Christian native from those of the heathen while they are playing together in the same village street. The Christian children are better clothed, better fed, brighter in face, and cheerier in manner than those of the heathen."

—Ah, the curse of caste! A missionary at Lodiana was preaching to a quiet audience of Hindus, when a fakir came upon the scene, and became noisy and abusive. Standing close to the missionary and gesticulating, by an accident he happened to touch the missionary, when he suddenly stopped, spat on the ground, and with a look of the utmost disgust, as if he had touched some loathsome thing, stooped down and rubbed his finger in the dust. Then turning to the crowd he said, "These people eat pigs and cows, and they are not fit to preach." Then he walked away, most of the audience following, with exclamations of horror at such depravity.

—Whose heart is not touched by the story of the blind man who walked all the way from Lhassa, at least 1000 miles, in the hope that Dr. Marx could remove the cataract and give him sight! When he arrived within a day or two of Leh, he heard that the medical missionary was dead. Sorrowfully he turned and travelled home again, all those thousand miles, over mountain passes and plateaux, averaging 15,000 feet above the sea.

—Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, lately elected to a seat in Parliament, is a native Indian, and was born in Bombay, the son of a Parsee priest, and was educated at the Elphinstone Institution, later becoming a professor of mathematics and natural philosophy. He went to England in 1855, and since was for years prime minister in the native State of Baroda.

—The Gaekwar of Baroda, now travelling in Europe, before leaving his own dominions, gave orders to his dewan to