

bered among the native preachers and other Christians.

It constituted a power before which the wild Koord, armed to the teeth and "breathing threatening and slaughter," became transformed to a lamb.

The history of Deacon Guergis, who was converted while on a visit to his daughter at the girls' school, is a religious romance. His spontaneous, self-denying, and persevering labours among the cabins of the Koordish Mountains, deserve to stand high on the annals of Christian devotedness. The great fact that the Gospel has the same power in Persia that it has in our own land, that scores of earnest Christian labourers may be raised up by missionary effort among the Nestorians, is abundantly attested. More men and women for the work, and far more of prayer on the part of the Church, are the things now needed.

#### THE PRESENT STATISTICS OF THE PERSIAN MISSION.

Congregations.....	32
Outstations.....	66
Native Teachers.....	71
Church Members.....	713
Regular Attendants.....	3000
Papils in Schools.....	1000
Brought under the influence of the truth.....	12,000 to 15,000

#### HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The ministers of the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, were instructed by the Synod to preach on the subject of Home Evangelization on the first Sabbath of October, "with a view of impressing the importance of the work on the attention of their congregations, and of stimulating them to personal effort for its advancement." Now, home heathenism is growing up among us as surely as it is in Scotland. Large tracts of this Province are unevangelized. There is a dark border of comparative ignorance and godlessness near all our congregations. The most needful thing is that there should be personal effort among our people to evangelize and instruct.

#### AN EXAMPLE.

A Presbyterian Missionary in Caffraria writes as follows of a poor old Hottentot, who for many years had in his flesh and bones the dreadful disease of leprosy. During Mr. Cumming's very successful career

as a missionary at Glenthorn, Dirk Smit was one of his ablest volunteer assistants. He was not one of those who looked for recognition in his work, but, unasked and unaided, he quietly went about from place to place teaching some of his own race how to read and to write, as well as instructing them in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, his Saviour.

A few years before Mr. Cumming left Glenthorn, Dirk became so ill that he could not go about as he was wont to do; he had to give up his labour of love. And nearly two years ago, when I came to reside here, he was unable to leave his hut by himself, as his feet and hands were gradually but surely wasting away. Still, whenever he had the opportunity, he eagerly spoke to others of their eternal interests, urging upon them the necessity of attending the house of God, and especially of dedicating themselves to the service of Jesus Christ. And many, I believe, can point to the old leper as one whose words first impressed their souls with the dreadful nature of sin and with the beauty of holiness. During the severest time of his disease, he was never heard to murmur or complain; and the young men and women who used to visit him in his last days were always impressed with the heaven-like submission with which he endured his sufferings.

The disease which afflicted him, as you know, is a very loathsome one; and often he used to say in reference to it, 'This is my school; Christ is training me by means of this trouble; He saw I required it, so He called upon me to bear it.' He seemed to rejoice in the language of the great apostle to the Gentiles: 'We glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.' At length the end drew near: he gradually became weaker, for his hands and part of his arms, his feet and part of his legs, were entirely gone. Through it all, he remained firm; and though at last he did not say much, yet he plainly testified by his patience, as