

vain, that we have nothing to hope from the attempts of a minority so weak as our Evangelical Protestantism, in the presence of an immense and compact mass like Roman Catholicism. But Catholicism, which ought to know itself, does not thus judge. The unity of which it boasts is, we know, alike from faith, from reason, and from experience, a sheer pretence. As well might one speak of the unity of sight amongst the blind, or of hearing amongst the deaf. The principal obstacle which the gospel encounters from the majority of Catholics is their religious indifference. Let Protestants, then, not be discouraged, but redouble their faith and their activity. The *Univers* gives a testimony to the result of our labors. Its five or six lines are worth as much—nay more—than many pages of the reports of our Societies. Let us pray, and God will act.”

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY.

Since the publication of the new law in Turkey, 106 Christian churches have been repaired or constructed. The Sultan alone contributed 25,000 francs to one building in the island of Candia. In fact, so far as the Sultan, Ali Pacha, and the Government generally, are concerned, everything is being done to conciliate the Christian subjects of the Porte and improve the condition of the empire.

The Protestant missions in British India are said by late returns to contain about 22,000 communicant members, with probably about 130,000 professed Christians. “The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.”

In Burmah, where the holy Judson and his heroic wife laboured, and prayed, and suffered, there are now 12,000 communicants, and nearly 100,000 nominal Christians. “Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

There are now in China one hundred missionaries and their families, belonging to eighteen different societies; several printing presses; chapels at each port; schools for boys and girls; numerous native agents; the entire Bible translated, and a large stock of tracts, and Christian churches formed.

Sir G. Grey, Governor of New-Zealand, has stated his belief that out of 100,000 natives there were not more than 1,000 who did not profess Christianity; of these 50,000 are estimated to be in connection with the Church Missionary Society. Civilisation is following Christianity, and the island is fast becoming the garden of the Southern Ocean.—*Exchanges*.

PROSPECTS OF BRITAIN.

We believe in the mortality of nations. We hope in the immortality of Britain. We agree with M. Theirs with respect to France and all other countries. We have no expectation that any states will fully develop their resources. We disbelieve the permanence of nations; for we believe in the uniformity of the Laws of Nature. The most uniform of these laws is death: death to individuals, death to nations, death to our own world, and to all others which we see shining above us. There is no exemption here below from mutability and decay.

Yet religion holds out to nations, as well as to individuals, the elixir of immortality. Were the people all righteous they would inherit their lands for ever. Did Britain turn to God, God would return unto us; and the prosperity of Britain, upheld by so many providences, would melt with a gentle transition, like the translation of Enoch and Elijah, without the dark interval of death, into the bright dawn of the glory of the latter days.—*Douglas of Cavers*.

CANADIAN U. P. MAGAZINE.

The Editor having returned, and resumed his duties, begs to offer his best thanks to the friends who kindly and ably conducted the Magazine during his temporary absence.—He has received some anonymous communications for insertion. The authors would oblige him by sending private notes bearing their names. Few Editors deem it prudent to publish articles without a precaution of this sort.