

cos, and around the African coast. For such a world-encircling railway the Northern Pacific and kindred lines that span the continent furnish the first division and the base of the Rocky Mountains offer a natural route to connect them with Alaska.

Meanwhile three locomotives are shipped to Joppa for the new railway now building to Jerusalem, and bear the strange names of "Jerusalem," "Jaffa," and "Ramleh!"

The Editor has received an anonymous communication deprecating, in severe terms, the language of the article in the October issue of THE REVIEW on the Roman Catholic movement in Korea, as apologetic toward the Roman Catholic church. And our correspondent thinks the article has all the appearance of being in sympathy with Catholic propagandism, etc. The editor wishes to say:

1. That he has not much respect for *anonymous communications*. Whenever a correspondent desires to offer suggestions, or even strictures, a frank and open letter will be welcomed, and the name will be kept in confidence if desired. But no man is entitled to a hearing who has not the noble frankness to avow himself the writer of a letter.

2. The editor cannot be responsible for every sentiment in a correspondent's paper, even though published in THE REVIEW. We are not "censors," to cut and carve communications until they are rid of every objectionable word or phrase. There is a certain freedom of thought and speech that must be conceded to our contributors. Our Editorial Notes alone represent the views for all of which the editor stands responsible.

3. While we have our individual opinions about the serious and radical errors of the Roman Church, we are disposed to concede to many of its adherents, and especially *missionaries*, a zeal and consecration that few Protestants can hope to surpass, and we

would not withhold praise where it is due, even though we may be still compelled to "protest" against idolatrous rites and iniquitous corruption and a formalism that obscures the vital truths of the Word of God. There is a catholicity which rises far above even our Protestantism, however conscientious our opposition to the mass, the adoration of the virgin, the intercession of saints, the supremacy of the Pope, and the denial of the Bible to the common people.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has had a deficiency of \$158,000 to face during the last two years. This we regard as defying any reasonable justification or explanation. Here is a church with a membership of nearly 800,000, whose adherents represent as high an average of intelligence, piety, culture, wealth and liberality as any other body of Christians the world over. All that the General Assembly has asked for its foreign mission work has been a trifle over *one dollar a year per member*—less than a *half cent per day*, and yet even this has not been forthcoming! To make the problem the more perplexing, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is conceded to be composed of the most intelligent and sagacious ministers and elders in the whole body, and at its head as secretaries are men believed to have no superiors in the world in their specialty. Not to speak of Dr. Lowrie, the senior secretary, and Dr. Gillespie, the junior secretary, in order of appointment, where can be found in any church men more widely recognized as qualified in every respect to lead the van of the missionary host than Drs. Ellinwood and Mitchell? When the General Assembly of 1890 authorized the further employment of a field secretary, it was hard to say how such a quartette of missionary generals could well find or need any addition to their number. We do not believe that the Presbyterian Church requires