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The Missionary World.

OUR own Church has relations more or less intimate in the Mission field with all the Presbyterian Churches, and with other Societies not Presbyterian. Their success we feel as if it were our own. The cause in which Evangelical Christendom is engaged, is a common cause in which all who love the Lord should joyfully cooperate.

Missions in Turkey naturally excite the warmest and most anxious interest. Amid the wild passions excited by war, surrounded by a fanatical and cruel population, no guns or walls to defend them,—God is their strong tower and in Him they hope. English influence still benefits the Protestant Missionaries,—for the conviction is general among the Turks that Great Britain is their ally.

The Annual Reports of our sister churches, taken all in all have been most encouraging. The Scottish Churches,—three of them,—are now engaged in energetic operations on or near the shores of Lake Nyassa, in Central Africa. The Church of England Missionary Society and the London Society are also engaged in other portions of the same region. If present prospects can be realized, it will not be many years until a bright light shall shine in Livingstonia, and the region round about, even the light of the glorious Gospel, proving a blessing to the whole African continent. Hitherto the operations of the different religious bodies have been carried on in perfect harmony, as should ever be the case.

South Africa is now all British territory, and we rejoice to hear that throughout Caffraria and Natal, and in the Transvaal regions, the Gospel is making most remarkable progress.

Nearly all the Presbyterian Churches now take part in the effort to evangelize India. The work is stupendous, and all the efforts of all the Christians are more than needed; but it is none the less gratifying to know that the army of the Great King is increasing, and that in the main the action of all its component parts is harmonious. In Calcutta, for example, the Free Church has a College towards the sup-

port of which the Wesleyans and the Church of England contribute £300 a year. The Missions of the Irish Church, of the Church of Scotland, and of the United Presbyterian Church have all had a prosperous year, and all report conversions, baptisms, additions to the Mission staff, and valuable additions to the Communion roll.

In Siam, the king and the nobles generally manifest unusual good will towards the Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church,—making handsome donations, and otherwise assisting them.

In China, a Conference of over one hundred Missionaries has been held to concert measures for the public good. The work of evangelization was never more hopeful than it is now in the vast Empire of China.

Successful and very hopeful efforts are being put forth by the London Missionary Society to open New Guinea to the light of the Gospel. The island is large, picturesque, fertile, populous; but the country near the coast is flat, hot, and unhealthy; and the Missionaries can scarcely be said to have reached the healthy highlands in the interior. It is a noble feature of Missionary enterprise, that there is rarely such a thing as turning back. It is on and on, in the face of obstacles however serious, until the battle is won at last. It was so in India and China, in Tahiti and Erromanga, and it is so to-day in New Guinea. Despite of disease and death, the Missionary presses his way, tells the story of redeeming love, and lifts the people from the depths of barbaric degradation. We rejoice to hear that Madagascar is continuing in the faith, though there are still large sections of the island under the power of heathenism.

Some months ago the Presbyterian Missionaries and converts in Groomiah, Persia, suffered severe persecution from the Patriarch of the district, a persecution carried on in the name of the Archbishop of Canterbury! The attention of the Archbishop of Canterbury was called to the matter, and to the use made of his name, by the Evangelical Alliance. His Grace promptly repudiated all responsibility for the persecution, and all connection with it, and wrote to the Armenian Patriarch reprobating the course he was pursuing. This has had the desired effect, and the converts and