

## Articles Selected.

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### Notes of Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

**EUROPE—England.**—The Christian Evidence Society has completed its first year's labours successfully. A series of lectures, beginning with one by the Archbishop of York on "Design in Nature," and ending with one by Canon Cook on "The Completeness and Adequacy of the Evidences of Christianity," have been delivered to large audiences, and since published; and some of them have already reached several editions. A meeting has also been held in Willis' Rooms, under the presidency of Earl Russell,—a meeting distinguished by embracing representatives of all Churches. The Bishop of Gloucester spoke of the necessity of meeting infidel by Christian teaching and lecturing. The Bishop of Peterborough made a brilliant defence of the Society. A paper read by Major-General Burroughs gave an account of the origin of the Society in March 1870, at a large conference, presided over by the Bishop of London.

**Berlin.**—A writer in 'Christian Work' gives the following "remarkable financial experiences" in the case of the Berlin Missionary Society:—

During the first half of 1870 its receipts were very satisfactory; but during the last half of the year, by reason of the war between Prussia and France, they were seriously diminished. On the 1st of January 1871, it was found that the ordinary income of the twelvemonth, which had just closed, had been but 47,079 thalers, or 21,164 thalers less than the income of 1869. And it was also found that, in the absence of extraneous and extraordinary assistance, there must be a debt of 10,000 thalers. But Providence had kindly arranged that the needed relief should come from an unexpected quarter.

In 1857, the well-known Griqua Captain, Cornelius Kok, conveyed to the Berlin Missionary Society 3 or 4 square miles of territory, lying on the Vaal River, South Africa, for the nominal sum of 500 thalers. His object seems to

have been to aid the Society, by means of this large tract of land, in giving the Gospel to the Korannas. A part of it, however, was so barren and worthless that the Land Commission of the Orange Free State did not regard it as deserving the honour of being taxed. And yet in this desolate region diamonds have been found within the last few months! A multitude of adventurers hastened to the spot, of course, anxious to enrich themselves with the new-found treasure; and inasmuch as it was impossible to keep them away, the missionaries asked that a certain percentage of the precious stones, discovered upon their property, should be given to them. It was not easy to compass their object, for men who rush to gold-fields and diamond-fields are not always careful to respect the rights of others; but after much trouble and perplexity, 10,000 thalers were secured for the Missionary Society before the end of 1870—just enough to enable the Committee at Berlin to report the treasury free from debt!

**Italy.**—The Waldensian Synod held its annual meeting at La Tour on the 16th May. There are 87 evangelists and teachers. 2019 communicants, 256 catechumens, 126 new members admitted during the year, 26 members lost, 1,635 children at the day-schools, 131 at evening schools, 923 at the Sabbath-schools.

### DEATH OF DR. REVEL.

Dr. Revel, perhaps the best-known name in the Waldensian Church, died on June 11. Some of our readers will remember his visit to Scotland some years ago, and the address which he delivered to the General Assembly. He was an earnest laborious man, with his heart in the great work of evangelising Italy, and his loss will be severely felt. A letter from Florence thus speaks of his last illness:—

His health has been gradually failing, and for the last two winters it was often with great difficulty that he could carry on the work of the classes. Several times he has risen from his bed to give his lectures, and after delivering them been obliged to return to bed again. Last winter, in order not to take from any of the stations an evangelist, as the workmen are so few and the work so pressing, he preached almost every Sab-