

**MISSIONARY NEWS.**

For many years there has been a lonely mission station at Caracas, Venezuela, where one missionary and his wife have been working. Just recently, for the first time in all these years, they have been summoned before a magistrate to answer for their faith, and they are somewhat in fear that, as in many smaller places, they may be forbidden to visit the homes or invite people to the services.

Guatemala and Guatemala City are as much in need of evangelization as any place we can find in the length and breadth of mission work. The Presbyterians are making an advance step in putting up a splendid new girls' boarding school for regular school work and for the training of nurses.

The churches of Peking united in giving an enthusiastic reception to Dr. Sun Yat Sen on his first visit there after the establishment of the Republic. In his address, Dr. Sun most emphatically stated that the ideas of freedom and liberty which worked out in his leadership of the revolution and in New China, came to him from his association with, and training by, missionaries of the Cross. And he further insisted that the new Republic could endure only as "that virtue and righteousness for which the Christian religion stands," is at the centre of the nation's life. This is a portion of the success of missions in China.

"One of the saddest things in India, is the cheerless, hopeless condition of aged women, who are visibly drawing near to their journey's end, and who, in Christian lands, are considered especially entitled to all the respect and loving attention that the younger generation can lavish upon them. As soon as a person in India—a wo-

man in particular—becomes too old or infirm to perform the duties required of her, it is her business to die and not to encumber her relatives. Her toil for husband and children in the days of her strength are forgotten, her self-denials which meant increased comfort to them, are no longer remembered. Her day is over; she is no longer needed; she is overcrowding the home; and, as an Indian proverb says, "The house says, 'Go, Go,' the burning-ground calls, 'Come, come.'"—The Missionary Review.

There is a serious apprehension in the minds of many that the Balkan war now raging may result in a great impetus being given to the spread of Islam. For a long time past agitators have been incensing the minds of Mohammedans with the idea that the war in Tripoli, the disturbance in Persia and now the Balkan war, are all parts of a conspiracy to destroy the Mohammedan States. The fanatical are even being incited to a Holy War with the Amir of Afghanistan as leader. The horrors of such a war would be unspeakable.

Food for thought far from agreeable is the news of "Buddha Day," held in London last May, and conducted by the Buddhist Society of Great Britain and Ireland. About 200 listened to the speakers, who pled for a new Buddhist hall in London, who urged the need of England for the gift of Truth and "the omniscient eye of the all-pervading tenderness of Buddha," and who selected as examples of the world's greatest teachers, Christ and Buddha. Meetings are held every Sunday evening in the Strand.

The second meeting of the Continuation Committee or the Edinburgh World's Conference has been held this fall at Lake Mohonk. The first one