

magnates were there in their robes, so delightful to children's eyes, and an old missionary from Fiji made a capital speech. There must have been nearly 2000 children present.—*Intelligencer*.

ASIA.

Islam.—Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey, has just been granted special privileges by a decree of the Porte. The announcement was made in a cable-gram from Minister Terrill to the State department.

—In Asia Minor the Mohammedans are seeking the Word of God, but hiding it for fear of persecution. One bought the Scriptures in Spanish and learned the language that he might read it in safety. Another walked one hundred miles and paid \$1.50 for a copy, all he could spare from a year's work. The Syro-Phœnician woman in our Lord's time was a monument of faith. But another of her nationality reappeared in the land of the Canaanites. She walked all the way from this Canaanitish land to Latakia and asked Dr. Metheny to remove a tumor. He told her that she would probably die, and that her people would blame him. She said: "No, I am a Christian, and many believe as I do. A pupil from your school went home and took a company of women into the woods and told them that there was a salvation for women, and that Jesus Christ died for them, and many believed. Take it away, doctor, I am not afraid to die." After the operation she did die, and her soul went as sweetly to God as music flies from a throbbing string.—*Rev. S. A. Mutchmore*.

—An interesting fact has come out in connection with the Jaffa-Jerusalem Railway. Turkey gave the concession. France found the capital. Belgium furnished half the rails and coal, and England the other half. Poland and Switzerland sent engineers and laborers. Greece furnished the cooks. The United States shares with Germany the man who first surveyed the road. Philadel-

phia supplied the engines.—*Things to Come*.

—Bishop Blyth, of Jerusalem, writing to a rector in New York, says he has just received a letter from a lady in America, whom he does not know personally, enclosing \$5000 for building a permanent house for his "Home for Jewesses." He acknowledges the money with the deepest sense of gratitude, recognizing, as the gift does, the fact that he represents the American as well as the Anglican Church in the Holy City.

—The Leper Home at Jerusalem contains 22 inmates, of whom 8 are Christians and 14 are Moslems.

—A Jewish colony from Yemen, Southern Arabia, settled near the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and there learned from Christians the facts of Christianity, which were entirely new to them. A rabbi in Yemen, to whom they reported, sending a copy of the New Testament, wrote in reply: "The Christians, you say, are pious and benevolent people. We cannot say anything on the subject, as we have never seen Christians. There are none in Yemen. As for the book you have sent us, we never saw anything like it. This religion is quite new to us, and we have never heard speak of such things since the destruction of the first temple, and our departure from the land of Israel."—*Church at Home and Abroad*.

—The school opened at the request of the Jews in Dizza, in Gawar, Kurdistan, by a representative of the American Mission at Oroomiah, Persia, has been closed by the Government without warning and on a trivial and unfounded charge.

India.—The Rev. James Johnston is authority for the statement that "India is now the best educated of the non-Christian countries of the world." China, with a population of 400,000,000, has between 12,000,000 and 14,000,000 who can read intelligently, while India, with 300,000,000, has between 14,000,-