

expositor of prophecy to tell us how, when, and where, the Jew has been made a mediating, atoning victim on whom the Lord has "laid the iniquity" of us all; in what way, and at what time he has "made intercession for the transgressors?" The Jew has suffered, but he has borne no "iniquities," save his own, and those of his race. The wonderful

chapter in which the sufferings of the servant of Jehovah are foreshadowed and described must find some more accurate fulfillment than the tribulations of the Jewish people present. They lack very conspicuously both the patient endurance and the vicarious character of our Lord's passion.

V.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

THE Monthly Concert Themes for 1890 will be as follows :

January : General Outlook of the World.

February : China and Thibet. Confucianism.

March : Mexico, Central America, West Indies, Cuba. Evangelization in Cities.

April : India, Ceylon, Java. Brahmanism.

May : Burmah, Siam and Laos. Buddhism.

June : Africa. Freedmen in the United States.

July : Islands of the Sea. Utah and Mormonism. North American Indians. Chinese and Japanese in America.

August : Italy, France, Spain. Papal Europe.

September : Japan, Korea. Medical Missions.

October : Turkey, Persia, Arabia, Mohammedanism. Greek Church. Nominal Christianity.

November : South America. Papacy. Y. M. C. A. Home Missions.

December : Syria, Greenland. Jewish Missions. Educational Work.

The editors are happy to state that during the absence of one of them in Europe, they have secured for the conduct of the Monthly Concert department one whose competency for this work is unsurpassed; whose wide acquaintance with missions makes his name a household word wherever students of missionary problems are found.

MR. ROBERT ARTHINGTON'S gifts to world-wide missions entitle him to be heard on every question connected with the cause. In a personal letter to one of the editors he says:

"In my opinion your periodical, so welcome for what it has of good, is nothing like what it ought to be. First, I should say with deep sense of truth, there is not all through the whole, instinctively felt, the sole breath of the Spirit, nor the single aim to get the unreached tribes of mankind visited with the Day Spring from on high. How I wish you felt it your duty to write yourself in humble, simple, but prevailing

language and keep to it, keep it up month after month (the italics are Mr. Arthington's), of those parts and populations of the world which never, since our Saviour's ascension, have had—and have not now—the Gospel according to Luke or John or the Acts, in their hands, perpetually in print! (Mr. A. thinks that if one by one each of the distinct tribes were looked at with reference to language, they would count from 80,000 to 100,000 tribes that are still thus destitute.) How I wish you would write yourself of those tribes, putting down your words, not in the flow of natural eloquence, but waiting with ever adjusting turn of the soul, on God the Spirit, breathing as it were after and towards Him, and would so plead their destitution! All without the lamp and joy of life, as Christians view it—the holy Word of God! and the spirit of the immortal Jesus! Think of Sumatra with its five nations almost or altogether without the printed Word of God, the Menang-Kabos, the Rejangs, the Lampongs, the Palenpangs, the Achinese, etc., and yet very many, I believe, of these tribes can read! Think of the wild Indians of South America, so near you with your thousands of recruits! and the semi-civilized Indians of your northern continent, etc., etc. And so all over the world! A great many people may like your Review as it is, built would, in my opinion, be a vastly greater power in advancing the cause of Christ all over the world, if you sought more persistently to get the gospel to the yet unvisited peoples, who never, since our Lord's ascension, so far as we know, have had the Bible. The whole Word of God, and secular history with it, shows that the holy church is a people distinct from the nations and gathered, or to be gathered, to one fold from all the world; and I deplore your missing the opportunity I have described, and the Conference in London in 1888 having missed it likewise."

We have given Mr. Arthington's letter its full space in these columns. Not only do we feel that he is entitled to be heard, even when he rebukes, but we gladly accept any suggestions, even reproofs, from any true friend of missions. Nevertheless,