

—A remarkable incident is reported from the Harpoot District in Eastern Turkey, where on Sunday, at Mezereh, three miles from Harpoot, the Protestant Christians were invited to hold a communion service in the Gregorian church. Dr. Barnum and other missionaries were also invited, and the service was crowded, hundreds being obliged to go away for lack of room. It is not long since such a mingling of Gregorians and Protestants would have been impossible, and would have been deemed a pollution of the old church. In the congregation were many whose husbands and fathers were among the recent martyrs for their faith, and also many pastors and teachers from neighboring villages. The service of song was divided between the Gregorians and Protestants. The Protestant pastor then received some 15 men and women into the church, and preached a sermon on "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." Dr. Barnum followed with an address, and with the doxology and benediction the Protestant service closed. But the people were requested to remain, and the Gregorian priest spoke most pleasantly and evangelically, rejoicing in the fellowship they were thus manifesting, and thanking Dr. Barnum and his fellow-missionaries, who had brought them a new faith and an open Bible, and were now following up that work by bringing relief to suffering widows and orphans. Other addresses followed from both Protestants and Gregorians, when this most remarkable service was brought to an end. It is a sign of the times in Turkey.—*Missionary Herald*.

—M. Krüger, one of the deputation just sent by the Paris Missionary Society to Madagascar, took the opportunity of the steamer's call at Aden to visit the station at Sheik Othman, where Dr. Millar and Dr. Young, the successors of Keith Falconer, carry on his mission among the Arabs. M. Krüger writes with enthusiasm of the work of these two men, who under a

burning sun, in a desolate and fever-stricken country, and with little appearance of success to cheer them, work steadily on, in faith and prayer. "However little show it may make in the eyes of men, Sheik Othman is a post of distinction among the strongholds of attack which Christendom has reared amid the heathen world."—*Journal des Missions Évangéliques*.

—An affecting incident connected with the massacre at Oorfa was that of a mother, in whose presence her two sons were caught by the mob, while men with drawn swords, ready to cut them down, demanded of the young men that they should accept the Moslem faith. But the mother called out to them, "Die, but don't deny the Lord." They stood firm and were immediately cut down.

India.—Some time ago in Calcutta, there came together 1000 of the most prominent men of the native races of Hindustan. They were Parsees and Brahmans and Mohammedans and men of the lower Indian castes. They spoke the languages of the native races of the great Indian Empire—the Tamil, the Hindustani, the Hindi, the Telugu, the Punjabee, and the rest. But there was only one tongue in which they could make themselves intelligible to each other, and that was the language into which Englishmen have translated the Bible.—*J. H. Burrows*.

—The *Bengalee*, a native Indian paper, praises the French administration in Madagascar, and makes some very disparaging comments upon that of Britain in India in like circumstances. This leads the *Indian Witness* to make this telling rejoinder: "Does the *Bengalee* really believe that French colonial administration is more liberal than the British? Would France allow such a paper as the *Bengalee* to be published in Algiers? While France ruled Egypt were there any national congresses there? And how many native gentlemen are in authority at Tonquin? If France ruled India, would we still