

America are spending millions of rupees in sending out missionaries to promote belief in one God, the Parsis might well spend a few thousands in enlightening in their way their Hindu neighbours.

### Missionary Experience.

The Rev. Henry Martyn, in India, April 24th, 1807, wrote as follows:

"... Yet thanks are due to the Lord for showing me in this way how much my heart has been neglected of late. I see by this how great are the temptations of a missionary to neglect his own soul. Apparently outwardly employed for God, my heart has been growing more hard and proud. Let me be taught that the first great business on earth is to obtain the sanctification of my own soul; so shall I be capable also of performing the duties of the ministry, whether amongst Europeans or heathen, in a holy and solemn manner. Oh, how I detest that levity to which I am so subject! How cruel and unfeeling it is! God is my witness that I would rather, from this day forward, weep day and night for the danger of immortal souls."

April 25.—"In prayer at the appointed hour, I felt solemnity of mind and an earnest desire that the Lord would pour out a double portion of his spirit upon us, his ministers in India, that every one of us may be eminent in holiness and spiritual gifts."

After September 21st.—"I am happier here, in this remote land, where I so seldom hear of what happens in the world, than in England, where there are so many calls to look at the things that are seen! How sweet the retirement in which I here live! The precious Word is now my only study, in the work of translation."... "Oh! what shall separate me from the love of Christ? Neither death nor life, I am persuaded. Oh! let me feel my security, that I may be, as it were, already in heaven; that I may do all my work as the angels do theirs; and Oh! let me be ready for every work—be ready to leave this delightful solitude, or to remain in it—to go out, or to in—to stay or to depart, just as the Lord shall appoint."

MEXICO.—There are eleven Protestant Churches in the capital of Mexico, and ninety-eight in the entire republic. Five years ago there were not half a dozen. Thus are brighter days in store for this beautiful land.

ABYSSINIA.—The Swedish missions in Abyssinia have been very unfortunate, as is shown in their history. Eleven missionaries have been employed there, of whom four have died and two have been murdered by robbers, while the rest, driven from their stations by King Kassa, have been labour-

ing on the borders with some success in their schools. The English Church should have established missions in this country instead of introducing into Madagascar where others had borne the burden and heat of the day.

THE Church Missionary Society is laboring among the Indian Coolies on the Island of Mauritius, where out of a population of 318,000, the Indian Coolies number 216,000 and the Chinese 2000. The churches among them are doing well. During the past sixteen years 1800 Indian Coolies have been baptized, 212 of the number receiving the ordinance in 1873. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel also labours here. The Roman Catholics do a larger work, however, than either of the societies.

IN New Zealand, where the beginning of missionary labour was marked by much promise, the wars between the colonists and the Maoris not only reduced the natives to a mere remnant, but destroyed all their confidence in their European teachers. Lately, however, the Church Missionary Society has been meeting with some success, and a Maori, the ninth of his race now labouring in the diocese of the Bishop of New Zealand, has just been ordained. In one district the natives have contributed \$625 to the building of a chapel.

THE United Presbyterians of Scotland have missions in Jamaica, Trinidad, Old Calabar, Caffraria, Rajpootana, in India, China, Spain, and Japan. The missionary expenditure for the past year has been \$200,000, including a gift of \$6000 to the newly opened mission of the London Society in New Guinea. A summarized exhibit of their missions shows 48 European and 6 native missionaries, 8 medical missionaries, 261 helpers and teachers who are mostly natives, 54 main and 138 out-stations, 6927 communicants, and 9079 pupils in 166 schools.

FREE CHURCH.—We hear with deep regret of the sudden death of Principal Fairbairn of Glasgow, one of the most valuable authors and expositors of the age. His works on *Typology*, on *Prophecy*, and on *Hermeneutics*, are very widely known and prized by all Bible Students. Like Dr. Chalmers, he was found dead in his bed.

HAD it been an evil thing to suffer wrong, God would not have enjoined it upon us. Know ye not that He is the King of glory, and therefore He commands us to suffer wrong, and doth all to withdraw us from worldly things and to convince us what is glory, and what shame; what loss, and what gain.—*Chrysostom*.