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**The Missionary Outlook.**

 KEEN conflict is going on in Africa, between the Arab slave-hunters and the native races. In Nyassaland, where British missions of great influence and importance have been established, the British Consul has sided with the Arabs. This led the churches in Scotland and England to send a strong deputation to Lord Salisbury, to protest against the Consul's policy. The Arabs have been the ruin of many of the fairest portions of Africa. Thirteen missionaries recently left Edinburgh for East Central Africa. Nyassaland is the scene of wonderful progress and deepening interest.

A very sad and hurtful scandal to the Hindoos, Chinese, and others, has been the opium traffic forced upon China by Great Britain. Missionaries have often been made to feel the evil and the shame of the traffic and of the fearful habit which it fosters. An influential conference aiming at the suppression of this traffic was held in London on the 9th-11th of March. Leading Christian men and philanthropists took part in it; and it seems to us the beginning of a great movement whose result is not hard to predict—the total suppression of the traffic in so far as a Christian people are implicated in it. At Port Moresby, New Guinea, lately a

meeting was held by the venerable missionary, Mr. Lawes of the L. M. S., for the purpose of making a missionary collection. It is but a few years since the Gospel was introduced in New Guinea; but the experiment of Mr. Lawes shows that the new faith has taken hold of many hearts and influenced many lives. Over 500 people attended the meeting, and the collection amounted to £30.1.6. There were in the contribution *ten pounds'* worth of spears, armlets, bows, arrows, shields, drums &c. The wealth of a people emerging from the lowest heathenism does not mean much gold or silver.

On the 26th and 27th February, the census of the Indian Empire was taken, by over a million enumerators. It is not yet officially known how many people are in that great empire, but the number is not likely to be less than two hundred and eighty millions! This vast multitude are our fellow subjects and their claim upon our Christian interest is strong indeed.

The fact is always worthy of being borne in mind—the awfully impressive fact—that a thousand millions of our race are still without the light and the morality of the Gospel. The vast majority of mankind do not “know the joyful sound.” It will be useful to bear this in mind when we have opportunities of contributing to missions.

There are 48 societies designed to carry the Gospel to the Jews. These employ 377