

blessed. Bulgaria has wonderfully sprung all at once into national life ; but had it not been for Robert College on the Bosphorus, such an awakening would have been impossible.

The influence exerted on the old churches of the East by these new communities is by no means small. In some cases the missionaries, or the pastors of the reformed churches, are invited to preach in the pulpits of the older. The priests, as a rule, oppose the reformation ; but the people are often friendly to it, or at least not unfriendly.

We dwell on these things all the more earnestly because of the scant justice that is done in certain quarters in England to these important missions.

We must now hasten to conclude. We do so, as we promised, with a few remarks suggested by the survey we have taken.

We have expressed our admiration of the feeling which prompts the Shanghai Conference to make the demand for a thousand missionaries. Mr. Hudson Taylor asks as many for the "China Inland Mission." But these things unavoidably suggest the question, What are the claims of China as compared with those of other mission fields ? Missionaries in India will be slow to admit that the necessities of that great continent are inferior to those of China ; they will probably maintain that, in its present sorrowful unrest, the claims of India are paramount. Then, not to speak of Japan, Korea, and Siam—each, it may be urged, in a condition that may rightly be called critical—what are we to say of Africa ! As now so wonderfully revealed, its demands are overwhelming. Its hideous superstitions, its fetich-worship, its demon-worship, its human sacrifices, its cannibalism, its inter-tribal wars, its slave-trade—yes, we now see the heart of Africa, and we see that it is bleeding at every pore. Then, let us remember what fearful mischief the Christian nations of the West have done to unhappy Africa by the drink traffic. Oh, that it were possible to be as great a blessing as we have been a curse ! The population, perhaps, exceeds three hundred millions. What is to be done for the vast Dark Continent ! It seems to us that, when God Himself has opened a door—aye, doors—which were closed from the beginning of the world, He is distinctly calling on His people to enter. But further, there are the Mohammedan kingdoms, both in Asia and Africa, and the battle with Islam is barely begun.

The question then occurs, Is it not needful that a survey be taken of the entire heathen world, and an estimate formed of the relative claims of each portion ? It is a difficult task, and would require the co-operation of many men to do this with any approach to accuracy. Yet the Romish Propaganda attempts a solution of the problem ; and the comprehensive mind of Cromwell contemplated the formation of a similar institution.

It might, perhaps, be possible to form an international committee, representing all Protestant missions, to map out the great battle-field and suggest a plan of campaign ; at present, each mission, each regiment chooses