

Reformed Church of Spain recently published its circular to the Protestant, and, in particular, to the Presbyterian world (for it is Presbyterian), calling upon Christians to aid its feeble efforts for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

Hungary and Bohemia have formed national Churches that are not Roman, and incline towards Protestantism, while the Protestantism of Bohemia is reviving. The Jews of Austria and other parts of Germany are quarrelling, like sects and parties in general, over reform. The Reformers are men either on the road to the religious position which Ernest Renan now holds, one thoroughly infidel, or lax followers of Gamaliel, who want a ritual easier of observance. Doubtless there are a few earnest men among them seeking for truth, and who will find what they are in pursuit of. The present attitude of Russia inspires fear, and calls upon Christians who love peace to seek from the God of peace that the sword may be averted from our beloved mother country, and that the war now devastating France may be followed by no new scourge.

Asia, during the past year, has contributed three very different records. From India, Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen has spoken in behalf of the Brahma Somaj to the Christian world, and has clearly shown, in the creed which he and his co-religionists have adopted, the influence which Protestant missions have exercised on the Hindoo mind. It is to be hoped that he will grow out of his Unitarian friends, feeling their view too dwarfish for him as led by the Holy Spirit, and find his way into the fellowship of them that love the Lord Jesus Christ. Japan furnishes a story of reformation, but one by no means so hopeful. The Buddhist sect desires to unite with the Roman Catholic population of the islands, with whose worship they find that they are quite prepared to fall in, since it bears so many points of similarity to their own. China has stained the last year's page of her annals by the brutal massacre of Tientsin, in which so many French Roman Catholic missionaries, male and female, fell victims to the fury of a Chinese mob, encouraged by mandarins in authority.

The veteran missionary Moffatt has left for a time his Kaffir converts, to visit the scenes of earlier years, and to prepare another boon in the Sechuana Scriptures for those to whom he has devoted his life. But he brings no news of his son-in-law, the missionary traveller Livingstone, whose fate still remains uncertain.

On this continent we have to lament that the European war prevented the holding of the annual meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York. The Mormon community, like many already alluded to, has been subjected to interference in the shape of reform that threatens so to modify the existing institutions of that unwholesome abomination as to remove it off the face of the earth. A holier reformation is progressing in Mexico. During the past year it has been marked by wonderful success, many of the priests becoming obedient to the faith, and synagogues of Satan or temples of degrading superstition being converted into places of spiritual worship.

Our own Canadian record for the past year is by no means devoid of interest. The year 1870 is a noteworthy one in the annals of our Church. In it was held our first General Assembly. This Assembly, held in Toronto, and presided over by Principal Willis, who has since retired from the duties of his office, was one long to be remembered. While no measures affecting the general welfare of the Church were adopted, the way was prepared for future action, and the utmost unity of sentiment prevailed.