

In Australasia, the small remnants of paganism are fast disappearing, and it is gratifying to know that in every part of this youngest division of the world, Protestantism prevails. In one of the English colonies of Australia, as well as on a part of the Islands, the Wesleyans are the most numerous of any religious denomination.—*Methodist*.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The last number of the *United Presbyterian Missionary Record* gives an account of the laying of the foundation stone of a new mission church at Engwali, British Caffraria. Aleppo.—Mr. Brown reports increased opposition at Killiz a town to the north of Aleppo. There is however an increased disposition toward the truth in ten families. Mr. Brown had recently paid a visit to the Yezidis on the west of the Euphrates, a people whose religious views are not well known, but who are generally regarded as devil-worshippers. They profess to have less prejudice against the Christians than against Mahomedans. Without any ground for sanguine hope, Mr. Brown thinks there is enough to warrant an attempt to convey the truth to this people.

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INDIA MISSIONS OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—At Madras there have been recently six additions to the church, five having been converted from Heathenism, and one from Mahomedanism. The statements by these six youths are interesting. Besides these there are several other promising inquirers who have waited on the missionaries for private instruction.

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AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN JAPAN.—Dr. Hepburn a medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church has for some time been stationed in Kanagawa. For some time he had about 100 patients a day, to whom he sought to do good. Though the jealousy of the authorities, who require each patient to obtain a permit to visit Dr. Hepburn, it is now virtually closed. The government wishes Dr. Hepburn to remove to another locality.

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MISSIONS OF AMERICAN BOARD.—The last number of the *Missionary Herald* contains a general survey of the various missions under the care of the Board. Most of the missions appear to be in a prosperous state. About 1,944 are reported as having been added to the churches during the year. Among the Nestorians, and also at Madura, there has been manifested a spirit of great liberality which may be regarded as a cheering token of good. In some places there has been a great increase in regard to the circulation of the word of God. In Syria, where in 1859, the number of copies sold was 448, the number sold during the last year was 4,293. In the Sandwich Islands the past year has been one of special revival, the addition to the churches having been 1,465, making the entire number now in church membership 19,767. The number of members connected with the various missions of the Board is stated at 24,456.

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CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—This Society reports 13 missions with 148 stations, 192 European and 66 native ministers. The number of communicants is reported at 21,064. The mission stations are distributed as follows, viz.:—West Africa 13; Yoruba 9; Niger 3; East Africa 1; Mediterranean 6; Western India 6; South India 20; North India 28; Ceylon 12; Mauritius 2; China 3; New Zealand 21; North West America 15.

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MADAGASCAR.—A letter has been written to Rev. W. Ellis by the native Christians of Madagascar in which they say:—"With respect to the Royal Prince, indeed, dear Sir, it causes us to rejoice and bless God that he supports and makes the people of God strong to bear the affliction and trouble in Madagascar. Yes, what he has done, he has done by the help of God, and we therefore bless the Most High on that account on that account. (Matt. xvi. 17.) And not towards the Christians alone does he show kindness, but to the people in general, when he can. And when any evil thing or calamity overtakes a