

effectively carried on by Dr. Elliott. In 1878 Rev. A. W. Shapira opened this mission. He has lately been appointed by Bishop Blyth to the chapel at Haifa. This mission has 400 boys and girls in the schools. The children's hospital at Jerusalem is superintended by Dr. M. Sandreczki. The medical mission at Nazareth is under Dr. Vartan, at Tiberias under Dr. Torrance.

*Persia.*—Missionary Horberg (Lutheran), writes that the pupils of his Bible class on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays visit the neighboring villages and speak to the people about religious matters. About twenty villages have been visited. The missionary recently visited the leper village near Tabriz, and preached to the unfortunate people, who begged him to come again.

—One of the most cheering signs reported is interest among laymen in volunteer effort. Two from Persia are physicians, good men, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. They support their families by their profession, but find time to make tours and to do the work of evangelists for whole weeks at their own charges. Four others own property in vineyards, and spend all their time beyond what is necessary to attend to their property in direct work for souls.

—A young Mussulman girl was brought into a missionary home in Hamadan, Persia, as a seamstress, and, becoming interested in seeing other girls read, applied for admission to the school. Her family and friends hearing of it, forced her to leave, but not until the Bible had become familiar to her. A young man, who had remained unmarried because he could not find a Christian wife, heard of her, and through friends, according to Persian custom, a marriage was arranged. The ceremony was first performed in Persian style, but afterward the couple came to the missionary's home and were married in Christian form.

*Africa.*—Missionaries who have gone to labor among the ten millions of the

Balolos, on the Upper Congo, report the region to be healthy. A missionary at the Lolongo station writes: "Only one lady here has suffered from fever since our arrival, fourteen months ago; three of us have enjoyed wonderful good health. The combined fevers of all three of us may perhaps have lasted twenty-four hours."

—The London Missionary Society's mission at Lake Tanganyika is rejoicing in the first gathering of fruit. Kalulu was ransomed as a poor boy some few years ago, and ever since has been more or less in contact with the missionaries. Only recently did he show any desire to become a Christian. The service when he was baptized and received the communion was an occasion of great joy, and made a deep impression on the natives.

—The translation of the Scriptures, begun by Mr. Mackay, missionary to Uganda, is being diligently completed by three of his most intelligent converts and pupils. The memoir of Mackay by his sister, of which eight thousand copies have been sold, has led several young men to consecrate themselves to the evangelization of Africa.

*Alaska.*—The sixth annual report of the Moravian Mission at Bethel, Alaska, shows a year of quiet, faithful work. Religious services have been better attended and there has been better observance of the Lord's day. There has also been an effort to improve the tone of family life by instructing husbands and wives as to their relations to each other, and by helping them to provide more comfortable homes.

*Egypt.*—A clergyman travelling in the East writes in the highest terms of the American United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt and Syria. He says they are gathering the young boys about them in their mission schools, and in ten years the tourist will find the villages along the Nile filled with hundreds of young men who not only speak English well, but who are washed and "clothed and in their right mind."