

The Calcutta Bible Society has been for some time past making new efforts to circulate the Word of God among the Mohammedans, and the results are already very cheering.

JAPAN.—Dr. Berry, of Japan, considers prospects were never so bright in Japan as now. The openings for Christian instruction were never so bright as now. The native Christians of Yokohama have, without any aid or interference from the missionaries, drawn up a creed, and some rules for their own government. The document is remarkable for spirituality and devotion.

ABYSSINIA.—Mr. John Mayer is carrying on active missionary work in the tropical mountains of the kingdom of Lehon, south of Abyssinia. King Menelek is doing good service, not only allowing full liberty for the propagation of the Gospel, but in various ways helping the missionaries.

MADAGASCAR.—There were added during the year, 28,000 converts to the Church in Madagascar during the year 1872. The Government of Madagascar proposes to erect a large College for the education of the sons of the nobility. These have hitherto been educated by Christian missionaries.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIA.—AHMEDABAD.—Rev. Wm. Gillespie writes at length, giving an account of a visit to some of the chief places of pilgrimages. Efforts were made by preaching and by the distribution of tracts, to spread abroad the knowledge of Christ. In some cases the Gospel was rejected with contempt. In other places the people heard the glad tidings gladly. Through the labours of Mr. Gillespie and Christian labourers associated with him, the seeds of Divine truth were widely scattered. Mr. Gillespie, in the course of his communication refers to the work done by the Gujarat Tract Society. Since its formation 550,000 books and tracts have been issued from the depository in Surat, or including books and tracts printed for the Christian Vernacular Education Society, but really issued under the direction of the Tract Society, 690,000. The Society, in this way, has done and is doing much good.

DAMASCUS.—JEWISH MISSIONS.—Mr. Wright, Missionary at Damascus, gives an interesting and deeply affecting account of three men in Damascus witnessing for Christ with undaunted bravery unsurpassed in any age of the Church's History. They belong to the sect called Nusairiyeh, who are regarded as heterodox Moslems, and occupy the mountain range from Mount Lebanon to Mount Cassius. These men acquired the elements of Christian knowledge at a School, begun among them by a pious Englishman, Rev. S. Lyde, B.A. Afterwards they attended Irish and American Mission Schools at Lattakia, and during that time they were baptized and received into the Church. One of them has been a student in the Abeih Theological College. One is a widower the other two have Christian wives and families dependent upon them. They were all active in Christian work. The chief magistrate of Lattakia brought his authority to bear against these Christian men and their labours. After great injustice and many acts of cruelty they have been brought handcuffed to Damascus. Their treatment is plainly opposed to the stipulations which "secure absolute religious freedom to all converts." Their case is being carefully watched by the English and American Consuls.