

the above favors the spread of truth, and should lead all to take a still deeper interest in the cause of Missions.

#### Japan.

A Japanese student, now in America, has lately embraced the Gospel and notified his Government of the fact, informing them that they need no longer provide for his support. Instead of repudiating him, the Government authorized him to continue his studies, and increased the allowance for his sustentation. This fact shows to us that a marked change is being effected in this benighted land.

#### Madagascar.

Thirty-four years ago martyrs were found willingly laying down their lives for Christ on this heathen island. On the spot where the first martyr's blood was spilt now stands a handsome church with a beautiful spire. Other churches have also been built to the number of 90, with 5000 members, and there are about 20,000 nominal Christians. Within the past five years the people have erected, at their own cost, nearly 100 chapels. The Government works are also stopped on the Lord's Day, and places of worship are crowded to excess. What hath God wrought?

#### Smyrna.

It is stated that, of the 4,000 Jewish married women in Smyrna, scarcely one is able to read. According to Talmud it is accounted a sin to have girls instructed.

#### Salt Lake City.

A Presbyterian Congregation has been organized among the Mormons under very favourable auspices. The American Government having raised the strong hand of its power against the criminal polygamy of this land, evangelical denominations are fast gaining a foothold.

#### West Indies.

A terrible hurricane has of late swept over these Islands, doing a vast amount of damage among the Mission stations, as well as to towns and villages. A large number of the population on these

Islands are Wesleyans, and hence the members of that body have endured much suffering.

#### Mexico.

The first native Methodist Church was recently organized in Mexico with eleven members, and a native Mexican is now studying for the ministry.

#### Malta.

Quite a religious revival has of late taken place among the man-of-war sailors at Malta. Last July 486 soldiers and seamen, of their own accord, attend the Bible Classes and other meetings held by the Scripture-readers on the shore. A great interest seems to have been awakened among them, which, we trust, may long continue.

#### Arkansas, U. S.

A minister in Arkansas says:—I must, with sorrow, say there are many destitute places here with neither preaching nor Sabbath schools, and few religious books of any kind. Within a distance of 40 miles there is but one Sabbath School, and day schools are few and far between. The labours of Missionaries are much needed in this locality.

#### Texas.

Much spiritual destitution prevails in this land. In one settlement, forty years old, a sermon had never been preached. A Sabbath School had been organized by a lady with three scholars, which, however, increased to forty. Texas seems to present many fields for usefulness.

#### Kansas.

Presbyterianism seems to have made considerable progress within a short period in Kansas. Four years ago, in thirteen counties, there were three Presbyterian ministers and five churches; now, there are 34 ministers and 38 churches.

#### Italy.

Mr. Fernly, of South Port, has given £5000 to the Presbyterian Missionary Society for the erection of a chapel at Rome.