

Items from Abroad.

There is a Romeward tendency in some 7000 Anglican Churches in England.

The Zulus gave over four thousand dollars last year to sustain their native church.

The new census of the population of Paris is 2,511,955. What a field, white, waiting, wasting.

The census of the Wesleyans in Great Britain shows a decrease, including probationers, of 1,789.

Great Britain has now turned the three thousand mark in its number of Christian Endeavor Societies.

The Presbyterians of the world maintain one-fourth of the evangelical foreign missionaries of the world.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the Governor of Bengal, the ruler of seventy millions of people, is the son of a Scottish Free Kirk manse, and is a warm friend of missions.

During the past year seventeen hundred and seventy-five Sunday-schools have been started in India, and sixty-six thousand new scholars brought in.—*Regions Beyond.*

Madagascar has seventy-four Protestant missionaries and eighty Roman Catholic missionaries, but the adherents of the Protestant are nearly four times as many as those of the Romish church.

Indianapolis has asserted her right to a sacred Sabbath by prohibiting Sunday baseball. This one victory for righteousness should be an eloquent exhortation to other cities similarly afflicted.

Princeton College is gladdened with gifts in this her memorial year. A friend gives a new library to cost well on to half a million, while more than a million dollars is expected for the Endowment Fund.

An imperial edict has been issued at Peking authorizing the construction of a Peking-Hang-chau railway. When the railway enters China it will be a great helper of the Gospel in opening up that mighty empire.

In 1894 there were 1,977 missionaries in China, 369 of them men. The China Inland Mission have 593; the Presbyterians, 180; the Methodists, 140; the American Board, 117; the English Church Missionary Society, 110.

Rev W. Anderson, a missionary for 50 years in Jamaica and Old Calabar, after retiring in 1880, has returned to Africa to work and die there. He assigns to "temper, temperance, temperature and tea" his long good-health, despite the climate.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions had been for some time burdened with a heavy debt of \$115,000. A gentleman, a Presbyterian in Brooklyn, N. Y. last autumn offered \$25,000 on condition that the whole amount were paid off by the first of March. It was done.

The work of the Lord in China has not been hindered by the war of last year. The annual meeting of the Presbytery of Shantung was held lately, and it was found that 389 new converts had been added to the churches during the previous year, and that the whole number of members is now 4,461.

The financial statement of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland for 1895 shows an income from all sources of £108,889 19s. 3d., as compared with £90,037 17s. 10d. in 1894.

A lawyer in Chicago was defending a man for issuing a vile newspaper. He began the defence by challenging every juryman called who was a member of a Christian Church. He could not trust his client's case with a good man. This was complimentary to religion, but made his own bad work probably easier.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has received from Spain, through the State Department at Washington, the sum of \$17,500 as indemnity for the loss of property and other injury inflicted upon its work at Ponape, one of the Caroline Islands, by the Spanish authorities a few years ago.

The Sydney *Presbyterian* says that in consequence of the strong division of opinion in the Foreign Mission Committee of the Victorian Church, with regard to the new steamer and other matters, that it was with difficulty that a number of the members could be induced to accept appointment to that Committee at the last meeting of Assembly.

Rapidly the English have added to their territory in Africa, until now they have a stretch of country reaching the entire length of the continent, from Cape Colony to the Mediterranean. Their possessions in South Africa alone are in length 1,690 miles, these being in stretch from Cape Town to Fort Salisbury, in Mashonaland. Seven hundred and seventy-four miles of this are covered by a Railroad. This means justice and safety in that much of Africa.

It is an interesting result of the work of the Waldensian Church in Italy, that from Girgenti, one of the most bigoted and intolerant towns in Sicily, there has just gone the first evangelical missionary from Italy to China. Other Waldensian pastors have entered upon mission work, but they have gone from the native churches of the valleys of Piedmont. This is the first fruit of their work farther south. The Waldensian Theological School at Florence has 155 students, 106 of them coming from the Waldensian valleys, and from their number two missionaries have gone to the Zambesi and one to Lessouto.—*Independent.*

INDIA AS A MISSION FIELD.

"In regard to India," said Dr. Pentecost, "I esteem it the most hopeful and attractive field of work in the world, either at home or abroad. If I were twenty-five years younger, humanly speaking, nothing would prevent me from going at once to settle there for life. Even now I look forward to another evangelistic tour of that empire. The half has never been told of the success and progress of our missions there. In no other country in the world is Christianity making such rapid progress. There are far more conversions in India, in proportions to the number of missionaries preaching the Gospel, than there are at home.

My own judgment is that in another fifty years India will be nominally a Christian country—that is, Hinduism and Mohammedanism will exercise only a minimum of religious influence over the people, while Christianity will be recognized throughout the land by the great masses of the people as the true religion. Both Hinduism and Mohammedanism are waning crescents, far on in the fourth quarter. There will be no revival of either of these religions."