

When we think of the stations already opened, and the two theological seminaries at work; the force of missionaries on the field; the number of devoted preachers and other workers whom God has raised up; and last, but not least, the 25,000 members in our Telugu churches how can we refrain from: thanking God for the past and the present and trusting Him implicitly in the future! Let us unite in beseeching Him to save the Telugu people now, that a nation may be born in a day.

JOHN CRAIG.

A letter from a missionary in India has just reached Baltimore saying that Rev. W. B. Roggs of the American Baptist mission has baptized six hundred and sixteen persons since January 1st, making 944 in eighteen months.

The "Mission Fleet" now includes the "John Williams" in the South Seas; the "Eilangowan" and the "Mayri" at New Guinea; the "Good News" and the "Morning Star" of the London Society on Lake Tanganyika; the "Peace" of the Baptist Society on the Congo; the "Day Spring" of the Free Church at New Hebrides; the "Henry Wright" on the south coast of Africa; the "Illala" on Lake Nyassa; the "John Brown" of the Mendi Mission of the Moravians; the "Morning Star" of the American Board in the Pacific Seas; and the "David Williamson" at Old Calabar. This is not a complete list. There remains to be noted, for example, a little steamer provided by the late Mr. Thomas Coats, of Ferguslie, for the African Mission, founded by Alfred Saker.

M. Pointet, a French colporteur, has undertaken a bold work—to take his Bible carriage through intensely Catholic Brittany. Notwithstanding the threats of the priests and attempted boycotting of their underlings he has sold 410 New Testaments and 1,900 illustrated journals and 6,000 Gospels. Half of the New Testaments and Gospels were in Breton, the new translation of which is the work of the missionary, M. Lecoat. M. Pointet challenges the Salvation Army to undertake such work, and not go only to Protestant districts, and to those places where the pastors are more than usually active.

Sensible Nonsense and Useful Facts.

A Glasgow minister was called in to see a man who was very ill. After finishing his visit, as he was leaving the house, he said to the man's wife. "My good woman, do you not go to any church at all?" "Oh! yes, sir; we gang to the Barony Kirk." "Then why in the world did you send for me? Why didn't you send for Dr. Macleod?" "Na, na, sir; deed, na. We wad na risk him. Do you ken it's a dangerous case o' typhus?"

A would-be wit once said, speaking of the fair sex; "Ah! it's woman's mission to make fools of men." "And how vexed we are," said a bright-eyed feminine present, "to find that nature has so often forestalled us!"

Once seeing two women at "swords' points" and abusing each other from opposite houses, he said. "They will never agree. They are arguing from different premises."

The London *Graphic* says: "A countryman, named William Stickers, flying to London to escape from rural justice, was appalled at reading on a wall: 'Bill Stickers Beware!' He went a little further, but reading again 'Bill Stickers will be punished with the utmost rigor of law,' gave himself up for lost, and surrendered." *Sinners Beware!*

Try to emulate that old lady who had a good word for everybody. "I believe, Grandma, you could find something to say in praise of the Devil," remarked one of her sons. "Well," responded the old lady, adjusting her spectacles, "I think Satan deserves a great deal of credit for his perseverance."

Great Britain, including England proper, Scotland and Wales, contains 56,833,330 acres, embracing, of cultivated land, 34,014,000 acres, land uncultivated and capable of cultivation, 934,000 acres, and land incapable of any cultivation, 13, 885,330 acres.

Our readers will learn with sadness that the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon is once more laid aside from active work. His attack is attributed by his friends to his having again been preaching away from home. He seems able to do his work at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, but that fully measures his strength. On this account he has declined to preach at the Autumnal Session.

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A Palace-Prison. Fords, Howard & Hulbert, New York.—This is a book of facts stranger than fiction, showing the danger of overworking mentally until nervous prostration enfeebles and unbalances the brain power. It moreover gives a peep behind the scenes of asylum life, too horrible to believe, did not newspaper and other reports from time to time awaken the suspicion that people are sometimes counted mad who, like Paul of old, are not mad, save as a righteous cause provokes.

In several of the countries of England the gentry have moved successfully against the licensing of liquor booths at horse races, and the rumsellers have retaliated by killing off all the foxes, so that the sport of hunting is spoiled.

The story is told by the Rev. Dr. Prime that in Albany, the subject of signing petitions being under remark, a man bet that he could get the signatures of ten highly respected residents to a paper asking Gov. Dix to hang one of the leading clergymen. He won without difficulty, as not one of the signers insisted on reading the document.