

## Mission Work Throughout the World.

We begin,—to use the language of, "The Gospel in all Lands,"—"with the whole world open to the Gospel, with an army of nearly three thousand foreign missionaries encircling the globe, with one hundred and fifty million copies of the Holy Bible, proclaiming their message in two hundred and fifty tongues, and with a great multitude of nearly two million converts from heathenism as the first fruits of the fulness of the Gentiles. More than one thousand seraglios in India are open to the missionaries of our women's boards; imperial palaces in China are open to our medical missionaries, and imperial patronage is fostering our missionary hospitals; pagan religions are becoming effete, and even Mohammedanism is at last beginning to yield to the Gospel.

And yet all this is but an open door and a step on the threshold. Notwithstanding all this, there is but one missionary for every half million of the race; one half of China's mighty provinces, each an empire, are yet wholly unoccupied; the millions of Thibet, Tartary, Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Mongolia, Arabia, are wholly without missionaries; only fragments of the vast populations of Central Africa and South America, are yet reached. The Greek and Papal churches hold three hundred millions under an almost unbroken spell.

The first converts have only begun to come from the one hundred and eighty millions of Islam's deluded followers, while a hundred thousand Mohammedan converts are reported in China alone as the result of a recent aggressive movement. Figures wholly fail to picture the seven hundred millions, who still follow the dreams of Buddhism or the pollutions of Polytheism. Thirty millions of immortal souls shall pass into eternity in 1881 without the Gospel."

### Results of Employing Native Agency in Mission Work.

Mr. Taylor of the Micronesia South Sea Mission visited Apinama, one of the Gil-

bert Islands, where Moses, a native teacher, had been at work, and, in the *Missionary Herald*, he thus describes his visit:

"We came to anchor at the southern end of this island on the 13th, and I went ashore and was met by a long file of natives, all clothed, who each shook my hand. There must have been two hundred, for when I got on the beach the men brought me each a shell of native molasses, one hundred and fifteen shells in all, and there were about as many women as men. I commenced the examination of inquirers at once, and on Sunday morning, at halfpast ten, one hundred and seventy-seven had been examined. We then had a meeting. I married thirty-one couples, baptized seventy-one individuals, and administered the Lord's Supper. This took till nearly two. I found out afterwards that I was tired. Yesterday morning I went ashore for another service, in which I gave them some instruction. Eight more came forward at that service, and had their names enrolled as inquirers. Moses, the native teacher, has been a faithful worker, and it has been a great privilege to be permitted to gather in the first-fruits of his seven years' labor into a church."

### Protestant Missionary Societies in Africa.

Some idea of the extent of Mission work in Africa may be gained from the fact that no less than thirty-three distinct societies are there at work.

- 1 Society for Propagation of the Gospel.
- 2 Church Missionary Society.
- 3 Wesleyan Missionary Society.
- 4 United Methodist Free Churches.
- 5 Primitive Methodists.
- 6 London Missionary Society.
- 7 Jewish Mission.
- 8 Free Church of Scotland.
- 9 United Presbyterian.
- 10 Church of Scotland.
- 11 English Baptist Missionary Society.
- 12 Female Education in the East.
- 13 Rhenish Mission Society.
- 14 Paris Evangelical Missionary Society.