

20,000,000 publications were issued. The grants made during the year in aid of mission work amounted in the aggregate to £28,654. The society's exhibit at the World's Fair, which gained a bronze medal, was handed over to Mr. Moody for the library of the Chicago Bible Institute.

—The Christian Literature Society for India produced 1,133,115 copies of publications last year. These included educational works, books for women, students at colleges, and general literature. The school work in the villages of Bengal has been carried on with increasing interest and success. The number of scholars is upward of 8000. In the training institution at Ahmednagar 73 students were admitted during the year. All were professing Christians when they entered except 11, who were Hindus; of these, 4 became Christians before they left. All the outgoing students were at once employed by the missionaries.

—Though the Society of Friends is numerically quite an inconsiderable body, in recent years it has manifested a most praiseworthy activity in missionary work. Thus \$3,832 were expended last year in China and Madagascar, and 70 members represent the body in heathen lands.

—At the recent meeting of the Scotch United Presbyterian Synod the report on foreign missions contained much matter for congratulation, the leading features of the past year's work having been the large number of converts (1046) and the numerous offers for missionary service. There were altogether 838 educated agents, of whom 71 were ordained European missionaries. The field was in Jamaica, Trinidad, Old Calabar, Kaffraria, Rajputana, Manchuria, and Japan. The income of the ordinary fund was \$166,000, a decrease of \$11,000, but there was an increase of \$5,000 in the congregational contributions. In Manchuria, where the work is largely in the hands of natives, the results have been marvellous.

—"The total of the missionary revenue raised by the Free Church of Scotland was never so high" as for last year, reaching \$623,715. The staff in the foreign field numbers 115 men and 45 women, not including wives. Of these, 26 are medical missionaries. To the churches 1115 were received last year; 1008 children were baptized, and more than 3000 candidates for baptism are under instruction. In the schools sustained in India and Africa 26,717 are enrolled.

The Continent.—It is the fashion in France for the Government to parcel out the public funds for the support of public worship. From \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 are annually given the Catholics; the Protestants receive about \$350,000, the Jews about \$40,000, and the Mohammedans about \$50,000.

—Protestantism in Spain in the face of tremendous difficulties is forging its way slowly but steadily onward. In 1890 there were 120 chapels or other places of worship, nearly 100 pastors, one third of whom were native Spaniards, about as many native evangelists, and 40 colporteurs employed by the Bible and tract societies. The number of communicants was 3500, and of Sabbath-school children, 3250. The number of day schools under Protestant supervision was 112, with 6000 pupils. There were 3 orphanages, 2 hospitals, and 6 church papers. These figures represent the work of 6 or 7 denominations.

—Query: "Are we still dwelling in the gloom of the Dark Ages? Seldom has anything more touching been seen in these hurrying, money-making times than the departure of a hundred Russian Baptists, Stundists, from one of the Baltic ports for America. A *Daily Chronicle* telegram says: "As the ship steamed away from the quay they raised a well-known psalm tune, a great favorite among the Russian Baptists, and it is stated that the tones of the sacred melody were heard for a long time after the vessel had left the harbor, and