

who go about through the hills and mountains carrying the Gospel to those who cannot go to church to hear. Eighty-five Young Men's Christian Associations and 80 Young Women's Christian Associations have been started by the society, and a large number of young men are being trained as evangelists.

—The feeble Presbyterian churches in Spain were largely supported by a Mrs. Peddie, a Scotchwoman who has recently died. Speaking of what Protestantism owes to the discovery of the New World, somebody pertinently suggests: "Spain has been neglected by tourists and missionary societies. It will not do to forget the debt we owe to Columbus and the land which sent him forth. The daughter-land and Church should not decline to share her purer faith and higher prosperity with the foster-mother.

—Hall Caine, in the *Pall Mall Magazine*, says Russia's reasons for expelling the Jews are, first, religious; second, national; and thirdly, and almost exclusively, economic; for: 1. He is a voluntary alien—a Jew, not a Russian—separating himself by dress and custom from the people among whom he lives. 2. His personal character is revolting. He is dirty, heartless and impure. 3. His religious character is hypocritical. He uses his religion to hoodwink his God and to deceive his sovereign. 4. He is grossly ignorant and fanatical, and has resisted and misused all efforts to educate him. 5. He is a bad soldier. He flees from military service. He joins himself to the Nihilists and other enemies of the government. 6. Above all, he is an immoral trader, a cheat, a base usurer, a friend of the drink traffic, and he has one *morale* for his dealings with his Jewish brethren and another for his dealings with Christians.

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India.—Among both Hindus and Mohammedans agitation for "home rule" is steadily increasing, and in connection

with it is found nowadays the centre of disturbance and peril as touching British rule. For ten years a National Congress has met annually to discuss (for speech is free in the great peninsula) and to formulate demands. The cost of the standing army is much too great, the number of Indians in high civil offices is much too small, and provincial councils ought to be in which natives shall have greater prominence, etc. And all this desire and determination come as the fruit of the education in Western ideas bestowed by the British rulers.

—In Madras Presidency about 1000 separate works came forth from the press last year, in more than 20 languages. For the whole of India the number was 7125. Of these 1580 were upon religious themes, 989 related to language, 928 to poetry, 336 to science, 252 to medicine, 225 to law, 203 to philosophy, and 172 to history and biography. It should, however, be added that a vast majority of these publications consist of but a few pages, and are of trifling value, if not really worse than worthless.

—By the death of John Elphinston, of the Bombay Civil Service, for years Collector and magistrate of the Ahmadnagar district, and of Sir Henry Ramsay, during forty-four years Commissioner of Kumaon, in North India, we are reminded of how much Christianity owes to the lives and deeds of hundreds and thousands of the representatives of the paramount government. Both were devoted friends and most liberal supporters of missions, the latter in particular being the real founder of work in Ahnora, as well as for years by far the largest giver.

—Rev. C. S. Rivington tells how in a remote village of Bombay he found in a temple of Vishnu the tomb of a man who had died ten years previously, and on the tomb, *as an object of worship*, a large copy of the Bible in Canarese. A stranger theological medley could not well be conceived—a Christian tomb and a Bible enshrined in a Hindu temple,