

Mr. Spurgeon has issued his 1,000th sermon; his church has now a membership of 5,214.

The income of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the past year was \$1,191,000. The Bibles sent forth numbered 4,123,994 copies.

#### Europe.

**THE IMMORALITY OF THE SPANISH PRIESTHOOD.**—The London *Times* correspondent at Madrid says the tide of feeling against the priesthood in Spain still keeps rising, being powerfully aided by the acts of the priests themselves. It has long been felt by all true Roman Catholics in the country that the immorality, which has reached an almost incredible point in their religious teachers, must be swept away. The fear of damaging the Apostolic Church, has kept them silent. Recent events have broken this treacherous calm, and a storm that will shake the Church to its foundation appears imminent.

The expulsion of Jews from St. Petersburg, from places situated less than fifty versts distance from the frontier, and from villages, is still being carried on with the utmost severity. At the little town of Losonaja, near Odessa, the Jews were given till the 1st of April to quit; but from Tschernaja Ostrow (in the Government of Podolia), they were expelled even without notice. In St. Petersburg, the eviction of entire Jewish families is a matter of daily occurrence.

#### Asia.

The old car of Juggernaut, which for ages was annually dragged out for the adoration and destruction of fanatical devotees, many of whom threw themselves beneath its wheels, (which murderous superstition the English government now prohibits,) was recently brought forth for an airing. Enough men to move it were only procured with great difficulty, and they refused to bring it back. The Collector at Bengal had to employ a force to return it to its shed.

Seven years elapsed before Dr. Judson, the great missionary, ventured to address an audience in Burmese and baptized the first convert. To that church eighteen Burmans were added. Then came the war with the English, which cut down that church to four members. But a church is a stubborn fact, and that land is now dotted over with churches.

The report of Amoy Presbytery shows that there are now fifty-four congregations under its care. They have eight native ministers, seventy-three elders, seventy-six deacons, and 1,569 members. The money raised during the year by the native Church for the support of the ministry, for the Hakka mission, and for congregational objects, amounted to \$3,635, at the rate of nearly \$2 per member, where the daily wage of a skilled workman is 16 to 20 cents, unskilled labour receiving 10 to 16 cents.

In the Province of Shantung, China, the birthplace of Confucius, there were no Christians twenty-five years ago. Now there are 5,000 adherents to the different missions, more than half of them in the churches established by the American Presbyterians. There are thirty ordained and thirty-three female missionaries and 300 places of worship.

In China the converts of the English and American churches put together amount now to something like fifty thousand, as against half a dozen forty-five years ago; and in one mission alone—a mission of the Church of England—in the province of Fuh-kien, there are some two thousand baptized members. The mission was begun in 1850, and for the first ten years there was no result that could be seen, so that in 1861 the C. M. S. was on the verge of transferring the one missionary who remained there, after the death of three others, to another mission.

#### Africa.

It is fifty years ago that the two first missionaries landed in Zululand, South Africa. There are there now more than 5,000 converts in full communion, and a Christian population of 20,000.

In the island of Madagascar there are twelve hundred churches, eighty thousand communicants, and these churches are self-supporting, and more than that, they gave \$20,900 in one year for missions.

When the Queen of Madagascar shut up the saloons in her kingdom, and the ex-saloon keepers asked for compensation, she replied: "Compensate those you have wronged, and I will pay the balance."

The African king who caused the death of Bishop Hannington has burned a native convert alive. Other Christians are still in his power.