

of the scarceness of fur, is getting to be a hard place for the Indians to live. The Chief is coming to see the place this winter, and then it will be decided whether the whole band will come to Split Lake or no.

The earnest piety of the people speaks well for the good work the English Church is doing at York Factory. If they come under our roof I hope we shall be able to treat them with parental care and tenderness. But that means a school and a local preacher of good stamp and nothing else. I pray the Lord to open the way and help us do the work.

## Facts and Illustrations.

INDIA has now about 900 foreign missionaries at work.

THERE are eighteen religious newspapers published in Tokyo, Japan.

THE Moravians give, on an average, \$12 per head yearly to foreign missions.

PROBABLY one-third of the 20,000,000 souls estimated to inhabit the Congo basin are cannibals.

GREAT BRITAIN contributed over six and a half million dollars last year to the cause of missions.

IN the English mission to British Guiana there are 3,000 Christians among the Accowio tribe of Indians.

A VERY small man with a great Gospel can do vastly more than a great man with a small Gospel.—*Dr. A. J. Gordon.*

THERE are 10,000 licensed opium-shops in the British territories in India. The opium habit is increasing rapidly.

FORTUNE knocks at every man's door once, but she doesn't go hunting through the beer saloons for him if he happens to be out.

INDIA is ten times larger than Japan; China nearly three times as large as India, and Africa twice as large as India and China combined.

THERE are thirty-four societies at work in Africa. There are districts measuring thousands of miles without one missionary or missionary station.

THE latest journalistic novelty in India is a Hindoo monthly for ladies, entitled *Sugrihini*. It is published at Rutlam, and is edited by a native lady.

NATIVE Christians in Japan, most of them with average wages of less than twenty-five cents a day, contributed last year \$27,000 to mission work.

FIFTEEN hundred Jews are said to leave the synagogue every year—for Christianity, or infidelity. There are now 3,000 Christian Jews in Great Britain.

THE Rev. Dr. James Johnson says that the signs of the times denote that Israel will be largely reclaimed by the study of the Hebrew New Testament version.

THERE are thirteen branches of the Presbyterian Church laboring in India. A movement is on foot that has for its aim the union of these branches into one body.

THE China Inland Mission has established in China sixteen opium refuges, three hospitals and five dispensaries. Their churches number sixty-six and chapels 110.

PROFESSOR DRUMMOND has been making a tour of the New Hebrides. He compared the missionaries to coral zoophytes at work on the fringe of the reef, and his visit as a solitary canoe coming to them.

ON Good Friday, in Mexico, says the Rev. John Menaul, often a person is hung up on a cross and suffers cruel agony for hours at a time, in imitation of our Saviour's crucifixion. This is but a part of the torture inflicted by the "Penitentes."

IT is related of Napoleon that when Marshal Duroc, an avowed infidel, was once telling a very improbable story, giving his opinion that it was quite true, the Emperor quietly remarked, "There are some men who are capable of believing everything but the Bible."

Bishop Blythe, of Jerusalem, says there are now in Palestine double the number of Jews that returned from the Babylonish captivity, and that the "latter rains" which had been withheld since the time of the exile had been granted again during the last two years.

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