

## Facts and Illustrations.

KING MWANGA, of Uganda, has prohibited slavery in his dominions.

THE great Sahara Railroad scheme is laid over because of "insuperable difficulties."

THIRTY years since there was not one lady working in the zenanas of India, whereas there are now over 100 from Tinevelly in the south to Peshawur in the north.

EVANGELIST MORRISON says that Christians who burn up money, while millions of heathen are perishing without Christ, may have some smoking to do in the next world.

NEESIMA, the Japanese apostle of Christianity and of Christian education, commanded his associates about to enter upon a missionary campaign: "Advance upon your knees."

THE *Western Missionary* says there are from 6,000 to 8,000 Icelanders in Manitoba, of whom 2,000 are in Winnipeg. There is a Presbyterian missionary at work among these people.

THE first missionary to South Africa was George Schmidt, who was sent by the Moravians in 1737. He preached to the Hottentots, and at the close of five years had gathered a little church of forty-seven members.

DR. A. T. PIERSON, at the Volunteer Conference, said: "The Gospel needs a voice—a book will not do. Behind the Bible must be a deliverer; behind the Gospel a gospeller or herald. God wants witnesses who speak what they know. These the Church must supply."

FOR more than fifty years American missionaries have labored in Persia. The Presbyterians have strongly established themselves, their educational and medical work being particularly famous. During the past eighteen years the number of converts has increased from 700 to almost 2,300.

WE must learn to help as well as to lead if we would be used of God. Andrew Milne was refused as a missionary, and then offered to go as a servant. He blacked Robert Morrison's shoes, and did a servant's work for a time, but became at length one of the greatest missionaries of the world.

THE arrival recently at the Boston City Missionary Society of 1,000 copies of the Bible and 520 tracts in Chinese from the native Christians in Hong Kong, designed for their countrymen now in Boston, shows that the foreign lands are waking up to the needs of America and its alien populations.

A MORAVIAN missionary and his wife have been laboring thirty years at a station in the mountains of Thibet, with the nearest post office fourteen days distant, and reached only by crossing the high passes of the Himalayas and fording dangerous streams. They have not seen a European in ten years.

ON one occasion the Rev. Rowland Hill was endeavoring to convey to his hearers, by a variety of striking illustrations, some idea of his conceptions of the Divine love; but suddenly casting his eyes toward heaven, he exclaimed, "But I am unable to reach the lofty theme!—yet I do not think that the smallest fish that swims in the boundless ocean ever complains of the immeasurable vastness of the deep. So it is with me; I can plunge, with my puny capacity, into a subject, the immensity of which I shall never be able fully to comprehend!"

ROBERT MORRISON went to China in 1807, and died after twenty-seven years of labor, in 1834. At his death there were only four converts and four Protestant missionaries in the whole empire. Now we find Morrison's converts replaced by a host numbering 35,000 church members, who last year gave \$44,000 for the spread of the Gospel in their own land. "Behold these shall come from far; and lo, those from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim (or China). (Isa. xlix. 12.)

MANDOMBI, the native African who was afflicted with the mysterious "Sleeping sickness," and came to England to die that a post mortem examination might be made on his body, died recently in the London hospital, whither he had been removed. At the last, says *Regions Beyond*, he suffered much from spasms, but he was gentle and patient. The doctors seem to think the disease a parasitic one. So fatal has it been at Banza Manteka, Mandombi's native place, that about seventy members of the native church there had been carried away by it during the past two years.

THE Canadian Baptist brethren among the Telugus mean work. They lay upon the conscience of their home churches the immediate duty of sending out fifty-two men and lady missionaries as the work demands. They also ask if Canadian Baptists cannot raise \$2.50 a member, seeing that the so much poorer Moravians raise \$7 a member. Those provoking Moravians! It is plain that we shall either have to massacre them or imitate them.

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