

—*The Church of Scotland Mission Record* nobly says:

"But no one can pretend that our missionary collections are such as ought to satisfy us. Let us remember how large is our number of communicants—about 588,000. Our missionary contributions show but a very small sum as given per communicant. For the foreign mission, or mission to the heathen abroad, there was contributed last year by the church at home, through the assembly scheme, the ladies' association, legacies and special subscriptions, a total of £28,331—not quite one shilling from every communicant. And when we exclude the ladies' association, legacies and special subscriptions, it appears that the sum raised for this object by church collections in Scotland was £13,172—giving an average of only 5 1-4d from each communicant. We grant that many of our communicants are poor persons, but it will not be denied that the great majority are in circumstances to afford some help to any good cause which thoroughly interests them. If they give nothing, or very little, we must conclude either that they do not know that there is an object deserving and needing their aid, or that they feel no interest, or little interest, in it."

—Arch-deacon Farrar, of London, says: "It comes with shocking ill grace, and sounds like shameful hypocrisy, when those who give nothing and do nothing for missions, make the 'home heathen' a false excuse for doing nothing. They talk as if it were weakening the resources of England! and surely that is stupendous nonsense when we are not even spending as much on missions as on tobacco and Christmas cards."

—Canon Christopher, one of the notable men of Cambridge, England, proclaims his interest in missions by annually entertaining a great company of representative men to breakfast.

—On the plains and in the *selvas* of Brazil there are a million of wild Indians, ignored by the Christian world.

—During the past ten years over 11,000 converts have been gathered in the missionary fields of the Moravian Church.

—Sabbath observance is making great progress in Paris. A determined effort is made to close all places of business on Sunday.

—Ninety thousand copies of the illustrated Bible, issued in weekly parts, have been sold among the Roman Catholics in Italy.

—The last five years have seen greater developments in the opening and Christianizing of Africa than the ninety-five years preceding.

—The Gospel of Matthew has been translated into the Laos language by Mrs. McGilvary of the Presbyterian Board. The Acts of the Apostles is also nearly ready.

—The American Baptist Telugu Mission calls for a re-inforcement of twenty-five men in the next two years. Dr. J. E. Clough, of Ongole, has under his care more than 17,000 Christians.

—Rev. Dr. Boggs, of Ramapatam, says all India is in a state of ferment. The Hindus and Mohammedans actively oppose the advance of Christianity, and at the same time missionary work is pushed more vigorously than ever.

—The appropriations of the American Baptist Missionary Union for the year ending March 31, 1891, are \$503,159.53. The society calls for an immediate special contribution of \$50,000 to meet the deficiency caused by the passage of the silver bill.

—Four railroads are projected, or in process of construction, from the east coast of Africa toward the interior; one in the territory of British East Africa Company, one in German territory, one in the Portuguese possessions, and one passing through Portuguese territory to the domain of the British South African Company.