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MOTHER'S HEART.

The Rev. George Martin, of Upper Norwood, told a good story the other Sunday morning, to the following effect. A little boy, having heard of the love of the Lord Jesus, told his sister that he should like to make Jesus a present—something that Jesus really wanted. His sister said there was one thing Jesus did want above everything else. "He wants your heart," she said. Thinking seriously for a moment, as if the little fellow knew that to give Jesus his heart would make it needful for him to give up something he did not wish to part with, a bright thought at length struck him. Said he, "If mother will give Him her heart, I'll give Him mine." "Mother!" answered the girl, "Why mother gave her heart to Jesus long, long ago; every body knows that! Does any mother's eye rest on these lines? And can your elder children thus triumphantly speak of your love to the Saviour?"

The following is regarded as the nearest estimate that can be made of the number of Mohammedans in the world: Turkish Empire, 20,000,000; Persia and Caucasus, 12,000,000; India 41,000,000; East Indies, 23,000,000. China, 5,000,000; Egypt, 8,000,000; Morocco, 2,750,000; Algiers, 2,320,000; Tunis, 2,000,000; Tripoli, 750,000. Sahara, 4,000,000; Soudan, 33,000,000; Zanzibar, 380,000; Central Asia, 14,000,000; total, 173,800,000.

The truth of the doctrine of purgatory, as held by the Roman Catholics, is about to be tested in the courts. A man in Australia left \$7,000 to be used to deliver his soul from that alleged state of existence, and the executor declines to pay the money without legal proof that it has been really earned.

According to the *Missionary Review*'s tables the Foreign Missionary Societies of the world show a gain of 393,000 communicants in the past year. They spent a little less than eight and a half millions of dollars.