

tion of physicians, as well as the founding and support of medical missions, whether independent or otherwise. The income last year was \$11,530. In the entire foreign field are found 139 medical missionaries holding British diplomas—an increase of 14 in a year. China alone is blessed with 104 devoted men and women, who, like their Master before them, give themselves to healing the sick.

—Although Bavaria has a population of only about 5,000,000, it has no fewer than 17,992 endowments of various kinds, the sums amounting to 421,996,035 marks. Of these 202,878,887 marks are for charitable institutions and purposes, 159,757,226 for religious purposes, about 60,000,000 for educational purposes. Of the sum total devoted to religious purposes, 140,036,054 are for the Catholic Church, and 18,242,767 for the Protestant. The former has 8474 endowments, the latter 1174. This is about in proportion to the population.

—The Christian Mission Church in Belgium, organized 53 years ago, now numbers about 8000 souls. The increase in the last three years has been only a little over 500; but the only surprise is that there has been any gain at all in this land, where both Roman Catholicism and Materialism are equally ready to crush the Gospel. The number of Protestant churches is 93, served by 21 pastors and evangelists, aided by 9 Bible readers. The Evangelical Society controls the Protestant work, and has founded the Evangelical Sunday-schools, of which there are 52. The last report of the society shows that the income in the last year was 151,278 francs. A large proportion of this is given by the friends of the cause in England and elsewhere.

—Says *The Mission Field*: "In India a single church, whose members have a total income of \$1800, gives annually \$100 of that sum for religious objects, a quarter of which is set apart for the support of a native missionary in another district."

—In the year 1855 there were in British India 430 schools, both government and missionary, having 30,000 pupils, chiefly boys. By the recent census it appears that there are 130,000 schools of all grades, and over 4,000,000 pupils, a goodly percentage of these pupils being girls. Marvellous as this growth is, we have only to remember the enormous population of India to see that there is a vast work yet to be done; for though there are 4,000,000 pupils in the schools, this is but one and one fourth per cent of the population.

—The English Baptist Society is soon to have a new steamer upon the Upper Congo. The *Peace* has been in use since 1882, and has rendered invaluable service, but is not large enough nor swift enough for present purposes. The new vessel, the *Goodwill*, is to be 84 feet long and 13 feet beam. Every particle of the vessel, hull, boiler, engines, and all, will have to be carried on men's shoulders some 230 miles over a very hilly road. The work of this society extends more than 900 miles from the base, at Leopoldville. As yet more than 1000 miles of the waterways of the Congo Valley have never been visited by a missionary, and 2000 miles have been traversed very hurriedly, so that there is a great work for these missionary vessels to do.

—Harput, in Eastern Turkey, according to the thought of not a few, stands at least upon the outskirts of ancient Eden. The field, of which this city is the mission centre, contains 59 stations under the care of the American Board, with 25 churches and 1717 members, including 159 added last year, 10,330 adherents, 7000 hearing regularly the word, and 5000 following the International course of Sunday-school lessons. The various congregations contributed \$7200 last year, leaving only \$3300 for the Board to raise outside of the salaries of the American missionaries, and the parents paid besides \$3550 for the board and tuition of their children in the schools.