

pel, as for leaving cities of that size and double that size utterly neglected within twenty-four hours of Shanghai."

—The Rev. J. A. MacDonald, a Wesleyan missionary in Bengal, says that in India idolatrous practices are coming into disrepute. He thinks that the reign of false gods is drawing to a close.

—The Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church has sent out an earnest appeal for special contributions to meet the needs of the work. It makes these suggestions: "One cent a day from every member of the Reformed Church in this country, 90,878, would give \$331,707 a year for this blessed service. Five cents a week (a single carfare) saved and given to it would yield \$236,283.

—An ignorant Hindu woman became a Christian. Her husband told Dr. Murray Mitchell that his wife was always singing. Dr. Mitchell asked the man to write down some of the words she sang and bring them to him. He did so, and the following is the translation:

"To my poor house there came a lofty stranger—
Oh, it was Jesus, the darling of heaven.
I ran to bid Him welcome.

"With gods of stone what have I now to do?
I clasp my Saviour's feet;
My whole soul clings to Jesus.

"Since to my breast I clasped those blessed feet,
Rich, rich am I, O Jesus!
And Thou wilt never leave."

—Sometimes converts in heathen countries may teach us older Christians lessons in systematic beneficence. It is said that the Christians in Ceylon have four methods of giving for the support of the Gospel. First, the tithes of their earnings. Second, the offering of trees—the setting apart by each family of a coconut tree, the produce of which they sacredly devote to benevolent purposes. Third, the offering of labor—devoting a certain amount of time to work in the interest of the church. Fourth, they reserve a handful of rice from every day's meal.

—"If I were black and young," says

Miss Frances E. Willard, "no steamer could revolve its wheels fast enough to convey me to the Dark Continent. I should go where my color was the correct thing, and leave these pale faces to work out their own destiny."

—Along the West Africa coast thirty-five languages, or dialects, have been mastered, and portions of the Scripture and various religious and educational books and tracts have been translated and printed, reaching thus about eight million people.

—This is woman's age. Even in slow-moving China, women are coming to the front. The *Amboy Monthly Church Magazine* contains a prize essay by a young woman on "How Shall Christian Women Lead their Heathen Sisters to Worship God."

—The Moravians, at the close of a century of missionary work, show a remarkable record. The total number of their members at home is but one-third of these in the mission fields. One in every sixty-five of their adult members has gone to labor as a missionary.

—Reginald Radcliffe says that the sooner we understand that the New Testament does not ask nor expect the evangelization of the world to be done by ministers, any more than a general expects the fighting to be done by himself and his officers, but in far greater part by the rank and file, the sooner will the day of missionary advance begin. The apostles did not send to Jerusalem for foreign pastors, but out of the converts in each town found native overseers which they placed over the flock.

—The Young Men's Christian Associations are spreading all over the world. There are now above four thousand associations. Of these there are, in India and Ceylon, 21; in Turkey, 12; in Syria, 6; in Africa, 12; in China, 5; in Persia, 7; in Japan, 200. There will be openings in all parts of the world for young men who are fitted to be secretaries and evangelists in connection with these associations.