

—The Primitive Methodist Church of England, organized in 1812, has 1049 travelling preachers, 16,317 local preachers, and 193,658 members. It has in Africa 7 European missionaries, 44 white and 486 colored members.

—The British and Foreign Sailors' Society raised over £21,000 (including the sums raised for local purposes), and the Missions to Seamen's Society, English Established Church, raised £28,000 during the last fiscal year.

—The Bible Christians of England have 271 ministers, assisted by 1899 local preachers, and about 30,000 members. They have 8 missionaries in China.

—A new missionary society has been formed in England called the "Evangelization Society for South America," taking as its doctrinal basis the Evangelical Alliance. It is undenominational in its character, and will seek to co-operate as far as possible with other societies in the South American field. The occasion for its formation was the giving of a large sum of money to the missionary bureau in connection with the Y. M. C. A. of London, for the purpose of evangelizing the Indian tribes of Brazil, Peru and Bolivia.

—Mr. Stanley declares of Alexander Mackay that he was "the best missionary since Livingstone," and of his character, "He had no time to fret and groan and weep; and God knows if ever a man had reason to think of 'graves and worms and oblivion,' and to be doleful and lonely and sad, Mackay had, when, after murdering his bishop (Hannington) and burning his pupils and strangling his converts and clubbing to death his dark friends, Mwanga turned his eye of death on him."

The Continent—The climate is of the Arctic order in Austria, and the soil is sterile. But the toilers of the American Board in that country are permitted to taste in some measure the joys of the harvest. For, during the first eight

months of 1892 they were able to report 50 Romanists received into 4 of the churches.

—Dr. Hardeland, for 30 years Director of the Leipsic Society, retiring from that position, states that when he began, in 1860, the number of Tamil converts connected with the society was 4600, and now it is over 14,000. Then there were 9 missionaries, and now there are 26. The pupils in the schools were 1000, and now there are 4700.

—The Lutheran Church is being persecuted in the Baltic provinces of Russia. Of 140 pastors in one province, over 90 have been arrested on various pretexts, the chief one being that they have supplied their people with Bibles, and so have been engaged in the book trade. Another pretext is that they have kept their records in German and not in Russian. It is plain that the government intends to stamp out every system of religion but that of the Greek Church.

—The Waldensian Church in Italy has 137 workers, of whom 44 are pastors, having the oversight of as many churches, and 54 stations where the work of evangelization is carried on. Religious services are held in 200 places, and it has been ascertained that the Gospel has been preached in the past year to more than 50,000 persons to whom it was not preached, at least by Waldensian workers.

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—According to Dr. H. H. Jessup, of Beirut, the Oriental churches contain, not including any in Greece or Russia: Greeks, 1,000,000; Maronites, 230,000; Nestorian Catholics, 20,000; Greek Catholics, 50,000; Jacobite Syrians, 30,000; other papal sects, 300,000; Nestorians, 140,000; Nestorians in India, 116,000; Armenians, 3,000,000; Copts, 200,000; Abyssinians, 1,500,000; total, 9,586,000. Thus we have about 10,000,000 of nominal Christians scattered throughout the great centres and