

portant one, and the judgment rendered makes the work of evangelizing the youth of India much easier and less dangerous.

—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Singapore has organized a mission for the benefit of European sailors that visit that port.

Ireland.—The Irish Church Mission Society seeks to give a pure gospel to the Irish Roman Catholics. A good work has been done through this instrumentality. Fresh impetus has been given to it by the munificent bequest of \$150,000 by Mrs. Susan Hopper.

Korea.—A missionary, Mr. Appenzeller, in the *Independent*, says, that when mission work began in Korea, the missionaries presented a Bible to the king. The prime minister took the Bible to the palace, showed it to the king, and then, with the king's approval, tore it in pieces. Years afterwards, a Kentucky man presented the Korean minister at Washington with a bottle of the best Bourbon whiskey for the king. This was accepted. Then the Christians of Kentucky resolved to show the king, at as early a period as possible, that the country produced something better than whiskey. Recently they sent, through the Korean minister, three Bibles, one for the king, one for the prime minister, and one for the foreign secretary. The present has been accepted.

—Roman Catholic missionaries have been in Korea 200 years, yet have never issued the Bible in the native language. They have translated the New Testament but have not put it into print, and the only copies, made by hand, cost from \$10 to \$20 each.

—**Sad News.**—Dr. John W. Heron, Medical Missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Seoul, is dead. He died of dysentery. The loss is great, for he was Superintendent of the Royal Hospital in the capital, and had won the confidence of the King. His influence in the foreign community and in Seoul was also very great.

—**Moravian Missions.**—The latest statistics of our missions show an increase over last year of 620 communicants and of 1457 in the total membership of our congregations in the foreign fields. The number under the direct care of our missionaries now amounts to 87,263, and of these 30,591 are enjoying the full privileges of communicant membership. These are solid figures, and we thank God for the unmistakable token of His blessing on our work in Asia, Africa, America and Australia.—*Periodical Accounts.*

Thibet.—Mr. W. Woodville Rockhill, formerly of the American Diplomatic Service, has recently returned from a long and perilous journey through Thibet, the unknown heart of Asia. For 700 hundred miles he passed through a country where no white man had ever set foot, journeying, of course, in disguise. It is only within the last few

years that the Chinese have been able to plant themselves in the country he traveled through, so hostile have the natives always shown themselves. It is said that in Thibet nearly every crime is punished by the imposition of a fine, and that murder is by no means an expensive luxury. This, of course, greatly increases the danger of travel in that remarkable land.

United States.—The Presbyterian Woman's Mission Society received for last year \$337,842. The society was able to support the following missions: Indians:—33 schools, 164 teachers, 2,264 pupils. Mormons:—37 schools, 99 teachers, 2,374 pupils. Mexicans:—32 schools, 67 teachers, 1,627 pupils. South:—16 schools, 48 teachers, 1,213 pupils. Total, 118 schools, 361 teachers, 7,478 pupils.—*Mid-Continent.*

—The Universalists, after an existence of more than a hundred years, send out their first missionary.

—The Annual Report of the International Medical Missionary Society, shows that 7,356 new cases of disease and injury were treated during the past Society's year; 14,717 attendances were given at the dispensaries, of which there are 7 in New York and 2 in Brooklyn; 1,641 visits were paid to the sick in their own homes. During the eight and a half years of the Society's existence, over 32,000 cases were treated, about 70,000 attendances were given at dispensaries, and over 14,000 visits were made to sick at their homes. This Society co-operates with all existing Christian agencies, as far as possible, and establishes medical missions at Gospel missions, or mission churches, wherever practicable. The president is Boudinot C. Atterbury, M. D.; the treasurer, Cleveland H. Dodge, Esq., No. 11 Cliff Street; and the medical director, George D. Dowkount, M. D., 118 East 45th Street, New York City. The Society deserves the liberal support of Christian people.

—The receipts of the American Board for the year ending September 1st are \$617,723. This amount is \$69,025 in excess of last year. Of this increase \$22,876 is from donations, the balance is from legacies. During the year 64 new missionaries have been appointed, 22 of whom are men; 54 of these new recruits have already been sent to the field. This number is in excess of any year since 1837.—*The Advance.*

—Secretary Ellinwood of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions writes, that the new value put upon silver has so affected exchange in all the foreign countries where silver is the chief medium, that the purchasing power of the Board's appropriations is diminished from 15 to 20 per cent., and the rate of exchange is constantly fluctuating. A heavy, needless tax is thus laid upon the missionary cause for the benefit of a few silver kings.