

## Facts and Illustrations.

AFTER fifteen years' labor the printing of the Malagase Bible is complete.

ONE thousand five hundred Jews throughout the world are said to leave Judaism for Christianity every year.

THE Christians on the Sandwich Islands have sent out since 1852 seventy-five missionaries to other islands in the Pacific.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society issued 4,206,032 Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions last year, which is a larger number than ever before.

THE curio dealers of Kioto, Japan, have decided to open a show-room near the Kitano Temple, where no article will be admitted that is less than 1,000 years old.

TWENTY years ago evangelical Christianity was not allowed to enter Spain. The whole number of Protestants now in Spain is estimated at from 26,000 to 30,000.

MEXICO is called a Christian country, yet Bishop Hurst, of the M. E. Church, says that in Mexico 8,000,000 Mexicans have never seen a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

A PROTESTANT movement, which appears to be meeting with great encouragement, is in progress in Cuba. It was begun by Alberto J. Diaz after his conversion to Christianity through reading the bible.

NEXT September the Waldensians celebrate "The Glorious Return" to their valleys two hundred years ago; and the King of Italy, whose ancestors drove them out, assists on this occasion by a gift of £200.

THE English Presbyterian Church at Formosa was opened in 1865. It now reports 5,000 native members. In the north of the island the Canadian Presbyterian Church has a mission fifteen years old, with 3,000 converts.

TOO TRUE.—A little girl, who, with a playmate, had been through the town collecting money for missions, reported as follows: "Some were very pleasant to us; some treated us badly, and some gave us money just to get rid of us."

"IN the eyes of the natives of the New Hebrides," writes Dr. Gunn, "no white man is great unless he is a missionary." When the same missionary was telling the Futunese about Mr. Keith Falconer's work in Arabia, they became so interested that they brought coconuts, pineapples, etc., to help his Mission.

AS LATE as 1882, mission work was not only forbidden, but prohibited in Korea. A medical missionary, Dr. Allen, was used in 1884 in unlocking the door for the entrance of the Gospel, and shortly after the Government provided him with a hospital wherein to heal the sick and preach the Gospel. Now the Queen of Korea employs as her private attendant a Christian lady physician at a salary of \$1,800 a year. Korea has but one missionary to every 3,000,000 of her benighted and neglected souls.

So LONG ago as July, 1883, a Home Missionary Society was formed among the boys and girls of the Protestant Schools in Seville, "for promoting the knowledge of Christ among uncared-for children." They work by reading the Bible in houses, distributing tracts, and inducing children to come to Sunday-school, and their prayer and evangelistic meetings. At present the members all belong to the working classes, but meet their expenses by collections among themselves every Sunday.

"GREAT BRITAIN has about 45,000 ministers of religion. Over 200,000 places where liquor is sold. Pays about \$10,000,000 for Gospel and all charitable purposes, spends every year \$700,000,000 in strong drink. Could do the following with her liquor bill: support 300,000 ministers of the Gospel at \$1,000 salary each. Build 5,000 churches at \$10,000 each. Support 500,000 school-teachers at \$500 salary each. Build 10,000 school-houses at \$2,000 each. Buy 200,000,000 copies of Bibles at 25 cents each. Buy 500,000,000 tracts at \$1.00 per hundred. Give 100,000 widows each \$100 a year and 200,000 poor families \$50 each annually. Liquor Traffic costs the Dominion of Canada between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000 annually."

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