

family, appears to have very narrowly escaped a similar fate in November, leaving the mission premises only a few hours before they were attacked and destroyed by an anti-European mob. It is a feature common to all the outbursts, that they were prompted by anti-foreign rather than anti-Christian feeling.—*Intelligencer*.

—Next to that of women's work, no department of the missionary service has witnessed so marked a development in recent years as medical missions. The first qualified medical man sent out as such by the society was Dr. Elmslie, who sailed for the Punjab to open the medical mission in Kashmir in 1864. Since that year 45 have gone out under the Church Missionary Society, and 29 European medical missionaries (besides 3 qualified native doctors) are now on the active list. During the 12 years from 1864 to 1875, 5 were sent out; during the 10 years from 1876 to 1885 the number was 15; and during the last 10 years it was 25.—*Idem*.

—The Free Church of Scotland has sent forth 28 medical missionaries, of whom 5 are women, and supports 2 native missionaries, at Madras and Tana, making 30 medical missionaries in all. Besides these, at Blythswood and other stations, chiefly in Africa, simple medical cases are attended to by the missionaries and their wives. About 120,000 cases, surgical and medical, were treated by 17 of the missionaries who have reported, besides the large number of women dealt with by the physicians and surgeons of their own sex at Madras and Nagpoor, and the many relieved unprofessionally. At least 150,000 men, women, and children, sufferers, of all Asiatic and African races and creeds, annually receive healing and sympathy, and have the love of Jesus Christ preached and read to them in our Church's dispensaries and hospitals, in zenanas, and in the tented camp.—*Free Church Monthly*.

—Verily, "the sun do move," even

in the vicinity of the Vatican. "As late as 1861, when Minister Marsh entered the papal dominions, his Bible was taken from him by papal officials. And now the walls of Rome contain 11 Protestant churches."—*Josiah Strong*.

—The Florence correspondent of *Evangelical Christendom* affirms that there is no book so widely spread in Italy at the present moment as the Bible; that of all books, none finds so many buyers. This is owing to the persevering and successful work pursued in this country, for now nearly 40 years, by the British and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland. These societies have now spread throughout the length and breadth of the land about 3,000,000 copies of the Word of God, in whole or in part. The figures of last year's circulation are: Bibles, 7662; Testaments, 16,926; portions, 165,085; total, 189,633. The total for 1893 was 169,937 copies; the increase, therefore, is about 20,000 copies.

—In Rome the Catholic Professor and Doctor of Theology, Filippo De Lorenzi, has become a Protestant. He has addressed a letter to the committee of the Free Church, in which he has given the reasons for this step. After stating that he was born in 1863, and had been a priest and a professor of dogmatics in various colleges in Rome, among them also that of the Propaganda, he applies for admission to the Free Church. He acknowledges that for years his heart has been filled with unrest, and states that he has found peace in the Evangelical Church, "whose faith is based solely and alone upon the Word of God, and which lives in accordance with this Word."

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Islam.—Sublime Porte means literally lofty gate, referring to the gate of the palace at which justice was administered, and so easily came to designate the chief office of the Ottoman Government.