

Surely the "day of small things" so far as growth in Methodist Mission work is concerned, has passed. Bishop Thoburn of India says he remembers when Methodists in India numbered only 13. Now they number 262,836 and have an average increase of 12,500. If such things can happen within the span of one life, there is no room for discouragement.

All the tendency, in Italy, away from Romanism, is not toward Protestantism, unfortunately. All the missions working there say that there is growing up a Catholic Church that is not papal. These new propagandists want a church that is not American, but Italian, not liberal in doctrine nor shorn of ritual, but devoid of the hierarchy, the Vatican and the Pope. The leaders are the younger members of the old families of the better class.

Bohemian Protestants number as yet, it is said, only 2½ per cent. of the population, and yet the outlook is said to be most hopeful, both there and in Moravia. The first Protestant Church was started 28 years ago, and now there are 93 churches and 92 out-stations, with members who are thoroughly in earnest about religion and willing to do and to give away beyond the point of sacrifice. In 1915 the five hundredth anniversary of the burning of John Huss is to be fittingly commemorated by the erection of a Huss house in Prague to serve as a centre for Protestant interests in Bohemia and Moravia.

Some years ago, Miss Caddy, who is now Mrs. Charles M. Alexander, started in Birmingham "The Pocket Testament League," the members of which pledge themselves to carry a Testament and read a chapter or more daily. The movement has grown rapidly in Canada, Australia, the United States, China, Japan and Korea, so that there are now about a quarter of a million members. Just lately Scotland has become an enthusiastic supporter, and in one week alone 30,000 membership cards have been sent out from Glasgow alone. There is an overwhelming majority of us who find we leave

undone almost everything we are not obliged to do, or have not promised to do. For those who must put themselves in that class, some such aid as joining a "league" of this kind is the only way we can be sure of a daily perusal of the Scriptures. It can surely result in only good.

Abyssinia is one small part of Africa which up to the present, has not been known as Mahomedan. The Coptic Church, which is one of the most ancient Christian bodies, was the recognized authority. The following paragraph is discouraging, but is another call to aggressive and determined effort to save Africa from the blight of Islam:—

"Mr. Karl Cederquist, a Scandinavian missionary writing in the "Moslem World," declares that Islam is advancing in the Abyssinian Empire. In some parts the population is exclusively Moslem, and in other parts people that are heathen at heart dress like Mohammedans in order to escape Moslem raids. The native church—so-called "Christian"—is sunk in a dead formalism." Mr. Cederquist concludes: "In the spring of 1911 an Abyssinian priest was imprisoned because he refused to worship a picture of the Virgin Mary. He is still under guard. On September 10th, 1911, the Coptic bishop and four other officials imprisoned a whole Sunday School class, which was held in the British and Foreign Bible Society's premises, putting every one in irons, children of seven and nine years not excepted. If the Abyssinian Church is not awakened, and if liberty is not given to the Word of God, the doom of Abyssinia is sealed, and the whole country will fall to Islam."—London Christian.

So far the Italian occupation of Tripoli has been only favorable to Protestant missionaries. The authorities have received them kindly and have allowed the re-opening of medical missionary work.

There was held last January in Rajahmundry, India, an All-India Lutheran Conference, for purposes of counsel and encouragement. The Lutheran churches have no less than twelve missions scattered over India, and at the