

“THE DEVIL’S MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.”

ALL the vessels bound for West and South Africa coming from Europe and America, stop at Madeira. In *one week* the enormous amount of liquors, detailed in the following list, passed through:

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| 960,000 cases of gin..... | £240,000 |
| 24,000 butts of rum..... | 240,000 |
| 30,000 cases of brandy..... | 90,000 |
| 28,000 “ Irish whiskey..... | 56,000 |
| 800,000 demijohns of rum..... | 240,000 |
| 36,000 barrels of rum..... | 72,000 |
| 30,000 cases of Old Tom..... | 60,000 |
| 15,000 barrels of absinthe..... | 45,000 |
| 40,000 cases of vermouth..... | 3,000 |
| | £1,046,000 |

“The tropics are being set afire,” says Joseph Cook. Only the negro race can exist in the regions where no snow falls. The white man fades out. “Where the snow falls there is freedom.” The white man rules where the white flake falls; therefore, if the flame of alcohol burns out the hope of the future of the darker races, the hope of the vast regions of the central zone of our planet will perish in that lurid flame.

PRINCIPAL GRANT of Queen’s University, Kingston says, that he met men in Japan, who had lived in Yokohama for ten or twelve years, who had gone into society “and discussed everything—as they supposed—at the club, yet who did not know that within gunshot of their office was a crowded, self-supporting congregation of native Christians, ministered to by an eloquent Japanese. They had never visited a missionary institution. They had a hazy idea that Roman Catholic priests were devoted men, and that they could show results; but they would assure you in a loud and lofty or an absurdly confidential tone, that Protestant missions were a failure.”

E. PAYSON PORTER’S table of statistics for Sunday-schools in the United States shows that there are in all 101,824 Sunday-schools, with 8,345,431 scholars, and 1,100,104 teachers, making a total of 9,445,565 in the Sunday-schools of the country. Pennsylvania continues to be the banner State in the number of schools—8,729—though New York has more scholars. Pennsylvania has 864,599; New York, 979,415. Among the States Louisiana seems to stand at the foot. It has only 522 schools and 32,617 scholars. The little State of Rhode Island exceeds it in scholars by about 11,000. Of the cities, Philadelphia is in the lead, with 616 schools and 178,865 scholars. New York comes next, with 600 schools and 172,000 scholars. Brooklyn, the city of churches, has 263 schools and 97,033 scholars, easily holding the third place.

DURING the last century of their history, the Moravians have sent out 25,000 missionaries and expended \$300,000 annually for missions. In addition they have kept nine missionary vessels busy in the interest of missions. When the other branches of Protestant Christianity shall measure up to the standard of zeal and liberality that has been maintained by this devoted band, the knowledge of the Lord will soon cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

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“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. . . . Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.”—JOHN xv. 8, 16.

THE lesson of the season—*seed sowing*. All over our country, the “sower goes forth to sow” that of which he hopes to reap abundantly under the smiling August sun. Into the dull, brown earth drops the seed out of sight, to decay and apparent death, only to arise, however, to a glorious and beautiful service. Be ours the precious lesson! Let us scatter broadcast the seeds of Gospel light, and love, and knowledge, of Christian principles and practice, for though we may not see it, the living germ is in them, and they shall bring forth fruit to His honor.

“I know my hand may never reap its sowing;
And yet some other may;
And I may never see it growing,
So short my little day!
Still must I sow, although I go forth weeping,
I cannot, dare not stay.
God grant a harvest! though I may be sleeping
Under the shadows gray.”

THE Y. M. C. A. appears to be flourishing in Japan. In February a convention was held, when delegates from twelve Associations represented eight hundred members, and decided to organize “The United Y. M. C. A. of Western Japan.” They will work especially for the abolition of licensed prostitution—the moral question now being agitated all over that country.

THE following incident from *Our Mission* is full of interest: “At Peking there is a pious lady, the wife of a foreign merchant, who spends her time doing good. One day, going to visit a lady of high rank, she carried