

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Emperor William has a chapter from the Bible read to him every day immediately after dinner.

IF London did not have its four hundred city missionaries," said the late Earl of Shaftesbury, "it would require forty thousand more police."

THE Gospel of Matthew has just been translated and published in the heretofore unwritten Beluchi language of the people living on the south of Afghanistan.

THE Queen of Madagascar, in a proclamation forbidding her subjects to drink rum, says, "I cannot take a revenue from any thing that will debase and degrade my subjects."

THE population of Philadelphia increases about seventeen thousand annually, and the Baptist city mission proposes to establish and comfortably house one new mission each year.

THE Moravians, who are one of the smallest religious denominations, maintain 323 missionaries in various parts of the earth and 1,565 native assistants, and now have about 81,000 adherents in mission fields.

AMONG the 155,000 young men in the various institutions of learning in America 210 Young Men's Christian Associations have been formed, with 10,000 members. Over 1,700 students professed conversion last year.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society circulated last year, in France, 176,850 copies of the Bible, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures. Fifty-five active men are now distributed throughout the country, constantly on the move, selling the Scriptures.

NOTABLE FACTS.—It is supposed that, with our grand appliances of quartette choirs and big organs and great sermons, we can do much more in Christendom than the missionaries can in heathendom with the almost total lack of these things. The contrary is true as shown by the following startling facts:—
First notable fact: While there were last year about seven converts to each preacher in the United States, there were seventy to each of the missionaries in Asia.
Second notable fact: According to the last number of 'The Missionary Review,' it appears that during the last year 155,553 members were added to churches on missionary ground, which is only 28,404 less than accessions to the churches in all Christendom, with their manifold advantages."

Bible Curiosities.

THE learned Prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the crown for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the Palace of Skulls, Madrid. After thirty-three years in this living tomb, death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches taken from the Bible and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years:

In the Bible the word Lord is found 1,853 times; the word Jehovah, 6,855 times, and the word Reverend but once, and that in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The 8th verse of the 118th Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible. The 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther is the longest verse. The 35th verse, 11th chapter of St. John is the shortest. In 107th Psalm four verses are alike, the 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike. No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 2 Kings are alike. The word Girl occurs but once in the Bible, and that in the 3rd verse and 3rd chapter of Joel. There are found in both books of the Bible, 3,586,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter to read. The most beautiful chapter in the Bible is the 23rd Psalm, the four most inspiring promises are John, 14th chapter, 2nd verse; John, 6th chapter and 37th verse; St. Matthew, 11th chapter and 28th verse; and 37th Psalm, 4th verse. The 1st verse of the 60th chapter of Isaiah is the one for the new convert. All who flatter themselves with vain boastings of their perfection should learn the 6th chapter of Matthew. All humanity should learn the 15th chapter of St. Luke from the 26th verse to its ending.

Press On.

ABATTLE was raging, and a messenger came up to his general, "General, we have taken a standard of the enemy!"

The General kept on talking with another officer as though he did not hear it, and the messenger said again, "General, we have taken a standard of the enemy!"

The General did not seem to pay any attention to it until the third time the messenger cried out, "General, we have taken a standard of the enemy!" The General looked back and said—"Then take another."

"Forgetting those things that are behind, let us press forward to those things that are before" (Phil. 3:13.)

ZENANA MISSIONARIES.—There are only four lady missionaries to every million of women in India.