

the railroad, the steamship, the telegraph, and the Postal Union which do so much to facilitate the progress of the kingdom.

—Whoso would appreciate South America as a field for missions must needs peruse a masterly article by Rev. T. B. Wood, presiding elder of Peru, prepared for the World's Congress, and published in *Gospel in all Lands* for February. It is both statesmanlike in grasp and apostolic in fervor.

—Rev. A. P. Happee figures it out conclusively that the number of Buddhists is often rated most absurdly and preposterously high. Instead of 500,000,000, he can discover but 86,500,000 all told, and of these he locates 30,000,000 in China, 20,000,000 in Japan, 10,000,000 each in Manchuria and Siam, etc. Professor Monier Williams would put the maximum at 100,000,000.

—The Oberlin Missionary Home (Judson Cottage), with Mrs. S. C. Little in charge, occupying a temporary building, is filled to overflowing and more, by 10 children, ranging in age from 6 years to 20, from 8 families, and representing fields as far apart as India, Micronesia, China, Mexico, and South Africa. Only some \$4000 is in hand for a structure sufficiently large for permanent use. A gift of \$1000 has recently come from the children of missionaries once resident in the Hawaiian Islands. The need of enlargement is pressing, and donations are solicited for rearing the walls, furnishing rooms, etc. Here is a noble opportunity for Sunday-schools and societies of Christian Endeavor.

—“Missionary homes” of another sort are becoming quite common for the use of the societies. Not long since the Methodists were provided with one by the great Book Concern, the Episcopalians have recently erected the Church Missions House, and in due season the Presbyterians will be housed in similar roomy quarters of their own.

WOMAN'S WORK.

—What is the good of separating woman's work from the general giving of the churches? Is it not a case of simply robbing Peter to pay Paul? Not so at all. The benefit is very great, and in almost every way. To divide and specialize is to multiply the number of givers; and besides, the Woman's Boards are in several respects models of thorough organization. Among the rest they gather hosts of small sums, and secure from as many as possible definite pledges of so much a year, a month, a week. The feminine mind is full of purpose and energy, and of ingenuity and tact as well.

—An aged Scotch woman, living in a room and kitchen house on the south side of Glasgow, recently gave £500, “saved by pennies,” to an Aged Workers' Home.

—The Rev. W. G. Lawes some two years since carried through the press for the British and Foreign Bible Society an edition of the New Testament in Motu, one of the languages of New Guinea, and almost the entire cost—some £300—was defrayed by the repeated subscriptions of a Lancashire woman.

—She did not read the papers. Or was she surrounded by poor specimens? Or was her mind blinded by prejudice? A Russian Jewess had need of clothing for her little child; the doctor brought her some. She inquired: “Did Jewish ladies send these?” “No, Christian ladies,” he replied. “Christian? I did not know that Christians could be kind!”

—The following is taken from “Our Viceregal Life in India,” by the Marchioness of Dufferin: “Miss Mitcheson told me an amusing thing about her hospital. It is very difficult to get women to come into it, and they particularly fear the *clean sheets*! They think that if they go into them they will certainly become Christians. They are not nearly so much afraid that the