

During the sixty four years of its existence the American Bible Society has issued 37,408,208 copies of the Holy Scriptures. During the last year its issues were 1,136,113, of which all but 226,971 were consumed in America. The British and Foreign Bible Society expended last year over \$1,000,000. During its existence it has issued 88,168,419 copies of the Scriptures.

The Jewish movement toward Jerusalem seems to have fairly set in, the Hebrew population of that city having increased from 10,000 to 15,000 since 1873. There may yet be hopes of seeing Palestine the fertile, prosperous, and well-populated country that it was 2,500 years ago. The head and front of the emigration movement in England is Sir Moses Montifore, and the discussions and novels of Lord Beaconsfield have served to stimulate a romantic interest in the subject. Besides the Hebrew there is a considerable German colony in Jerusalem, there being as many as 400 residents of that nationality.

The Leys School, the Wesleyan College of Cambridge University, has received \$65,000 out of the \$100,000 required for the endowment.

Father Charles Chiniquy, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, believes that since his conversion from Romanism twenty-one years ago, he has been instrumental in the conversion of 25,000 persons, including eighteen priests.

The Rev. Thos. Cook, Conference Evangelist, held a mission at Great Yarmouth. Prayer was offered for the success of the mission for eight weeks before the time. The town was divided into six districts. A superintendent was appointed to each, who found willing visitors to carry out 10,000 cards of invitation, and 1,000 *Joyful News*, in addition to the posters and handbills freely circulated. About 266 persons sought spiritual aid, 95 being attendants at other churches in the town, whose names and addresses were sent to the different ministers.

The mission in Bulgaria is experiencing considerable trouble from the political obstructionists. The order for the closing of the schools has been enforced at Loftcha, and all representations to the authorities have failed to secure a reversal of the order. Politically, the outlook in Bulgaria is far from hopeful. Russian influence has overborne any independent action, and there is little freedom for evangelical missionaries. Still the missionaries are holding on, and it can not be doubted that this re-action against religious liberty is but temporary. It is of the highest importance for the welfare of the nation, and for the right settlement of questions relative to religious liberty, that American missions in Bulgaria should be maintained in full force in this trying hour.

Bishop Hargrove, of the Southern Church, is about to visit China, where he will organize the work into a Mission Conference. The Board of Missions recently appointed five additional missionaries to that field.

The Religious Tract Society has made a very valuable gift of books and tracts for the use of Methodist soldiers in Egypt. Rev. Mr. Male, of Cairo, has been obliged to vacate his post through sickness, but at a moment's notice his place was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Webster.

Bishop Wiley has placed under appointment for China two missionaries, one of whom is to act as medical missionary. They are to be sent from San Francisco in company with the Rev. V. C. Hart, superintendent of the Central China mission, in September. Both the appointees are married men.

The advance of Protestantism in Mexico awakens the bitterest hostilities of Roman Catholics. Recently they have murdered between thirty and forty Protestants in Ahualulso.

Miss Wilkins, of Baltimore, has assumed the whole expense of the new Louise Home at Shanghai, China.