

denomination which sustains this Society, a population equal to that of the Roman Empire in its palmiest days! The worst of the troubles through which the Board has been passing in recent years seems to be passed, and it is to be hoped that the "shock" received

"Is of the wave, and not the rock."

About the only ground for solicitude is found in the unseemly fact that so large a fraction of the income (\$249,778) is derived from legacies.

—This is linking the old with the new in a way most impressive. It is said that a descendant of Columbus is to start the machinery at the World's Fair. The aged man cannot undertake so long a journey, but, touching an electric button which connects with one of the ocean cables, and that again with the immense enginery in the fair buildings at Chicago, the wheels will be set in motion.

—The wife of the Korean ambassador to the United States has lately become a convert to Christianity, and has joined the Southern Presbyterian Church.

—At the Ninth Annual Convention of the Christian Alliance, held in New York, \$30,000 were collected for its work. Within three months \$100,000 have been received, and over 100 missionaries have been sent from the training college during the past year to almost all the lands beyond the seas.

—The mission band of the Lutheran Church of Pottsville, Pa., has contributed \$20 for a prayer house in India. This makes the fifth prayer house provided for by this band.

—Eleven French Canadian Roman Catholics have recently been received into the Protestant faith, at Maskinongie, Quebec, by the Rev. A. J. Therrien, and formed by him into a Baptist congregation. This exodus from Romanism is owing to the tyrannical conduct of a priest, who wished to compel

the people to leave a place of worship they had erected for themselves.

Europe.—According to the *Guild Life and Work* of the Church of Scotland the guild movement is bearing fruit which will gratify the friends of missions. Its two latest members to enter on the missionary field are Mr. Charles Scott, who will be missionary engineer (in connection with the Blantyre Mission) of the new steamer about to be placed on the Shire River, with whom Mr. John M'Killop, secretary of the Govan branch, will probably be associated.

—The Methodists have come into possession of a fine site in the city of Rome, on the same street as the King's Palace and the Government buildings, and hope soon to have there a large and commodious building, containing a church, a college, a theological seminary, residences for the faculty, and a printing department. One man, the Rev. G. A. Reeder, of Ohio, will give \$10,000.

—Russia has finally decided to permit the importation of the Bible free of duty, when printed in any other language than Russian; but no translation of the Scriptures in that language may be circulated within the confines of the empire and its dependencies unless printed by the authority of the Holy Synod.

Asia.—Rev. S. M. Zwemer, one of its missionaries, says that the new American Mission now working Arabia is likely soon to locate a station at Muscat. This place, on the eastern coast of Arabia, is the main centre from which the Zanzibar Arabs have come, and it has often been a matter of earnest desire with the friends of African missions that the Gospel should be carried to the original home of those who have done and are still doing such infinite damage in East Africa.

—Dr. Pentecost is authority for the statement that in India 2500 persons are baptized every month.