

A great Christian movement among Jews in Warsaw and some other towns in Poland is in progress through the faithful efforts of Pastor Meyerson. He writes that "Jargon Testaments are asked for, and simply snatched out of our hands."

In India there are now about *one thousand* natives of India ordained by the Reformed churches to preach Christ to their countrymen—Hindo, Parsi, and Moham-medan. Fifty years ago there were only twenty-one.

One of the features of California life, which is not often noticed in print, is the large decrease of the Chinese laboring population of the State. San Francisco's Chinatown has fallen off almost one-half during the last three years.

The Lord Mayor of London proposes to signalize his mayoralty, and commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's reign, by raising a national subscription to free the hospitals of the metropolis from debt. It will require from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The largest school in the world is located in the heart of London, presided over by Lord Rothschild. Thirty-five thousand poor Jewish children are in attendance. During the year, one, or, if needed, two suits of clothing are presented to each child by this generous peer of the realm.

Mr. Hermann Warzawiak, through *The Jewish Christian*, reports twenty-two baptisms in his Mission: ten on October 11th, one on October 25th, and eleven on November 8th. All but one of these were baptized by Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

"You belong to the conquering faith; I belong to the dying faith," said a Brahmin to Bishop Hurst. "How do you know, comrade?" "I see it everywhere," was the answer. "The missionaries of the cross are aggressive. They have faith in their faith, while we cultivate only an inward hope, and that hope means very little."

"The Uganda region," says *The Missionary*, "has an area of 400 by 500 miles, with one-sixtieth of the area of Africa and one-sixteenth of the population." There is no missionary field in which more marvelous work is being done than to-day in Uganda. No one comes forward for baptism who has not first learned to read.

A papyrus has lately been discovered in Egypt, giving an account of a suit against Herod Agrippa brought before the Emperor of Rome by two leading anti-Semites of Alexandria. That helps to make more real the suit brought before the Emperor of Rome against Paul by Portius Festus, in which Herod Agrippa figured.

Giving money to the Lord is just as much an act of sacred service as offering a prayer, or singing a hymn of sacred praise, or teaching in a mission school, or coming to a sacramental table. In the Bible the consecration of our substance is not made a mere incidental, it is put in the forefront of our religious duties.—*Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

There is a benevolent society in Russia called "The Lovers of Zion," whose purpose is to encourage and assist emigrants from that country to Palestine, and which has already sent more than 30,000 families who have bought or taken up the idle land in and around Jerusalem and are cultivating the olive.

A LETTER FROM TURKEY.

Mr. James Croil has kindly forwarded to the *RECORD* the following letter which he recently received from Rev. R. Chambers, formerly a minister of our Church, of Norwich, Ont., and now for about a score of years a missionary of the American Board in Turkey.

It tells simply and well its own sad story.

Bardezag (Ismidt),

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Dear Mr. Croil:—

This is a trying year financially in this country. Trade is at a standstill. Armenians are not permitted to go to the capital even to buy goods, the fields are unsafe, people going to and coming from their work being shot down without warning. Many thousands of Armenians have fled the country, aided by the foreign consuls. Other thousands are in prison. Everyone who leaves the country forfeits his earthly possessions; if he remains in the country he is likely to forfeit his life. What a mad carnival of pitiless disorder and slaughter!

My school has suffered severely. Many of the parents (my pupils come chiefly from Constantinople) have been massacred and their homes destroyed.

I was expecting this year 100 full-pay boarding pupils; I have only 45 boarders, and many of them charity or half-pay pupils. I have not money to pay my teachers. Not only do the Great Powers still look on with patience, but the Mission Boards are aiding and encouraging the Turks by cutting off the financial support previously given for the support of Christian institutions among the Armenians. The Christianity of this generation has been "tried and found wanting;" it will be "a scorn and a hissing" to all future ages.

Our opportunities for Christian work are overwhelming and our workers are very few. I now preach and conduct Sabbath School every Sabbath, teach five hours every day, conduct a prayer-meeting every Wednesday, and vainly try by correspondence to keep up connection with the out-stations of my field.