

Facts and Illustrations.

BUSY lives, like busy waters, are generally pure. Stagnant lives, like stagnant pools, breed corruption.—*W. D. Nicholas.*

THE agents of the Bible Society in Tokio, Japan, have been unable to meet the great demand for the Bible in that city.

TWENTY years ago the Gospel was not allowed to enter Spain; now there are between 10,000 and 12,000 adherents of the evangelical churches.

No man ever achieved any thing for Christ who did not, when necessary, trample both self and selfish enjoyment under foot.—*H. Clay Trumbull.*

THERE are missionaries of thirty-three societies laboring in Africa, and the Bible has been translated in whole or in part into sixty-six of its dialects.

A CHINESE Young Mens' Christian Association building has been erected at Honolulu, at a cost of \$5,000, about \$2,000 being contributed by the Chinese themselves.

HUGH MILLER said: "Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness."

A CLERGYMAN met a man declaiming against foreign missions. "Why doesn't the Church look after the heathen at home?" "We do," said the clergyman quietly, and gave the man a tract.

"MY boy," said a father to his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you; for remember that you show-courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

THE Indian women are coming hourly to the front. At a late meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Dakota, the Indian women reported having raised \$500 for missionary work among their own people the last year. This was more than all the money raised by their white sisters in three societies.—*Christian Union.*

THE decision of Dr. Henry M. Scudder and his wife to go as missionaries at their own charges to Japan, promises to be a great godsend to that field. Dr. Scudder's addresses before sailing have excited so much interest, that five others, it is said, have decided to follow him. One of these is said to be Rev. G. E. Albrecht, the German Professor in Chicago Theological Seminary.

A GENERAL survey of the foreign mission work, under the American Board, shows that during the past year the Gospel has been preached by missionaries and native preachers in nine hundred different cities, towns and villages in various parts of the globe; the number of churches have increased from 303 to 310, to which 3,481 members were reported as added on confession of faith—a larger number than in any previous year since the ingathering at the Sandwich Islands.—*Ex.*

A MANUSCRIPT of a work intended to "abolish" the Bible was once submitted with an air of triumph to Benjamin Franklin, who was somewhat sceptical. He read it, and then said: "Don't unloose the tiger, for if the world is so bad with the Bible, what would it be without it?" This reminds us that some person once asked Dr. Johnson why so many literary men were inclined to scepticism, and received the reply, "Because they do not read the Bible."

WHEN it was proposed to introduce railways into India, the Brahmins objected to the innovation on the ground that pilgrims to distant shrines might avail themselves of such a mode of conveyance, and thus lose the merit to be acquired by toilsome journeying on foot. Their fears were well founded, for few trains arrive or depart that do not bear pilgrims to some shrine; and at some seasons of the year special trains, called "pilgrim trains," are necessary, as the number of travellers is so great that they cannot be conveyed by the usual trains.

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