

**Cost of War.**—According to representations given recently in the German Reichstag, France has a war footing of 3,300,000 men; Russia, 2,570,000; Germany, 2,900,000; Austro-Hungary, 1,150,000; Italy, 1,090,000; or these five powers can summon into the field, should the necessity require it, 11,019,000. Who can retell the awful consequences should any power be so rash as to let loose the war dragon? And to prevent such a catastrophe, it is deemed necessary to keep up a peace footing for Russia of 314,000; France, 511,334; Germany, 486,983; Austro-Hungary, 325,693; Italy, 255,418; or in all, 2,393,423.

**Worth Noting.**—The secular press announces that Abbe Mesmer has started from Rome to assume his position at the head of the Roman Catholic University in Washington. In this case at least, we regret that the law which prohibits the importation of contract labor will not be enforced. We trust, however, that the American public will not lose sight of the fact that this new university is to be placed under the direction of a foreigner, and of one who comes with the blessing of a Pope who, from his hatred of free institutions, continues to keep up the farce of his being a prisoner in the Vatican, and is arrayed in open antagonism to the civil law of Italy. If the man is like the master, we may reasonably expect that the consistent policy which has been so long maintained in Italy will not be forgotten in America.

**Mr. W. F. Wilkinson.**—Another worker fallen on the Congo. The Baptist Missionary Society have received this sad intelligence of one who less than six months ago was set apart at the Society's Birmingham meetings for the noblest of callings. Of heroic ardor, the death of so young a man cannot be other than a source of grief to all who follow with interested eye the course of the conflict.

**Canon Liddon on Missions.**—Across the triumphs and the failures of well-nigh nineteen centuries, the spiritual ear still catches the accents of the charge on the mountain in Galilee; and, as we listen, we note that neither length of time nor change of circumstance has impaired their solemn and enduring force. It is a precept which, if it ever had binding virtue, must have it at this moment over all who believe in the Divine Speaker's power to impose it—it must bind us as distinctly as it was binding on the first disciples. We are ambassadors of a charity which knows no distinctions between the claimants on its bounty, and no frontier save those of the races of man. A good Christian can not be other than eager for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom among men, not only from his sense of what is due to the Lord who bought him, but also from his natural sense of justice, his persuasion that he has no right to withhold from others those privileges and prospects which are the joy of his own inmost life. When he finds comfort in the power of prayer, when he looks forward in humble confidence to death, when he enjoys the blessed gift of inward peace—peace between the soul and its God, peace between the soul's various powers and faculties—he cannot but ask the question: "Do I not owe it to the millions who have no part in these priceless blessings that I should do what I can myself, or through others to extend to them a share in this smile of the Universal Father which is the joy and consolation of my life? Can I possibly neglect the command to make disciples of all nations?"—*Spirit of Missions.*

Rev. Dr. A. P. Happer, President of the Christian College, Canton, China, is ordered by his physician to give up work and return home. He has disease of the heart. As soon as the trustees appoint his successor he will hand over the College, which he is now arranging to do.