

The Continent.—The delightful correspondent, the devoted McAll missionary at Marseilles, E. Lenoir, wrote June 8th: "We are at this moment very much encouraged in our conferences, our meetings in open air, in the streets and faubourgs; we have just proclaimed the Gospel to 330 persons, and since we began this effort we have evangelized about 1500. The Lord Jesus has richly blessed our endeavor and glorified Himself in us and through us, despite our infirmities and unworthiness."

—Shades of Philip II. and Torquemada! Angels and ministers of grace, defend us! The Calvinists are actually capturing Spain, and their presumption is amazing. The last and worst move is found in the setting up of two church judicatories: to wit, the Presbytery of Spain and Portugal and the Presbytery of Andalusia, both composed of native Protestants.

—Of the 700 colporteurs in the employ of the British and Foreign Bible Society, 30 are at work in Italy. During the year 1892 these workers disposed of 7132 entire Bibles, 15,322 New Testaments, and 140,103 other portions of the Bible—a total of 162,637 volumes. Besides these, the Evangelical Book Concern in Florence publishes and sells its own editions of the Italian Bible.

—Isabel C. Barrows says, in the *Outlook*, that the excellent work of the deaconesses is making rapid progress in Germany, where every year there is a stronger conviction of the value to humanity of this service. At the outbreak of the cholera, every deaconesses' home sent to the government a list of the women who at an instant's notice could be sent into actual service.

—Home missions would seem to be in order in and about the land of Luther. Last year we heard of the dreadful paucity of churches in Berlin, and now comes the statement that in Christiania, Norway, there is an average population of 13,000 for each

church, and in Copenhagen an average of 26,000; or, including the suburbs of Fredericksborg, even of 28,000. Should Copenhagen be supplied with churches only as well as Christiania is, the number of parishes would have to be increased from 13 to 28.

—The Jewish Synagogue at Moscow, which cost £40,000, has been closed by the government. The Jews are deprived of it, and it is to be turned to "charitable uses"! It was only completed last year. Such is religious liberty in Russia—in her ancient capital.

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Islam.—A telegram from Tunis is to this effect: Of 9000 pilgrims who went to Mecca from here in May, 4500 perished in the Holy Land (Arabia) of cholera and other diseases. The survivors have just returned, and say that on June 24 over 100,000 Mussulmans, Arabs, Turks, and Indians gathered on the sacred mountain, when cholera broke out among them, causing terrible havoc. The returned pilgrims add that of 700 Turkish troops sent to bury the dead, 500 died while performing this dangerous duty. Another report gives the loss of life as not less than 10 per cent of the entire number of pilgrims.

—The statement is made that the records of the college at Marsovan will show that the two teachers, Messrs. Thoumaian and Kayayan, at the time when they were charged with being present and participating in a seditious meeting, were at the college attending to their duties there. In this and in other cases the opportunity to prove an *alibi* was refused on the ground that there was no time for such matters.

—Rev. H. H. Jessup, of Syria, gives some statistics as to mission growth within the past eleven years, which are quite encouraging. Since 1881 the number of Protestants in Syria and Palestine has increased from 6311 to 8593; the communicants from 1693 to 3974. Foreign laborers have increased