

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

At the General Conference in Springfield, one Sabbath-school was reported as occupied three quarters of an hour in the opening exercises.

The Sabbath-school at Chicopee, Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, pastor, has a teachers' meeting Saturday evening that has not omitted a session for ten years.

The following is a table compiled from the reports presented to the Robert Raikes Centenary, London, Eng., 1880, by E. Payson Porter, Statistical Secretary of the International Convention.

Table with columns: Schs., Tchs., Schs., Total. Rows include regions like England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Total Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, City of Berlin, Holland, City of Amsterdam, City of Rotterdam, Belgium, France, City of Paris, Switzerland, French Switzerland, German Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, In Europe, not enumerated, Persia, Other portions of Asia, AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA, United States, British American Provs, Other portions of N. A., SOUTH AMERICA, BRAZIL, ANZANIA, Australia, City of Melbourne, Tasmania, New Zealand, Reported in the London Union, Hawaiian Islands, Other portions of Polynesia.

MISSION NOTES

(From Missionary Herald.)

—Rev. John Milum, of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society, writes that the monarch King of Dahomey continues to sacrifice captured men and women to his ancestors.

—There are ten million members of evangelical churches in the United States, and they are reported as giving \$2,121,731 for foreign missions.

—Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., of Detroit, Michigan, thinks that it is perfectly feasible, during the remaining years of the century, to put the Word of God into the hands of every living human being, in his own tongue, and to proclaim the good tidings to every creature.

—At the great Mohamedan missionary university at Cairo, in Egypt, there are at this day ten thousand students under training, ready to go into any part of the world to teach the doctrines of Islam.

—A series of ten small books has been prepared in Japanese by Rev. Mr. De Forest, based upon the ten commandments, and comparing the teachings and the fruits of Baddhism and Christianity respecting the several moral duties enjoined in the Decalogue.

Kalakaua, King of the Sandwich Islands, while at Japan, declined all invitations to visit consuls and prominent persons, calling first upon "mother" Gulick to converse upon Hawaiian affairs.

We heartily congratulate the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on the fact that it closes its financial year with a balance in the treasury of between nine and ten thousand dollars.

—It is an interesting evidence of the growing power of Christianity in Japan that the people feel it necessary to bolster themselves up by mutual pledges so that they may be kept from becoming Christians.

The recent convention at Chicago in behalf of Home Missions augurs well for the progress of the kingdom of God not in this land alone but in all lands.

The recent earthquakes and other disasters that have visited Smyrna and vicinity are said to have greatly impressed the people. The governor, Midhat Pasha, recently proclaimed a day of fasting and prayer, and sent rriers through Smyrna calling upon each religious body to meet at a certain time for confession of sins and for prayer.

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—Robberies are becoming much more frequent throughout the Turkish Empire. Since the story of the assault on Mr. Pierce, of Nicomedia, tidings have come

that Mr. Montgomery, on his way from Aintab to Marash, and Dr. Barnum, while passing between Harpoot and Sivas, have been robbed by highwaymen. In the latter case, after the Circassians had taken all they could find—money, watch, coat, etc.—Dr. Barnum preached so effectually of righteousness and a judgment to come that the robbers restored article after article until they finally retained only five piasters (twenty-five cents) for themselves, and bade the surprised and grateful missionary to go on his way.

The readers of the Herald will remember the report of a sad fight between two parties of natives on Tapiteua, one of the Gilbert Islands, given in our issue for February last. Certain newspapers on the other side of the Pacific have recently set afloat the statement made by two or three drunken traders in that quarter of the globe that our missionary vessel, "The Morning Star," sold to the combatants the bowie knives with which they fought.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The Nihilist, Sophie Piesoffsky, who recently was hung at St. Petersburg for complicity with the assassination of the Czar, was the first and only woman who ever has been hung in Russia.

—Cardinal Manning calls the permission of a parliamentary affirmation instead of an oath an evidence that the Christian world is going to wreck, but he holds that the Romish church is flourishing as never before.

—An advance guard of sixteen Jesuits, who have been expelled from the Republic of Nicaragua, have arrived in Panama and the others are expected shortly.

Gessi Pasha, the man who was most efficient in breaking up the Nubian slave-trade, has just died in the French hospital at Suez. A few hours before his death he was visited by the Khedive and M. de Lesseps.

It is said that the earthquake at Chios destroyed the prison wherein the Turkish mollah named Khoja Ahmet was imprisoned for life for having helped a missionary translate the Bible into the Turkish language.

—A lady in New York, well known for her good works, whose rule it has been to investigate before granting the applications for alms at her door, reports that in seventeen years' experience she has never found a deserving case among persons thus applying, a fictitious ad-

dress having been given in every case. This does not prove that there are no deserving poor, but it does show the folly and wickedness of indiscriminate giving.

—We lately called attention to the talmudic evidence that the old translation "deliver us from evil" is better than the "deliver us from the Evil One" given by the revisers. Mr. A. Neubauer, a competent Jewish scholar, writes to the same effect to The Academy, referring to the discussion of the subject in Dr. J. Ch. Taylor's collection of rabbinical ethical sentences, entitled "Sayings of the Jewish Fathers."

"May it be thy will, O Lord, our God, and the God of our fathers, to deliver us from the shameless and the shamelessness, from evil man and evil hap, from hard judgment and a hard adversary, whether he be the son of the covenant or not a son of the covenant." The original short petition, as found in the Lord's Prayer still exists in the ritual of the Karate Jews, in which it stands as follows:—"And bring us not into the hands of temptation, but deliver us from all evil haps."

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

—The Chicago brewers say of Dr. Crosby's Calm View of Temperance: "One million copies to be circulated by the brewers. You can afford to circulate this sermon. The circulation is worth more to you than money in government bonds and will bear better interest."

—The Salem Register tells of a Lowell liquor dealer who advertised a free lunch at his restaurant every day. A lady took seven ragged and hungry boys to the saloon the first day, nine the next and twelve the next. The beer seller concluded that the free lunch was an expensive advertisement.

—The Business Men's Moderation Society in New York has voted to abandon the pledge and principle of total abstinence, it is stated. We feared it would come to this. Self-constraint for the good of another is not a thing usually acceptable to unredeemed human nature.

Secretary of War Lincoln has prohibited the use of tobacco at West Point. It is stated that four-fifths of the students are addicted to its use. It may be difficult at first for them to break the injurious habit, but the government which educates men for its service has a right to demand that their bodies shall not be weakened or their brains injured by a worse than useless fashion.

—The bill providing for the closing of public houses in Wales on Sunday, so far as concerns the sale of liquor, is remarkably popular with the Welsh people. In North Wales a voluntary and informal vote on the subject has been held and 75, 510 votes in favour of the bill were cast, and only 2,925 against it. In South Wales the feeling is the same.

In the matter of converting a soui to God all human power is reduced to zero.