

Altogether, there have been issued 50,000,000 pages of religious literature in Spanish since Protestantism first entered Mexico. There are 10,000,000 inhabitants in Mexico; this gives them five pages of religious literature each. The value of mission property is nearly \$600,000.

Poles.—It is estimated that there are over 700,000 Poles in the United States. They are almost universally Romanists, are very clannish, and can be reached only by a native ministry. Mission work in their behalf is but just now receiving the attention of Christian societies.

Roman Catholic.—The activity and success of Roman Catholic missions in the East should not be underrated. The total working force of the papacy in China proper, Korea, Japan, Manchuria and Thibet (suzerainties of China), Indo-China and India, is 2,440,481 baptized persons, 2,639 missionaries and native priests, 7,293 churches and chapels, 4,469 colleges and schools, with 112,359 scholars, and 76 theological institutions, with 2,746 students. In Syria, of the 700,000 people accessible by missionaries, more than one-half recognize the Pope of Rome as their spiritual head, and Jesuits are found in full force. In fact, Protestant missions in Syria closely resemble missions to Roman Catholic countries. At the same time, Protestantism there has proved strong enough to elicit the active propagandism of the Romish church. When the Arabic Bible of Drs. Smith and Van Dyke was completed and scattered through Syria, the Jesuits accepted the implied challenge, and, going back to the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures rather than to the Vulgate, they produced an edition of the scriptures in three volumes, and in the choicest and most literary Arabic; a strange proceeding on the part of a church which practically denies its own Douay version of the Scriptures to its people, and one entirely self-defensive. This edition of the Scriptures has been fully circulated, and has been the means of bringing many to the truth; and when Protestantism opened its school and its college at Beirut, it was closely followed by Romanist high schools and the Jesuit college at Beirut, which are now full of pupils, Rome evidently means business, both in eastern and western Asia.

—We are always glad to see any-

thing like reliable estimates by Roman Catholics of their strength in pagan lands. We regard with interest therefore the following figures quoted from the Madrid Directory, 1888, apparently with approval, by *Les Missions Catholiques*:

"There are in India and Ceylon 1,235,631 Catholics, besides 580,386 under Portuguese patronage, 1,722,017 in all. Adding 1,191,915 in China, Indo-China, Japan and Corea, there appear to be 2,913,952 Catholics beyond the Indus."

This seems remarkable. We can believe it to be near the truth. It is important to remember that Roman Catholics count all their adherents of whatever age; also, that they have been at work in Eastern lands for centuries. When these considerations are kept in mind, the results will strike one as proof of wonderful weakness. Only three millions in all Eastern Asia, and they without the Bible, without religious literature, without a native priesthood, and without the power to propagate their own faith, but still under foreign tutelage as much as their ancestors were three centuries ago! Surely Romanism is not conquering the Asiatic world!

—Out of a total population of 1,549,000 in the Province of Quebec it is shown that there are 1,475,000 people professing the Catholic faith, directed by one cardinal, two archbishops, seven bishops, one apostolic prefect, and 1,546 priests and religious. There are 957 churches, 23 seminaries and colleges, 232 convents and 69 hospitals. The different ecclesiastical districts into which the province is divided, are peopled as follows, by Catholics: Quebec, 729,000; Montreal, 619,000; Ottawa, 137,000. In the Diocese of Quebec there are 666 priests, 400 churches, 108 convents, 18 seminaries and colleges, 25 hospitals and 1,927 schools.—*St. Louis World (Catholic)*.

Persia.—In the old Nestorian mission of the American Board, more converts have been made during the last year than in any previous year of the history of the mission. During last winter's revival, which was conducted wholly by native pastors, there were over 500 inquirers. Of the 79 students in the college at Oroomiah, 70 are Christians.

Zulu.—Two hundred and thirty-two Zulus were baptized in the Herrmannsberg Mission among the Zulus last year. There are now 1,529 Zulu Christians.