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—The enterprising *Assembly Herald* is able to publish to its readers: "The weight of our February edition is between 7 and 8 tons, and if stretched out in a single, continuous sheet would reach almost from New York to Philadelphia. Nearly all of these 125,000 papers are sent out in separate wrappers, every wrapper being hand addressed."

—Writing from Constantinople under date of November 19th, Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs says: "To-day is the eighty-fourth anniversary of my birthday, and I have entered upon the sixty-third year of my missionary life, having sailed from Boston for Greece in October, 1832." This venerable and beloved missionary is still engaged, heart and soul, in the work to which he gave himself more than threescore years ago, and he writes in a clear, strong hand: "I have had my trials, but I can say that Divine goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life hitherto, and I am sure will follow me through the remainder of my days."—*Missionary Herald*.

—When, on January 9th, at New Rochelle, N. Y., Mrs. Mary R. Schauflied departed this life, another soul eminent for devoted service entered into the reward in store for such in the life to come. She went out to Turkey in 1827, the first unmarried woman to sail from this land on such an errand. In 1834 she was married, and remained in the field until 1877, dwelling at Bebek, on the Bosphorus.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—The British and Foreign Bible Society has recently sent out over 2000 Sinhalese Bibles and 4100 Gospels for the Colombo Auxiliary. These books were printed from plates made by the photographic process. Other large shipments have recently been made of Kafir, Suto, Chuana, and

Dutch Scriptures to Cape Town, of Spanish and Portuguese to Rio de Janeiro, and of others to Auckland and Singapore.

—These statistics, prepared for Temperance Sunday by the Nonconformist churches in England, indicate the status of this great reform. The Wesleyan Methodists have 435,141 juvenile and 68,798 adult members in their temperance societies; the Baptist Total Abstinence Association has 1419 names of ministers on its roll, and reports that 203 out of 221 students in the Baptist College are known to be abstainers; the Congregational Association claims 2160 out of 2718 ministers in England and Wales as abstainers, and 373 out of 400 students in the British theological colleges, while most of the Congregational ministers in Scotland and Ireland are also abstainers. The Methodist Free Churches have more than 900 temperance societies, with a known membership of 83,668; and the other Methodist bodies and the Society of Friends are practically all abstainers.

—Not less than 202 medical missionaries are in the foreign field who hold British diplomas and degrees, though what are these to the 26,000 physicians to be found in the United Kingdom! Edinburgh sent 45; Glasgow, 27; London, 12; Dublin, 9; Aberdeen, 7; etc. Of these healers 29 represent the Church Missionary Society, 29 the Scottish Free Church, 19 the London Missionary Society, 14 the United Presbyterians, 12 the English Presbyterians, 10 the China Inland Mission, 9 the Church of Scotland, 9 the Propagation Society (S. P. G.), etc.

—The *Church Missionary Intelligencer*, the organ of the Church Missionary Society, in referring to the centenary of the London Missionary Society, pays this generous tribute: "No society has had greater men, or been permitted to do a grander work. First in the South Seas, first in China, first in Madagascar, first in New Guinea, with such