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MISSIONARY FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

LESS than one hundred years ago was organized the first Protestant Foreign Missionary Society. Now there are more than 200 such societies. These have a force of more than 7,000 missionaries and assistant missionaries, and more than 25,000 native helpers, of whom 3,000 are ordained. Thirty years ago there was not a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in America. Now there are thirty-nine, with 25,000 Auxiliaries, more than 8,000 children's bands, and an aggregate income of more than \$1,730,000.

A dozen colleges and seminaries are now raising money towards supporting one of their own students as a foreign missionary.

Portions of the Bible are to-day translated into twenty-five times as many tongues as were heard on the Day of Pentecost. During the present century alone it has been put into 250 languages—five times as many as during the preceding eighteen. More copies were sent into circulation last year than existed in the whole world at the beginning of the century.

In 1812 all Christian teaching was prohibited in India. The first missionaries were driven away. As late as 1852 nearly \$4,000,000 was granted from the public funds to support pagan worship. Now the Government, in appreciation

of missions, gives large sums and valuable lands for the erection of hospitals, educational buildings, and for the support of medical missionaries. Hundreds of printing presses are scattering Christian literature, and the old pagan systems are dying. There are more than 500,000 baptized converts in India, and more than a million adherents. The increase of communicants between 1861 and 1871 was sixty-one per cent.; between 1871 and 1881, eighty-six per cent; and in the present decade it is believed to be more than one hundred per cent. Christian converts are scattered through more than 6,000 native villages.

China's pioneer missionary, Robert Morrison, began work in 1807. In 1843 only six Christians could be found in the empire. Now there are 32,000 church members, who gave last year more than \$38,000 for the support of the Gospel. There are at present thirty-eight societies at work in China, employing more than 1,000 missionaries. Already there are from 135,000 to 150,000 adherents.

In Burmah, seventy years ago, there was not a single Christian. Now there are not far from 100,000. The Baptists alone have 500 churches and nearly 30,000 communicants.

Japan had but ten Christian converts in 1872. According to statistics just now published there are now 31,181, of whom 5,542 were received into the churches last year. Twenty-six missionary societies are at work in the empire, and already there are no less than fourteen theological seminaries with nearly 300 native students for the ministry. The Buddhist priests have dwindled from 244,000 to 50,000—a most significant fact.

Africa now has at work within her borders ten American, twelve British, and thirteen continental missionary societies. There are more than 700 ordained missionaries, and more than 7,000 native preachers. It is estimated that there are, both white and native, about 175,000 communicants and 800,000 adherents. The Congo region, so recently opened, now has a chain of mission stations extending almost from the mouth of the river to the equator, and five large steamers are engaged in mission work on the Upper Congo.

Madagascar, early in the century, was a nation of fierce idolaters. The first missionaries were told that they might as well try to convert cattle. The most inhuman cruelties were practised upon the first converts, and as late as