

cooks there. Once the little child of a missionary touched the ring on the outside, and the owner, who had just finished cooking his dinner, immediately threw it all away. It was in his belief hopelessly contaminated by the touch of an innocent child.

The shadow of a missionary happened to fall upon a Brahman, who belonged to the strictest sect, and he at once went to bathe, to wash away the impurity. This man afterwards was converted by reading the New Testament, and is now a preacher at the mission, and what is very remarkable, has married a Christian girl whose parents were outcasts before their conversion.

The Evangelical Alliance, in Great Britain, has intervened in behalf of the persecuted Stundists of Russia. To the representations made, the reply has come that the Emperor himself "was a Christian man, but that he was not the real ruler of Russia, the country being under the control of the Holy Synod of the Greek Church and the police." If so, then the Greek Church and the Russian police are institutions which ought to be reformed out of existence.—*Phil. Pres.*

The Ainos of Japan are a strange, hairy, little people. For years the English church mission labored among them in vain. In 1885 the first convert was baptized. In 1886 three more. Two each in 1889 and 1891. Eight Christians after twelve years of work. The harvest has come. One hundred and seventy-nine have been baptized, while 200 more are on probation. This is something like the movement among the Mangs at Indore in Mr. Wilkie's field, and the mass movement in India at large.

The burning, in October last, of the famous old Mosque at Damascus, has had a most depressing effect upon the city. The people regard it as a portentous calamity, indicating the decay of Mohammedan and Turkish power. The building was erected in the middle ages as a Christian church. One of the towers, still uninjured, looking down upon the ruins around it, bears the inscription, which has been allowed to remain upon it all these centuries: "Thy kingdom, O Christ, is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion is from generation to generation."

Dark Africa is being opened up. There is navigation for 120 miles up the Congo, to the head of tidewater. Then from Stanley Pool there is navigation for 1,000 miles into the centre of Africa. The only break is between Stanley Pool and tidewater, where the river is broken by cataracts. A railway is now building over this part, 25 miles of which is already completed. There will be steam communication by water and rail from the Central region of the Dark Continent to the sea. Could Livingstone but have seen to-day! May we not say that he saw it afar off and was glad?

In India there are no fewer than 65 Protestant missionary societies—viz., 16 Presbyterian, with 149 laborers; 13 Baptists, with 129; 9 Church of England, with 203; 7 Lutheran, with 125; 4 Methodists, with 110 workers; 2 Congregationalist, with 76; 1 Unitas Fratrum and 1 Quaker, with 16; 7 Independent, 5 women's associations. In addition to 857 ordained missionaries there are 711 ordained European lay helpers, 114 European and semi-European lady assistants, teachers, etc., and 3,491 native lay preachers.

The number of communicants is 182,722, an increase of 70,000 in the last decade.—*Nat. Pres.*

It is said that Dr. Andrew Bonar began a sermon to his people, on one Sunday morning, in the following way? "Once upon a time a congregation asked their minister to give them strong meat. Next Sabbath he preached on the duty of Christian giving. And they sent him no more requests for strong meat."—*Wesleyan Advocate.*

A missionary in Mosul writes: We find that the Papists are doing all they can to prevent our obtaining permission to build here, saying they will spend two, three or four hundred liras (\$17,600) rather than have us build here. They say openly that they are afraid to have us here because we bring the Bible.

A missionary in Singapore was pleased and surprised to find his church freshly whitewashed. "I did it to thank God," said a new Chinese convert.

Bishop Tucker of Uganda writes that the people in that country are so eager to get the Bible that a man will gladly work three months to get a copy.

"The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. We cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellow men, and no one who has the power of granting it can refuse without guilt."

AN APPEAL.

O, Christians, awake, the grey daylight is breaking,
The glow of the morning has lit up the sky;
Ye saints of the Lord, speed the blessed awaking,
Call, call to the perishing, "Jesus is nigh."

My brothers, awake, sound the glorious tidings
Of hope for the hopeless, of life for the dead;
Call them in, call them in, the Saviour is waiting
To welcome each soul to the feast He has spread.

Revive us, Lord Jesus, give times of refreshing;
O give of thy power, or our service is vain;
We humble ourselves as we plead for thy blessing,
"Revive us, O Lord, ere thy coming again."

Revive us again, O our God, send the shower,
Let rivers of blessing sweep over our land,
Let sin-wearied hearts feel the might of thy power,
The touch of thy tender omnipotent hand.

—S. Trevor Francis.

OUR OWN FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.

	Area in Sq. miles.	Villages.	Population.
Bimlipatam	211	150	110,000
Vizianagram	800	400	300,000
Bobbili	400	427	200,000
Chicacole	2,550	2,400	650,000
Parlakimedi	1,300	1,600	450,000
Total for US	5,261	4,977	1,710,000

BIMLIPATAM.

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