

World of Missions.

Dr. Leonard estimates that there are 800,000,000 heathen and 200,000,000 Mohammedans in the world.

When Stanley made his journey of nine hundred and ninety-nine days across the Continent of Africa, in the course of seven thousand miles he never saw the face of a Christian, nor a man who had had the opportunity to become one.

A large number of missionaries in all parts of the world were recently asked this question: "What proportion of the people in your district have had a fair opportunity for understanding the Gospel message?" Here are some of the answers: "10,000 out of 360,000" (Gond. Mission); "1 in 100 in the cities, 1 in 1,000 in the country" (Multan); "Not more than 2 per cent." (West. China); "1 in 2,000," "1 in 10," "1 in 5," (various parts of Japan.) Of the whole number of missionaries only one replied "all." He is the missionary to a small tribe of Red Indians in British Columbia.

The Medical Arm of Missions.

One hundred years ago there was not a single medical missionary or a Christian hospital in a foreign field. The record now reads something like this—702 missionary physicians are carrying healing and relief to thousands who would otherwise be abandoned to the misery of a living death, for the non-Christian religions, whatever else may be their supposed excellencies, have cultivated in the great mass of their followers no grace which corresponds to Christian mercy and tenderness. In 63 medical schools 589 native students are being trained for service as physicians and nurses. The 355 hospitals and 753 dispensaries, which are like oases in the desert of heathen indifference to human pain, are havens of life and strength to the more than 2,500,000 persons who annually receive treatment in them. The hospitals alone shelter in-patients to the number of 93,795, while in the course of a year not less than 6,647,840 treatments are given.

Polygamy in South Africa.

The Christian Express, of Lovedale, quotes these words of a magistrate: "The missionaries are working reforms, and I am curious to know what the result will be. All natives who can afford it are polygamists. A native has his three or six wives; the missionary comes along and converts him, and he has now to be married to one of his wives according to Christian rites before he can become a member of the church. Usually he chooses the youngest wife. In any case, whichever he marries, the remainder are put away, or sent away, and if they have grown up children they resent the stigma cast upon their mother, and there is trouble over the property, followed frequently by litigation, which often ruins the family. Then, again, one of a man's numerous wives embraces Christianity, and refuses to make beer for him. For this she gets thrashed; the husband is brought up and punished for chastising his wife, who has neglected her duties. Or the woman declines to live with her heathen husband, and lawsuits follow for restoration of dowry paid for her, involving both her husband and her own family in ruin. This is a serious question, and affects the most vital interests of the people, whose social life and family relations are the foundation of their government, and one which will sooner or later, have to be dealt with by legislation.

Home and Health Hints.

Early Spring Costumes

Getting a spring wardrobe together, or rather a spring and summer wardrobe, is really quite a fascinating piece of business, provided it is undertaken in the middle of winter; the only objection being that in the middle of winter there are so many other things to be done that time is somewhat limited. But the shops are not so crowded as later, and the dressmakers not so rushed with work and one can linger over the choice of fabrics and colors without the feeling that some one else is waiting to take one's place. This season the spring and summer fabrics are unusually summer like. The colors are dainty, the designs most varied. It is going to be a difficult matter for the woman who prides herself upon dressing herself exclusively according to a color scheme to resist the fascinations of the many exquisite colorings she will see displayed.

Blacks and whites are the rage—that is white with black figures, or *vice versa*. There are muslins, cambrics, grenadines, barèges, silk muslins, and numbers of materials for which the name is not known, but which are on the order of gauzes, that are woven with a transparent white ground, covered thick with small polka dots. These gowns are supposed to be trimmed with black lace, and, not being intended entirely for second mourning, are enlivened with trimmings of bright panne velvet, satin or taffeta ribbon in belt, collar, and often in vest front. Entre deux of black lace is used for trimming, and yards and yards of it are required.—Harper's Bazar.

Prunes moulded in clear jelly make a tasty and slightly desert. Fruit of a large size should be chosen and after washing in warm water, should be soaked in clear cold water for twenty-four hours then cooked in a double boiler until tender but unbroken. Sweeten to taste ten minutes before taking from the fire then drain; the syrup is to be put aside and used next day as a sauce for the molded corn starch blanc mange. Arrange a layer of the prunes in a wetted mold and pour in just enough liquid lemon or wine jelly to cover. When this layer is firm fill in the mold with the prunes, arranging them prettily round the sides; then fill with the liquid jelly and put away in a cold place to stiffen. In serving garnish with whipped cream.

A good batter pudding is made by beating two eggs, adding one cupful of milk, three and a half cupfuls of sifted flour, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one scant cupful of canned cherries or any small fruit. Turn this into a well greased mold, cover and place in a steamer or pot of boiling water for two and a half hours. Serve with it a creamy sauce.

Salad Dressing Without Oil—Rub the yolks of three hard-boiled eggs until smooth, add half a teaspoonful each of salt and sugar, and a saltspoon each of white pepper and mustard, rub well, add three tablespoonfuls of rich cream, mix thoroughly, then slowly add the vinegar until the dressing is the consistency of cream.

Oyster Stew.—Bring to a boil a quart of oysters, and add to them four tablespoonfuls rolled crackers mixed with an ounce of melted butter, a level teaspoonful of salt and a little white pepper. Boil two minutes; then add a pint of rich milk, heated to the scalding point. Serve immediately.

A Father's Story.

HE TELLS HOW HIS SON REGAINED HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

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Mr. M. D'Entremont, a well-known farmer living at West Pubnico, N.S., writes:—"I believe it is only right that I should let you know the benefit your medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—have been to my son, Constant, sixteen years of age. For several years he was almost a constant invalid, the result of an injury to his spine while working with his brothers on the farm. He grew weak and listless, had no appetite, and for two years was unable to work and was for the most of the time confined to the house, and for a part of the time to his bed. He suffered considerably from pains in the back; his legs were weak; and he had frequent headaches. At different times he was attended by two doctors, but got no benefit from the treatment. Then I procured an electric belt for him, but it was simply money wasted, as it did not do him a particle of good. One day while my son was reading a newspaper he came across an article telling of a cure in a somewhat similar case through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and he then decided to give them a trial. After the second box was taken there was a marked improvement in his condition. He continued the use of the pills until he had taken eight boxes, and they have restored him to health. His appetite has returned; the pain has left his back; he has gained flesh; is able to ride a bicycle, enjoys life and is able to do a day's work as well as any one of his age. This letter is given gladly so that others may learn the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and find a cure if ailing."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure such cases as the one noted above, because they create new, rich, red blood, thus strengthening weak and shattered nerves. They do not purge and weaken like other medicines, but strengthen from the first dose to the last. Sold by all dealers in medicine or sent post-paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

We hear that the Sultan of Morocco has become deeply fascinated with Highland music. His love for the bagpipes and tartan is unusual for one who is not a native of Scotland. Ten years ago a piper became one of the institutions at his Court, and very recently he commissioned a well-known Glasgow pipemaker to furnish him with a set of bagpipes for his own use. Possibly this set of pipes now furnished are the most ornate and costly that has ever been made in Scotland. They are mounted with 18 carat gold and cost £300. The credit of introducing both the bagpipes and the Highland dress to the notice of the Sultan is no doubt largely due to the influence of one of the chief officers of the Court of His Majesty, Kaid Maclean, a nephew of the Highland Chief MacLaine (as he spells it) of Lochbuie, in Mull.