

Facts and Illustrations.

A NEW edition of 5,000 copies of "Come to Jesus" has recently been published in the Khasi language, India.

THE Pope is negotiating with the Chinese government with a view of inducing the latter to allow the Vatican sole authority over Roman Catholics in China.

THERE are in Paris forty Protestant churches and more than one hundred Sabbath-schools. In most of these schools the lessons which are studied are the same as those of the International Series in use in this country.

ABOUT fifty Chinamen attached to the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, held a Christmas festival. Its features were very interesting, especially the singing in the vernacular.

ALL common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasures and our discontents,
Are rounds by which we may ascend.

—H. W. Longfellow.

A NATIVE pastor at Lagos, West Africa, gives an encouraging report of success in his work. As a result of a recent revival in his large Toruba congregation he gives the number of conversions at not less than four hundred and thirty-six.

SLOW is the progress of any great thought or movement which undermines a custom hoary with age. But it is sure to prevail, and before the light of the Gospel of righteousness, the next great social reform to be effected in India is that of the abolition of child marriage.

A LADY speaker prefaced her address to the ladies of the Woman's Board of Missions by quoting the remark of an old colored woman, who said: "Well, if the first woman God ever made was able to turn the world upside down, all these women ought to be able to turn it right side up again."

IN some parts of Minnesota one can travel a hundred miles and find none but Swedes, and some of their congregations number over a thousand. They also have several missions among the Finns. At Rock Island, Ill., they have a Swedish College and Theological Seminary, and Swedish schools elsewhere.

I NEVER had any faith in luck at all, except that I believe good luck will carry a man over a ditch if he jumps well, and will put a bit of bacon into his pot if he looks after his garden and keeps a pig. Luck generally comes to those who look after it; and my notion is it taps once in a life-time at everybody's door, but if industry does not open it, away it goes.—*Spurgeon.*

EVERY mail from Japan brings some item showing the friendliness of government officials toward the Christians. The latest report is that certain prison officers have approached the native pastor, saying, "The prisoners laugh when the Buddhist priest preaches, they go to sleep when the Shinto priest

preaches, and so we would like very much to have you Christians come to try it." The invitation has been accepted.—*Foreign Missionary.*

SAMOA.—They have been having a memorable chapel-opening in Matautu, Samoa. A handsome new chapel has been built entirely by the natives without any foreign aid whatever. The roof is its most remarkable feature, both as to strength and workmanship. Not the least interesting fact about it is that the whole of the timber used in the building was obtained from a forest previously tabooed as the dwelling-place of an ancient Samoan deity. A superstitious awe, it appears, still attaches to the forest, and it was only after the pastors had shown them the absurdity of this prejudice that the people in a body were induced to violate the ancient sanctuary.

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