

ship, 50,000,000; Shintoism, 20,000,000; Jews, 8,000,000; Parsees, 1,000,000. Total, 1,440,000,000.

—The following shows the distribution of missionaries in the chief missionary fields: China has one ordained missionary to each 733,000 of population; Siam, one to each 600,000; Corea, one to each 500,000; India, one to each 350,000; Africa, one to each 300,000; Japan, one to each 215,000; Burma, one to each 200,000. Nearly all the missionaries in Africa are around the coast. In Central Africa and the Soudan there is as yet only one missionary to each 5,000,000 people.—*Baptist Mission.*

—*Heathen at Home.* The Rev. J. S. Stone, formerly of Bombay, now engaged in mission work in this city, testifies that the moral degradation of New York city equals the worst phenomena of the Black Holes of sin in Calcutta and Bombay, where the depravity of the Orient shows its darkest sides. At times, he says, it is appalling even to an Indian missionary.

—*Chinese Evangelist.* We deeply regret to note that our friend, Mr. Happer, has been obliged to discontinue the issue of this excellent missionary magazine for want of support. It is a pity; for just such a periodical is needed to awaken a deeper and wider interest in our Chinese population. We earnestly hope it may be revived. Is there not some liberal soul who will furnish the means necessary? Would it not be well for some of our missionary societies to consider the matter? Such a promising agency ought not to be left to die.—J. M. S.

—*American Seamen's Friend Society.* Dr. Meredith, of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, preached the annual sermon in his own church to a large audience on Sunday evening, May 4.

The report of the secretary of the society, the Rev. Dr. W. C. Stitt, was read, giving particulars in regard to the society's work that cannot fail to be gratifying evidence of success in its sixty-second year. The feature of the work for seamen that was most emphasized by both Dr. Meredith and Dr. Stitt was the "loan library" scheme. These libraries are selected by experts and placed upon ships on their outward voyages.

During the year ending March 31, 1890, the society had sent out 490 of these loan libraries. The total number of volumes in these libraries is 21,070, and of new books 6,665, available during the year to 7,026 seamen. The United States naval vessels and the hospitals, as well as the life-saving stations, have also all been provided with these libraries.

The cash receipts of the society from legacies, donations, loan library contributions, and other sources amounted to \$38,520.35. The disbursements for missionary work at the Cherry street home and elsewhere at home

and abroad, for publications, loan libraries, expenses, etc., amounted to \$30,241.41. \$491.85 has been expended for the aid of the shipwrecked and destitute.

—A popular edition of the Bible in Portuguese is to be issued in numbers on the same plan that has been so successful in Italy.

—*Medical Missions: Facts and Testimonies to their Success.* Compiled by W. J. Wanleas, M. D., and published by the Missionary Echo Publishing Co., Toronto, Canada. It is a small, convenient, and admirably arranged manual. Price 6 cents; 30 cents a dozen.

—Rev. F. T. Whitman, of the Brighton Ave. Church, Boston, Mass, has sailed for Rangoon, Burmah, where he is to become pastor of the English-speaking Baptist church in that city.

—Bishop Thoburn of India expects to be in this country in July for a brief visit.

—Mr. Joseph Thomson's article on "The Results of European Intercourse with the African," in the *March Contemporary Review*, will strengthen the hands of the British representatives at the International Conference now sitting in Brussels. The importation of ardent spirits is producing results even more appalling than many philanthropists have pictured. Our own merchants, says Mr. Thomson, through the trade of gin and rum, are spreading ravages of demoralization that ought to clothe us in sackcloth and ashes. European intercourse along the West Coast, and over the whole of East Central Africa, spite of missionary efforts, has been an unmitigated curse. The warehouses along the coast are filled with gin; the air seems to reek with it, and every hut is redolent with its fumes. To walk through the squalor and vice of a village is like a horrible nightmare. Women and children even are calling out for gin, and all is besotment and fiendish debauch. This awful witness is from one who has seen it all, and ought profoundly to affect the Church of God.

—*A Missing Missionary Steamer.* A telegram from Victoria, British Columbia, announces that the missing missionary steamer, *Glad Tidings*, concerning whose safety considerable apprehensions have been entertained, has arrived safely at Port Simpson.

—The American Baptist Year Book for 1890 gives large figures for the Regular Baptists in the United States. They have 21,175 ordained ministers, 33,583 churches, and 3,070,047 members. These figures include white and colored, Northern and Southern Baptists. The number of baptisms last year was 144,575. They have 17,096 Sunday-schools, with 1,158,665 pupils; the value of their church property is \$53,568,202, and the aggregate of their contributions last year was \$9,363,277.

—*American Colonization Society.* Receipts during the past year, \$17,144; expenses, \$13,508; balance in the treasury, \$3,636. Sixty emigrants were sent out during the year, making a total of 21,858 persons to whom the Society has given homes in Africa. Liberia is in a flourishing condition. It is America's gift to Africa. It is a comprehensive missionary station. It is a grand basis from which to introduce civilization and Christianity into all that region of the Western Coast.