

Christian women in Paris have undertaken the novel mission of going to the washing boats on the Seine and singings reading and talking to the laundresses, while busy at their work.

The Old Catholic Church in Switzerland has a bishop, Dr. Herzog, fifty clergy and over fifty thousand adherents. The same body in Germany has a bishop, Dr. Reinke, forty five clergy and nearly fifty thousand adherents.

According to some of the reliable journals of Rome, the Jesuits are again making their way into that city, and acquiring property for their accommodation under an assumed name. The ancient and famous palace on the Pincian Hill, has just been purchased, it is believed by them, and transformed into an educational institution, which is said to be the seventh Jesuit establishment now revived in Rome, of course, under the wing of the Vatican. The holy pontiff seems to be working away with a vigor that indicates great hope for the future. In the present month a consistory is to be held, in which it is said that thirty bishops and twelve cardinals are to be appointed.

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#### BRITAIN.

The Revised Old Testament is now ready for publication. Twelve of the twenty-seven members of the revision committee have died before completing the work.

The Episcopal Church in Scotland shows an increase during the last thirty years of 133 clergymen, 20,000 members, three cathedrals, 120 churches, and 90 parsonages.

It is noted by the *Christian World* that the three last Lord Chancellors of England, the eminent lawyers Earl Cairns, Lord Hatherly, and the Earl of Selbourne have all been Sunday school teachers, and well known for their Christian character.

The "David Williamson," a new mission steamer, built by subscriptions of the children of the children of the United Presbyterian Church for the use of the missionaries of Old Calabar, West Africa has been launched at Dumbarton, Scotland. This increases the number of the mission fleet to eleven.

#### ASIA.

In 1871 the number of native Protestant teacher in, India was 2,594; in 1881 it was 4,345, having almost doubled.

Dr. Jess up, of Beirut, Syria, estimates that twenty years ago there were scarcely twenty females in that country of a population of 2,000,000, who could read. There are now 7,149 girls attending Protestant schools in Syria.

On appeal from the Jews in Jerusalem the Sultan has annulled the sale of a part of the Mount of Olives, which contains the graves of the prophets Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi. The purchasers were the Russian priesthood. The burial-place of the prophet has been secured to the Jews in perpetuity.

The *Indian Mirror* observes that the custom of widow-marriage among the Hindoos is fast taking root in most parts of India, where but a few years ago the idea of such remarriages was repugnant and considered tantamount to apostasy from the ancestral religion.

**CALCUTTA'S CHRISTIAN POPULATION.**—Of the entire population (about 700,000) of this Capital of British India, more than 30,000 are professing Christians. Of these 11,000 are Roman Catholics; 8678 belong to the Church of England; 1869 to Scotland; 857 are Baptists, and the same number are Methodists. Thousands of these Romish converts in Eastern Bengal are now reported to be coming into Protestant Churches.

The revival in Japan still goes on. In some places it has roused strong persecution. In Komatsu a number of natives bound themselves by an oath not to become Christians, and if any one violated his pledge he was to give his property to others. The leader of the band has, however, become a Christian. The church at Akaishi (American Board) has a daily prayer meeting at four o'clock in the morning. In Osaka, ten years ago, there were seven baptized Christians. Now there are 350 in the Congregational churches alone.—*The Independent*.

A meeting of the Northern Presbytery of Japan, one of the three now existing in that country, was held lately. The membership reported was 1,061.—an increase of 150 in half a year. The amount of money contributed for Church purposes by the native Christians was yen 1,344—a sum nearly equal to \$1,344. This is an average of about \$1.24 for each member for the time covered by the re-