

cietics. The sum total given is 705 missionaries and an income of £172,410. The expenditure is put down at a much larger figure, £245,906, which is explained as being due to the Moravian mission, which draws large sums from England and America.

—Some 70,000 workmen, exclusive of engineers and officers, are at work upon the great Transsiberian Railway. The proposed length of this great carrier is 4547 miles, of which over one third has been completed. During the season of 1895, 918½ miles were built, thus giving a direct route from St. Petersburg to the Yenisei River, a distance of 3956 miles. Up to June, 1892, the amount expended was \$32,489,000. The engineers have been forced to abandon the original plan of building across and through the mountains and cañons on the south of Lake Baikal, and trains will be ferried 20 miles across the lake by means of transfer steamers.

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India.—The *Kaukab i Hind* says of a certain Methodist school: "As an illustration of what a mission school may be and may do, we note that from its last year's classes the Lal Bagh Girl's School, Lucknow, under Miss Thoburn, sent out from its pupils workers as follows: One to the Cawnpore High School, 1 to the Moradabad High School, 1 to the Budaon Girl's School, all as teachers of the higher grade classes; 2 as teachers to Gonda, 1 to join Miss Rowe's evangelistic band, 1 as a teacher to the S. P. G. orphanage at Cawnpore, 1 as an army school mistress, 1 to the government educational department, and 2 others join the normal school for further preparation for mission work. Viewing mission schools not simply as agencies to enlighten the intellect, but as an effectual means of propagating the Christian faith, more successful work could hardly be asked."

—Among the encouraging facts now and then occurring indicating the qual-

ity of native Christians are the results of the university medical examinations in India last summer. Out of 38 candidates who passed the examinations successfully 9 were native Christian young men. The native Christians also are still a small minority of the 300,000,000 of people in Hindustan, yet about one fourth of the successful men at these impartial examinations were Christians. Besides, 2 of the young Christians carried off 2 of the medals—one for the best work in clinical surgery and one for the best all around graduating student of the medical college.

—A writer in an Indian paper, himself a Christian, declares to be false the common impression that missionary successes in India are almost entirely among the lower classes. It has been estimated by no less an authority than Professor Christlieb that 1 out of every 6 converts in India is from the upper castes. Much emphasis, moreover, is to be laid upon the fact that the Christian education and training given the converts render them able, even the from the lowest castes, to compete successfully with men from the highest ranks of Hindu society, and even to win many victories over them.

—Not long since a lad of 18, named Norendra N. Chatterji, was baptized at the Lal Bazar Chapel, Barrackpore, by Rev. J. Duthie. The young man has been inquiring for some years, and has been in frequent communication with Kalada Babu and others. His father sued in the district judge's court for the recovery of his son on the ground that he was a minor; and produced a horoscope which showed that the boy to whom it referred was only 14½. Examination by the civil surgeon showed, however, that Norendra Nath had *cut all his wisdom teeth*, and was therefore over 18, and judgment was given accordingly.

—Interesting news was recently received about the First Church of Bangkok, Siam, which has extended to