

The World Field.

"India has only one Protestant missionary to every quarter million of its people."

"Many cities in India with as many as 5,000 inhabitants have never seen a Christian missionary."

Among the 15,000 Jews of Aleppo, hitherto untouched by any Christian agency, the English Presbyterian Church has just opened a mission.

More than 10,000 Japanese are engaged on the sugar plantations of the Sandwich Islands, among whom eleven Japanese Evangelists are at work.

There were, not long since, 6,000 candidates for baptism in the Battaba tribe in the Rhenish mission in the Island of Sumatra. Of these, 1,000 were converts from Mohammedism.

Before the British occupation of India, the Ganges, in whose waters the Hindoos believed the happiest death was to be found, carried annually 1,000,000 dead bodies to the sea.

The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society is the oldest in the world, dating from the year 1841, and has (in 1895) twenty-six medical missionaries in the foreign field.—*Woman's Missionary Friend*.

"We live in the midst of not a few oddities. We have people who try to prove from the works of God that there is no God, and others to prove from the Word of God that God has no Word."—*Freeman*.

India, by last census, has 207,000,000 Hindus, 57,000,000 Mohammedans, 7,000,000 Buddhists and 2,000,000 Christians. Fifteen million are called "literate," or "learned," of whom only one-twentieth are women.

It is said that Dr. Barrows is working with a view to another Parliament of Religions, at the next great Paris Exhibition. That of Chicago probably satisfied a good many exhibitors for some time to come.

It is said that out of the 139 Missionary Societies in the world, 121 are supported by Anglo-Saxon money; and out of the \$12,500,000 given for foreign missions, \$10,000,000 are given by the Anglo-Saxon race.

The London Missionary Society determined to celebrate centenary year by raising a special Fund of £100,000, to pay off an accumulated debt and enable it to undertake some new and pressing work. It has succeeded.

The Parsees of India number 90,000, of whom 80,000 live in Bombay Presidency. They generally read English and are among the noblest types in India. No direct missionary effort has been made for them.—*Miss. Outlook*.

In Great Britain the output of books is: Sermons, one volume a day; novels, five volumes a day; educational books, two a day; art and science, two each every week; histories or biographies, six a week, and law, one every two weeks.

In Montreal, the *Sunday Sun* sells freely, without let or hindrance. In Texas, which we are accustomed to associate with no small amount of lawlessness, the Legislature, last session, passed an act imposing a tax of \$500 against each dealer who handles the *Sunday Sun* of Kansas City. The *Sun* appealed. The courts have sustained the Legislature, and the *Sun* is practically killed in Texas.

The jubilee of the Evangelical Alliance, the world-wide union of all Evangelical Christians, was celebrated in London June 30 to July 1. How much it has accomplished in the way of bringing Christians to see more eye to eye during the past fifty years.

A chief and his son, recently converted in connection with the Paris Evangelical Mission in the French Congo, called all the people of their tribe together, confessed their belief in the true God, and then collected their idols and threw them into the lake.

The old Calabar Mission of the U. P. Church, Scotland, celebrated its jubilee in April. The three pioneers of the mission who, after their long fifty years of toil, were looking forward joyfully to the event, were all called away by death during the past year.

The Portuguese Government has decided on the expulsion of the Swiss Protestant Missionary from the neighborhood of Delagoa Bay. Two other missionaries of the same Society have gone to Lisbon to protest against this measure.—*Journal des Missions Évangéliques*.

Of the seventy thousand breweries in the world, thirty thousand are in Germany, Great Britain has eighteen thousand, and the United States five thousand. Each country uses nearly all its own product, except Germany, which manufactures more than it consumes.

A Russian baptism is a curious ceremony. A large wooden bowl is filled with water, and the priest takes the child in his arms, stuffs wadding into his ears and nostrils, and then plunges the little head under the water three times, during which period he repeats prayers for the Imperial family.—*Presbyterian*.

The Bible was not allowed in Rome before Victor Emmanuel entered the city twenty-five years ago. Immediately afterward the first Bibles were taken into the city on a dog-cart by a colporteur. Now it is said that there is no book as widely spread in Italy as the Bible, and none that finds as many buyers.

Truth is working quietly but surely in the Chinese mind. He who doubts this should remember that the American Bible Society during the past year sold and distributed in China, Bibles and portions of it, no less than 385,875 copies. Let the work go on at this rate for a few decades, and the results, with God's blessing, will be astonishing.—*Phil. Pres.*

Christian Endeavorers have never before held such a Sabbath-observance rally as that which met at Washington. With increased emphasis our oft-proved devotion to the cause of the sacred Lord's Day was reiterated, and sent ringing out into the world. Especially strong was the stand taken against the Sunday newspaper. Christian Endeavor will not touch this unclean thing. We are its enemy because we believe it to be God's enemy, and at every opportunity we lift up our voices against it.—*Golden Rule*.

If 50,000 true converts to Christ have already been won in China, the whole multitude of China's millions can be won. The lever that has lifted 1,000,000 souls out of the darkness of paganism into Christian life and civilization is strong enough to lift the whole world into the light of God. We may justly change our Saviour's words of prophecy to the sober terms of history, and say: "They are coming from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, and are sitting down in the kingdom of God."—*Dr. Judson Smith, in North American Review*.