

other women could learn under her instruction; and so, with the cordial consent of the husband, this Christian woman was welcomed to the inside of his home; and as she taught his wife the art of embroidery she was working the "scarlet dyed in the blood of the Lamb" into the more delicate fabric of their hearts and lives.

—The Church of England Zenana Society is the most enterprising society of its kind probably in the world. It has 83 missionaries, with 445 Bible women and other agents locally en-

gaged; four normal schools with 123 pupils, and 133 other schools with 5,411 scholars. Last year 2,364 zenanas were regularly visited. Financially it received 19,497 rupees in government grants, 7,916 rupees in fees, and 18,953 rupees locally subscribed. Its home receipts during the year amounted to \$118,185. Of 14 missionaries recently sent out by the society, 3 were self-supporting, 4 draw no salary, 2 have their salaries paid by their friends, and 5 only are chargeable to the society.

VII.—STATISTICS OF THE WORLD'S MISSIONS.

The Comparative Cost of War and of Missions. Dr. Fed. Garlanda, in an unusually able article, has recently measured the military strength of Europe at the dawn of 1888.

The Italian standing army presents a total of over 871,000, of whom over 250,000 are in actual service, and 17,800 officers; the *milizia mobile* and the *milizia territoriale* being added to the others, we have a grand total of 32,248 officers and 2,475,533 men. The navy includes 235 ships.

The French army can in case of war summon to her aid over 2,000,000 men and a navy of over 400 ships. Her yearly expenditure on navy alone is \$46,000,000.

The land forces of the German Empire consist in time of peace of 19,264 officers, 468,409 men, with 84,091 horses. The artillery has 364 batteries, 47 of which have six pieces each, and 317 have four. In time of war those 317 batteries have also six pieces, bringing up the total to 2,184 guns. In case of war Germany can muster 1,753,000 men of the standing army and 993,000 men of the *Landwehr*. The *Landsturm* numbers 3,955,000 men. Altogether about 6,000,000 men. Her navy contains about 200 ships.

The Austro-Hungarian Empire can command nearly 44,000 officers and 1,533,296 men, with 207,034 horses, and a navy of 106 ships.

The English army has now under arms 218,569 men, with 22,242 horses, and 624 guns. The navy is equal to the combined navies of France, Germany and Austro-Hungary, embracing about 700 ships.

The Russian Empire could bring into the field over 2,500,000 troops, and a navy of over 300 ships. Turkey and Spain could muster over 1,000,000 more, and 200 vessels. In other words, the combined armies of Europe could bring into the field over 16,000,000 men and cover the waters with 1,400 vessels of war, many of them of the most destructive sort.

The total annual expenditure for the war and navy departments of these governments is said to reach the enormous sum of \$906,000,000. These governments are also immensely in debt, yet the political situation is such as to require increased armaments. They cannot go to war because they have not the financial credit to extend their indebtedness.

The total annual interest upon European indebtedness is about \$1,070,000,000. Hence the people are burdened with high taxes.

All this it costs simply to be prepared for international conflicts in Europe.

Now look at the cost of actually carrying on the Lord's war for human redemption by the universal