

SEPTEMBER: Japan, Korea. Medical Missions.

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NOVEMBER: South America, West Indies. Papacy. Home Missions.

DECEMBER: Syria. Jews. Educational Work in Missions.

As in January we propose a general survey, it may be well, first of all, to keep before us certain figures and facts of world-wide significance, even at risk of repetition.

There are 3,064 languages in the world, and its inhabitants profess more than 1,000 religions.

The most careful computation which we have been able to make or find makes the present population of the globe somewhat over 1,500,000,000. Of these, pagans, heathens and Mohammedans constitute 1,040,000,000, and the rest (460,000,000) are nominally Christian, Papal, Greek and Protestant. There are, however, not more than 31,500,000 Protestant church members. At least one-half of this 460,000,000 are *Nothingarians* and *Confucionists*. To these more than thousand millions, Protestant Christendom sends 6,230 messengers of the cross, of whom 3,000 are ordained missionaries and 2,500 women. To these, in estimating the sum total of workers, we must add some 30,300 native preachers, teachers, catechists and lay helpers, who have been raised up out of pagan, heathen and Mohammedan communities as the first fruits of missions, making a total force in the foreign field of 36,530, of which about *five-sixths* are *converts from heathenism*. Could these workers so be distributed as that the entire unevangelized population could be equally divided among them, each would still have to reach, within an average lifetime, at least 28,400 souls with the gospel! And this, too, with all the disadvantages of having to get to the field and get over the field,

and master the languages that must be the vehicle of communication.

To estimate the entire number of converts in all foreign mission fields at 3,000,000 is very liberal, in fact in excess of the real number; but it must be remembered that these represent not less than 600,000 families and 30,000 churches, mission stations and schools; and that out of these 3,000,000 converts, 30,000 workers have gone into the field, or *one out of every 100*, while Protestant Christendom has sent forth but *one out of 5,000*!

The money annually raised for carrying on Protestant foreign missions is a little short of \$11,250,000, or an average of 37½ cents per year for each evangelical church member, or less than *one tenth of a cent* a day. Accurate figures we are unable to give or get concerning either medical missions or the educational work. As to the first, their growth is so rapid that if we could present accurate returns they would be hopelessly in the rear before we could get this number of THE REVIEW electrotyped. For example, the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society alone, which had in 1871 only 7 students, and in 1881, 16, had in 1886, 170 *qualified medical missionaries* in active service. Within ten years the income of the society increased *five-fold*.

As to schools, they exist in connection with all missions and are often the first form of evangelistic agency. It is computed that for every fifteen church members and adherents gathered in heathen lands, there is one school. If so, then the total number is not far from 200,000, which, including schools of every size and grade, from the primary to the collegiate, is not, we are persuaded, far from correct. But we hope before the year closes to gather more accurate and trustworthy figures. There are in the world 16,447,990 Sunday-school pupils, by the last