

than 10,000 francs, the result of most careful economy, to the French Protestant Foreign Mission Society. She loved missions, regularly read the missionary journals, and never prayed without mentioning by name M. Coillard, a veteran missionary in South Africa.—*Spirit of Missions.*

—A second Baptist church is to be formed in Paris, France. As the first church has recently opened a new hall for evangelistic services, this will make four places for worship in that city under the control of the Baptists.

India.—Speaking in Edinburgh, at the opening of the session of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution, upon "Madras and Southern India," Sir M. E. Grant Duff, G. C. S. I., late governor of Madras, said that the two great languages of the Madras presidency, each spoken by about 12,000,000 people, were Telugu and Tamil, both Dravidian tongues. Less than 30,000 people out of 31,000,000 claimed English as their mother tongue. As to nationality, the immense majority were Hindus; and next to them, but at an enormous distance in point of numbers, came the Mohammedans; then came the Christians—far more numerous in southern India than in the north. Among the Christians 68 per cent. were Catholics and 32 per cent. Protestants. Among the Protestants the Anglicans were the most numerous, and in Tinnivelly they had a large number of native converts.—*Our English Correspondent.*

—November 2 three missionaries sailed in the Pavonia for the re-enforcement of those devoted toilers in that far-off land who labor under the appointment of the Free Baptist Foreign Board. Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Stiles are known as the A. C. F. missionaries, because their support is to be provided in full by the new Free Baptist organization, which is composed chiefly of young people and known as the Advocates of Christian Fidelity. Rev. F. W. Brown, it is understood, is to be supported, at least in part, by the Missionary Board of Hillsdale College.

—Pundit Raghunath Rao, the Dewan of Indore, has put forth a catechism of the Aryan-Vedic religion, which has excited great attention, taken word for word from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, leaving out the references to Jesus Christ! This is certainly the most remarkable plagiarism of modern times.

—The Christian Vernacular Education Society reports that the Training Institution at Ahmednagar has been in full working order throughout the year 1887, with fifty-seven students in attendance; thirty students left the Dindigal Institution with teachers' certificates. The system of inspecting and improving the indigenous schools in Bengal has been vigorously worked. Nearly 7,000 children are under Christian instruction. The chief feature of the

work of the publication department has been the issue of several books for educated Hindus.

—Special features of encouragement in the work of the Indian Female Normal School and Instruction Society are the Zenana work at Lucknow, where the pupils have increased from 400 to 500; the work at Patna, which has been enlarged and consolidated; the school work at Bombay, especially that of the Normal School, which has supplied teachers to East Africa, Western India, Karachi, and other places; Mrs. Sorabji's work at Poonah, which is in a most flourishing condition; and, lastly, medical work.

—The princes of Rajpootana have abolished the custom of infant marriages. In the future no girl shall be married under the age of 14, and no boy under 18, unless prior to the adoption of this law a contract of marriage had been entered into. These princes hold the highest rank, and their example will have wide influence.

—The proportion of the native Christian students of the University of Bengal who have become Masters of Arts is 23 times greater than of the Hindu and Mohammedan students.

Italy.—We have noted the publication of the Bible in Rome by Martini, the well-known publisher, in penny parts. The experiment has been successful beyond expectation. About 50,000 copies are sold every week. The book is well printed, and each part has been reduced to eight pages.

Japan.—Buddhism cannot long hold its ground, and Christianity must finally prevail throughout all Japan. Japanese Buddhism and Western science cannot stand together. They are inconsistent the one with the other.—*Japanese Gazette.*

—One of the most hopeful indications for the future of Christianity in Japan is the missionary character of the native Christians. They are zealous in carrying the gospel to their own people, and also to Korea and the islands dependent on Japan.

—No better proof of the genuine interest of our Japanese Christians in the new civilization could be given than their contributions the past year for educational and religious objects, amounting to over \$41,000; and it is not professed Christians only that give, but others, impressed with the character of the work in progress, especially thoughtful parents, for the sake of the moral culture obtained in our schools. A few weeks since word came from Mr. Neesima of \$31,000 subscribed by a few Japanese gentlemen, including two of the highest officials in the government, toward the enlargement of our Doshisha school so as to make it a Christian university.—*Miss. Herald.*

—A revival has been going on simultaneously in different parts of Japan. As a result, the increase in all the churches of Tokio cannot be much less than a thousand. Yokohama has also enjoyed a rich blessing, and reaped a glorious harvest. Many of the cities and towns of the empire are now wonderfully stirred up.

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