

lies were converted and meet together to pray and sing and to spread the good news. Some peasants walk miles to attend the meetings. 'The work at St. Aubin,' writes one, 'almost makes me weep for joy.' One year ago there was not a single Protestant there, and now sometimes there are 300 present at the morning service. They are sincere, for recently the mayor assembled them and addressed them somewhat as follows: 'If we want to be helped we must help ourselves first. We sadly need a chapel and we are poor. I will give \$500.' 'I have no money,' said one man, 'but I have a beautiful oak-tree worth \$50, which I will give.' 'I,' said a third, 'have a quarry of stone worth \$40, and will give it.' A fourth said, 'I will give my horses and men to carry the oak-tree and the stones.' And together they gathered \$1600." Such is the cheering intelligence taken from the *Congregationalist*.

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—The Arabian Mission represents one of the most recent of American movements for the world's evangelization, having been organized in 1889 and incorporated only in 1891. It is undenominational in character, and at present has its headquarters at Somerville, N. J., with Rev. J. P. Searle as treasurer. The receipts for the year ending October 1st, 1891, were \$3473, and a bequest of \$5000 was received. Two men—Rev. Messrs. Cantine and Zwemer—are already at work; and Busrah, Arabia has been selected as the first work centre. In addition, in January last a medical missionary—Dr. C. E. Riggs—was commissioned, and a few weeks since started for the field. "Oh, that Ishmael might live before Thee!" Major-General Haig, of the British Army, who is much interested in the evangelization of Arabia, writes that 8 or 10 men could be placed to advantage at once.

China.—It is stated upon entirely reliable authority that during the last thirty years whole provinces of China,

as large and as populous as some of the great kingdoms of Europe, have been almost entirely devoted to the cultivation of opium. Mr. Hudson Taylor, of the Chinese Inland Mission, is authority for the statement that more than 100,000,000 of the people of China are directly and indirectly sufferers from the use of opium, which means that 30,000,000 of its people are slaves to its use.

The Hosts Unreached.—The Rev. Dr. William Ashmore has been laboring for more than thirty years in the city of Swatow, in Southern China, where the hostility to foreigners has been greater than in most other cities, but where there are now more than 1000 converts. In a recent letter he says: "The towns and villages of this great region have lain heavily on our hearts. There are 6000 of them just in our own portion of the field. In a few only—a very few—are any Christians to be found. When and how are we going to reach the others: the more than 5000 towns and villages that have in them no witnessing servants of God; the more than 5000 that have never had anything more than a passing call from some native evangelist; the 3000, surely, that have never had a missionary inside of their gates?"

—The Annual Report of the Williams Hospital of the Presbyterian Mission at Pang Chuang, Shantung, China, gives statistics for ten years. The total number of cases treated was 33,306. The largest number, 9659, were for diseases of the digestive system; 7246 for diseases of the eye; 4928 for diseases of the skin. The record for 1890 shows 5116 cases treated, the largest any year except 1888, when there were 5996 treatments. The number of hospital in-patients during the year was 554, an increase over the previous year of 100. The religious work centres largely about the daily dispensary preaching in the chapel or waiting-room, which has been full, if not crowded, every day for most of the year.