

—Though the Moravians are but a little flock, having a membership in Europe and America of not much over 30,000, yet since 1732 they have sent out no less than 2383 men and women to spread the glad tidings. A defect of their work appears in the fact that in all these 162 years they have raised up only about 50 native ministers (96, with wives included).

—Sweden has 5 missionary societies, all of recent origin, which are independent of the State Church: the Missionary League, the Holiness League, the Missionary Alliance, the Swedish Woman's Mission to the Women of North Africa, and the Swedish Mission in China.

—According to the *London Daily News* the Procurator of the Holy Synod of Russia reports that the Stundists and other nonconformists are steadily increasing in spite of all efforts to put them down. And his Excellency opines that "the extremely religious mode of life, the strict moral discipline, the close sympathy, and the unflinching support rendered to the needy by the affluent members of these sectarian communities, have all combined to enlist the voluntary adhesion of the simple and ignorant peasants." All of which, of course, is too bad—indeed, is scandalous in the extreme!

—The project of erecting a German Protestant church in Rome is being pushed with considerable vigor. Nearly 150,000 marks have already been collected, and recently 154 representative men from the Church of Prussia presented a petition to the High Consistory asking to have a general collection ordered for this purpose throughout the country: 3 provincial synods have sanctioned the project, and Dr. Barkhausen, the head of the consistory, has been in Rome and looked into the movement.

—The *Churchman* learns that the venerable cathedral of St. Peter, through the enterprise of Pope Leo, is already

provided with electric lighting, telephone, and phonograph, that an elevator is soon to be added to the carnal conveniences; and ventures humbly to suggest that an intramural railroad should soon follow in the vast structure, provided the deadly trolley can be dispensed with.

ASIA.

—Dr. H. C. Haydn thus writes of this continent: "It is the largest, richest, and most populous on the face of the earth! In civilization the oldest! Mother of great religions, of all the religions worth naming! The great fore-runners of the Christ, and the Christ Himself, were Asiatics. Judaism, Buddhism, Brahmanism, Confucianism, Christianity, Mohammedanism—all Asiatic. The prophets of the Old Testament, the writers of the New, and the Book—the greatest of books—are all Asiatic. The early fathers of the Church, whose subtle thought and kindling interpretation of Christianity are so influencing modern movements within the Church, were many of them Asiatic. Why does Asia now stand for so little? She lost her Gospel and her Christ rather than welcome both to dominate her life."

Islam.—*Scribner's Magazine* for December gives this interesting item: "The most striking peculiarity of Constantinople is the immense vitality which has carried it through so many 'deaths.' It is common to speak of Turkey as the 'sick man,' and to associate ideas of ruin and decay with one of the most intensely living cities in the world. But no one who has spent even twenty-four hours on either side of the Golden Horn could ever conceive of anything distantly approaching to stagnation. Coming from Europe, whether from Italy or Austria, one is forcibly struck by the universal life, liveliness, and activity of the capital. There is no city in the world where so many different types of humanity meet and jostle each other and the stranger at every turn. Every nation in Europe is