

Half of this band are men and half are women. The majority are Swedish by birth, though a few came originally from Norway.

—The insurrections against the Catholic and Protestant missions in China are attributed to fanatical Buddhist priests. To stir up the people, they allege that the Chinese children are maimed by the Christians, and that their eyes are torn out for the purpose of making medicine to bewitch the Chinese.

Fiji.—The latest report concerning the religious condition of this group of islands covers the year 1889. The total area of the group is about the same as that of the State of Massachusetts. There is a European population of about 2000, while the natives, including other Polynesians and Indian emigrants, number 123,000. Of this native population 103,775 worship in the churches of the Wesleyan Mission, while 10,302 attend Roman Catholic churches. The Wesleyan Mission has 10 European missionaries and 72 native ministers, 49 catechists, 1838 local preachers, and 1095 teachers; these laboring in connection with 909 churches and 414 other preaching places. In the schools of the Wesleyan Mission are 40,667 children. The Roman Catholic Mission has 18 European ministers with 148 native teachers and 76 native churches and chapels. Aside from the 18 Roman Catholic priests there are three lay Europeans and 14 female Europeans. It is interesting to notice that the total value of exports from Fiji for the year 1889 amounted to \$1,821,000, while the imports were \$945,000. Is there any one who believes that there would be such a record of prosperity for these islands had it not been for the preaching of the Gospel therein?

Hungarian Jews.—The Buda-Pesth Mission among the Hungarian Jews had an important incidental result in knitting various closer ties of brotherhood with the Hungarian churches. Scottish liberality has provided bursaries at the New College, Edinburgh, for Bohemian

and Hungarian divinity students. A new financially independent German Reformed church in Buda-Pesth has mainly resulted from Scottish labors. The leading Hungarian pastors express a warm sense of this catholic co-operation.

India.—The census of India was taken in one night between February 26th and 27th. There were more than a million of enumerators.

—Before Christianity entered India, lepers were treated with shocking inhumanity. Many of them were buried alive. The English rulers have put a stop to this custom, and for fourteen years there has been a special Christian mission to the 135,000 lepers in India.

—A correspondent of the *Harvest Field* thinks the Salvation Army workers in India have fallen into the snare of "premature reporting." Last year it was stated that at Paij, a Gujarat village, hundreds had joined the Army. They have now "in hundreds" left the Army. He suggests that it would be wiser to wait a year to see how converts stand before rushing into print concerning them.

—Dr. Sara C. Seward, a niece of the late Secretary Seward, who for several years has been a medical missionary among the women of India, died recently at Allahabad.

—In Jhansi, where mission work has been carried on since 1886, the first Christian church is now being built. It will contain a reading-room for the educated natives, and English books will be provided.

—Pundita Ramabai held the second anniversary of her "Sharada Sadhau," or widow's home, recently. Mrs. Ranade, the amiable and intelligent wife of a cultured native gentleman of Poona, a member of the Legislative Council, presided with grace and dignity; and another well-educated lady with remarkable self-possession moved an address of thanks. This assuredly indicates progress in the conservative city of Poona, a stronghold of Brahmanism. The