

this cause at the rate of £1 (\$5) a year per member. This is a remarkable fact, even though we bear in mind that the Friends are as a body well to do.

—"Twenty-eight years ago, in the East of London, here, all alone, I took my stand with the simple purpose of reaching the crowds who seemed like sheep having no shepherd. To-day it is the sole business of 10,849 men and women to carry on the work at home and abroad, and the work abroad is greater than the work at home. To say nothing of the Darkest England scheme, £53,000 was spent last year in social work in foreign lands."—*General Booth.*

The Continent.—The Salvation Army in Finland is apparently making satisfactory progress. After a three years' struggle the opposition and ridicule formerly heaped on the army by the public and the authorities have abated, and considerable toleration is shown toward the new sect. In various parts of Finland there are stationed 11 branches of the army, 3 of these in Helsingfors, and the remainder in other cities and towns. The success of the movement has made English subscriptions no longer necessary.

—Will Mgr. Satolli please scan these figures very carefully, and ponder the facts? In Italy, the home of the Pope, under parochial schools, 53 per cent of the people can neither read nor write; in Spain, 72½ per cent; in Austria, 45 per cent; in Mexico, 93 per cent. Under the public-school system the results are: Germany, 3 per cent; Norway and Sweden, 3 per cent; England, 10 per cent; Switzerland, 5 per cent; United States, 7 per cent.

—Taking the hint from a similar undertaking in Italy, a bookseller in Prague, Austria, has decided, as a business enterprise, to bring out an edition of the Bible in portions, issuing one or two a month, selling each portion for about 1 cent, making the cost of the whole Bible from 40 to 50 cents. The first edition is to be 50,000 copies, and

it will be sold in the bookstores and advertised everywhere.

—The city of Hamburg has the largest charitable endowment of any city on the continent. The interest from the invested funds amounts to \$375,000 annually, which aids 51,343 persons. There are 400 distinct endowments.

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Islam.—Considerable success has already been secured for Christianity in the Turkish Empire; nearly 500 missionaries and 1800 native helpers are toiling for the Gospel. Over 200 churches are organized, with 21,000 communicants, and there are 84,000 Protestants. The Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society (British) has hitherto helped this great missionary labor by a total of just \$400,000.

—Let Romanists who worship relics look well to their "laurels," or the Moslems will outdo them, for in describing the new mosque at Tripoli, Syria, Dr. Harris says: "It is celebrated for the possession of three hairs from the prophet's beard—a gift from the present Sultan. There are only two in the possession of the mosque of Omar at Jerusalem, and the mosque at Cairo, Egypt. The precious gift is kept in a golden box. The time, two years ago, when the box was taken from the steamer and carried to the mosque was made a time of feasting, as well as a time of the most dreadful torture of human bodies."

—This table from *Field News* includes the work of all societies engaged in Syria and Palestine, numbering more than a score, and proves conclusively that even in this most discouraging of fields the Gospel is making great gains.

	1881.	1891.
Foreign laborers.....	191	237
Native ".....	581	637
Organized churches....	26	45
Average congregations.	6,910	8,604
Communicants.....	1,693	3,974
Schools.....	302	328
Total of pupils.....	14,624	18,337