

A Hindoo woman wrote to Victoria, Empress of India, recounting the many terrible wrongs under which the women of India labored, and pleaded with her to have them righted. With the recounting, the burden of their wrongs came on her afresh, and in bitterness of soul she cried: "O God, I pray thee, let no more women be born in this land."

A Mohammedan convert in Persia has suffered the confiscation of his property and the loss of both his ears rather than surrender his faith. A year ago this convert was such a fanatical Moslem that every night he went to bathe to wash off the pollution of contact with Christians during the day. What a change the Spirit of God can effect?

The trend of the English Church Rome-ward may be seen in a fact stated by the *London Echo*: "Father Black states that the number of the Anglican clergy in England and Scotland now engaged in hearing confessions is between 1,200 and 1,500; while the number so engaged fifty years ago might safely be reckoned under a score."—*American Sentinel*.

One of the most interesting missions in the world is that of the English Church Missionary Society in Uganda, Africa. There are 130 native evangelists, 185 stations, an average of 4,000 worshippers daily, and 20,000 on Sunday. There were 1,000 baptisms during the past year. Five lady missionaries have lately gone from England to Uganda.—*Missionary Outlook*.

The American Board is making a change in its policy in Japan. It is proposed, as one important principle, not to increase the number of resident missionaries, but to leave the evangelistic work to Japanese preachers, and to send from time to time prominent pastors and professors from home to give courses of lectures, to aid them in forming their own system of Theology.

A leading Mormon bishop has publicly declared that, as Utah has been admitted as a State and is free from Federal interference, the Mormons being five to one, will at once re-establish and legalize polygamy. According to the latest statistics the total of churches is 6,420, the sittings number 1,277,910, and the members are returned at 333,967, these figures showing an increase on the previous year.

The Waldensian Church in Italy have 137 workers at the present time, of whom 44 are pastors, having the oversight of as many churches, and 54 stations where the work of evangelization is carried on. Religious services are held in 200 places, and it has been ascertained that the Gospel has been preached in the past year to more than 50,000 persons to whom it was not previously preached, at least by Waldensian workers.

Henry M. Stanley, the famous African explorer, speaking recently of the region in Africa between Mombasa and the Victoria Nyanza, the second largest lake in the world, said: "When I was at the lake eighteen years ago there was not a missionary there. Now there are 40,000 Christian natives and 200 churches. The natives are enthusiastic converts. They would spend their last penny to acquire a Bible. They are not like the blacks of the west coast; in fact, there are no real Ethiopians among them. They vary in color from light yellow to dark copper and are much more intelligent than the blacks."

Statistics respecting the inmates of French prisons show that out of a hundred persons convicted of murder in Paris fifty-three are confirmed drunkards. The same proportion of drunkards is found amongst those convicted of offences against morals. Out of a hundred convicted of begging and vagabondage the drunkards numbered seventy, and no fewer than ninety amongst a hundred sentenced for causing bodily harm.

The total number of Protestants in France, according to the latest official year book, is 639,825, which includes 10,759 Protestants in Algiers. The reformed church of France comprises 101 consistories, 1,282 parishes, 638 pastors paid by the state, and 540,483 members. The Lutheran Church numbers six consistories, 18 parishes, 62 pastors and 77,553 members. Algiers has 3 Protestant consistories, 16 parishes and 20 pastors. —*Pres. Rev.*

It is stated that the city of New York will pay this year \$55,000 for the books by which to teach the children the effects of alcohol. "The law provides that the nature of alcoholic drinks, and their effects on the human system, shall be taught for not less than four lessons per week for ten or more weeks in the year in all grades below the second year of the High School." Also "that all pupils who can read shall study this subject from suitable text books."

A recent traveller says that the Icelanders "have a better average culture than any European people. About 72,000 of the inhabitants profess the Lutheran form of faith. The Bible is well-studied by the people, young and old, and almost every Icelander can read and write although the children are taught at home. There are 287 churches, 12 of stone, 246 of wood, and 29 of turf. 51 churches possess each a harmonium. The clergy are highly respected and church attendance is good."

Mrs. Stewart, who became a martyr in China, was one day early in her Kucheng life, talking to a class of Chinese married women. Speaking to them about killing the girl babies, she said, "I do not suppose any of you have done so." A smile passed from one to the other. Eighteen women out of the twenty present confessed to the crime, explaining that it had to be done immediately, before the little one had won any love. Could the Churches of Christ leave China alone?

The real opposition to Christian work in China comes not from the Government, or even the priests, so much as from the literati; whose education, though not religious beyond the use of religious classics as text-books, is conservative, and implants a pig-headed fanaticism. The missionary is not hated by them as a missionary, so much as a typical foreigner. Personally his life and conversation will often win high praise from those who get to know him, and, as of old, when left to themselves the common people receive him gladly.—*Christian Leader*.

The Free Church of Italy, founded by Father Gavazzi, is practically disorganized. Several ministers have been received into the Waldensian Church, and the remaining congregations and ministers seem not to have the vitality for growth. The Waldensians who suffered so much and for so long at the hands of Italy are having their revenge. With the advent of religious liberty they have been diligently at work; their missions have been most successful; and the Waldensian Church will probably be the future Church of Italy.