

MR. SPURGEON is becoming inoculated with American hyperbole. Chiding the English Baptists for giving but \$350,000 a year for foreign missions, he said, "How long do you think it would take to convert the world at that rate?" He answered, "It would just take an eternity *and a half*."

DR. MCGILVARY, who has lately returned to Chieng-Mai after a short tour in the surrounding districts, speaks of a marked movement in some of the country villages—many of them thirty or forty miles apart—where a portion of the inhabitants had enrolled themselves, professing their desire to renounce Buddhism and embrace Christianity.

THE Breton sailors are said to pray as they launch out on the deep, "Keep me, my God, my boat is so small and Thy ocean is so wide." One may well offer such a prayer when he attempts to comprehend and set forth in any measure the way of God's providence and the work of His kingdom in the world.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church of America is doing a good work in Mexico. The most flourishing mission, however, is the Presbyterian, which numbers, after ten years' work, over 6,000 Church members. The total number of Protestant congregations in Mexico is 239, with 103 Sunday-schools.

It is pleasant to get independent testimony to the value of missionary work. Dr. Schweinfurth writes from Alexandria, August 5th, 1885: "American missionaries have more than a thousand scholars in the different villages of Egypt. Their mission has done an enormous amount of good; and as regards the schools, it is only necessary to support them in order to obtain more good."

MOST people think, if they keep all the best rooms in their hearts swept and garnished for Christ, that they may keep a little chamber in their heart's wall for Belial on his occasional visits; or a three-legged stool for him in the heart's counting-house; or a corner for him in the heart's scullery, where he may lick the dishes. It won't do! You must cleanse the house of him, as you would of the plague, to the last spot. You must be resolved that as all you have shall be God's, so all you are shall be God's.—*John Ruskin*.

NAPLES is a Romish city, and of all others, the nearest to Rome. Of its 495,000 population, 350,000 live underground in noisome cellars that extend far back from the street. Crime is so rampant that in many thickly populated quarters of the city highway robberies are of frequent occurrence in broad daylight. The natives feel that the world owes them a living, and they are going to get it. Defending the criminals gives occupation to 11,000 lawyers of the Italian school, who work for fees ranging from five cents upward. Can't our Catholics do something to alleviate this mass of misery?

THE National Bible Society of Scotland is just issuing from the press, under the care of Dr. Laws, its translator, a translation of the whole New Testament into the Chinyanja language, which is spoken along the Shiré valley north of the Ruo, and in the highlands surrounding Blantyre; while it is the mother-tongue on the Lake shore, and at various

points on the south and west sides of it. It is estimated that nearly half a million of people will be able to read this book as soon as they can read anything, and that adjacent tribes can also read and understand it. Here is something—and not a little—to show for nine years' work.

GEN. LEW WALLACE, United States minister to Turkey, author of *Ben Hur*, was in the city a few days ago, and in the course of conversation, said that when he went to Turkey he was prejudiced against missionaries, who constitute nearly all the American residents in the country. But his views of them and their work had completely changed. He had found them to be an admirable body of men, who are doing a wonderful educational and civilizing work outside of their strictly religious work. "They have been here fifty years," he added, "and in all that time there has been no instance in which one of them has forgotten himself, his calling, or his country."

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