

ten years. Since 1882 the number of stations occupied has risen from 17 to 30, European missionaries and assistants from 40 to 78, native teachers, Bible-women, and nurses from 93 to 210, schools from 31 to 68, pupils from 1862 to 5000, dispensaries from 1 to 5, attendances at dispensaries from 2000 to 24,500.

The Continent.—The King of Belgium has been foremost in efforts to do good in Africa, especially to bring the civilized nations to agree that no rum shall go from their ports to that continent. He was asked why he took such an interest in Africa, and replied: "When my only son and heir died, leaving me alone, I determined to do for the orphan and friendless. God seemed to say, adopt Africa. Hence I have devoted my private revenue to the interests of Africa, and when I die Africa shall be my heir." All which is kingly in the highest sense.

—The London *Chronicle* is authority for the statement that a certain priest, one Arnold Janssen, with the full consent of the Propaganda in Rome, has founded 3 institutions—1 in Holland, 1 in Austria, and 1 in Silesia—which, like the great missionary school in Lyons, founded by the late Cardinal Lavigerie, have for their express object the training of priests and others to work "in places where Protestant missions exist, and in order to destroy them!"

—Days of sorrow and suffering seem to be in store for the Jews and Stundists of Russia, who must conform to the ideas and ways of the Holy Church, or flee with the loss of all their goods, or perish in Siberian exile. As an exchange suggests in righteous indignation: "The 'Orthodox' Church thinks it is verily doing God service in crushing our evangelical brethren, but such intolerance is one of the blackest heresies above hell."

—The Russian Church is well understood to be nothing if not orthodox, but

to what an alarming extent few are aware. It seems the drinking places in that country have *ikons*—images—set up in them. The rulers of the Church are not shocked at that incongruity. What troubles them is that the men who frequent the saloons may not always take off their caps or hats in the presence of the holy emblems. So an ordinance is formulated which obliges placards to be hung up enjoining the removal of the head coverings when the drinkers enter the holy places.

—The Bible Society has a colporteur in Siberia, Golubeff by name, who sent the following despatch from Irkootsk: "Returned to-day from my four weeks' journeys. Circulated in December, 2151 copies; in all, during this expedition, since February last, 11,120 copies. Mercury, 32½ Reaumur (about 30° below zero, Fahrenheit). Am suffering from the cold; face frost-bitten; rheumatism in the feet; more work to be done in Irkootsk territory. Start for Baikal in February. Eight thousand volumes have reached me here; am forwarding to Chita and Blagovetschemsk."

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Turkish Empire.—The *Church Missionary Gleaner* alleges that the authorities in Constantinople recently made a curious blunder. The Bible Depot issued a Turkish translation of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. The authorities got hold of a copy, and thought the Galatians were the people of Galata (a part of Constantinople), and consequently imprisoned the colporteur, and when the matter was explained said they would only grant the man's release on St. Paul's death certificate being produced!

—In the Church of Scotland's mission at Smyrna 21 Russian Jews were baptized not long since, of whom 12 were adults.

—A native of Damascus has been trying to get permission to establish a brewery in Jerusalem. But the Governor of Syria has thus far declined