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The Missionary Year Book for 1889 (1) contains historical and statistical accounts of the principal Protestant Missionary Societies of Great Britain, the Continent of Europe and America, and is illustrated with a diagram showing the proportional parts of the population of the world according to the professed religion of the people. To the account of every society is appended a table, setting out the dates of the foundation of missions, their progress and their income. It is altogether an interesting and valuable publication.

The Rev. John Liggins has written a timely and useful book, setting forth the *Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions* (2), which he supports with much undisputed information. It is often alleged that missionaries are unsuccessful, but those who are inclined to be daunted by such expressed opinions will be greatly encouraged by Mr. Liggins' work; and all who take an interest in missionary effort ought to read this book, which tells us a thrilling tale in a simple way. The work has an introduction by Dr. A. T. Pierson.

The Religious Condition of Christendom (3) is an extremely valuable series of papers presented to the Eighth General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance, held in Copenhagen in 1884. There are accounts of the religious state of various European countries by men eminently qualified to give them; and there are also many suggestive addresses on such subjects as Christian Life in Relation to Social Conduct, Family Religion, the Power of Prayer, our Lord's Divinity and Atonement, the Lord's Day, &c.; all by men of known name and fame. We can confidently direct attention to all these papers, and especially to that on Religious Indifference, by Professor Christlieb; on Modern Social Problems, by Professor Redford; on the Basis of the Authority of the New Testament Scriptures, by Professor Godet; on Modern Unbelief, by Dr. Sinclair Paterson; to the Harmony of Science and Revelation, by Prebendary Anderson and Dr. E. Conder; with many others. Indeed, the volume teems with interest. It is well edited by Dr. L. B. White, who shows his qualification for the work by a paper on Christian Literature; and the whole "get up" of the work does credit to the Evangelical Alliance, from whose office it proceeds.

(1) *Missionary Year Book*, for 1889. London: Religious Tract Society.

(2) *The Great Value and Success of Foreign Missions*. By Rev. John Liggins. London: J. Nisbet & Co., 1889. Price 3s.

(3) *Religious Condition of Christendom*. Edited by the Rev. L. B. White, D.D. London: Office of the Evangelical Alliance, 1885. Price 7s. 6d.