

—Rev. A. C. Good writes this of the lot of women among the Bule of West Africa : " Although the garden may be a mile from town, no effort is ever made to improve the road, which often passes through swamps, along the bed of streams, or over fallen logs and brush. Over this road she must carry a big basket of firewood, day after day, as she returns from her work. Later, she must add to this load the daily supply of food for the family and guests. Then a big jar of water must be brought from the stream."

—The Baptist women are able to make this report : " Work is carried on by 114 missionaries, 63 of whom are representatives of our own society, and 51 other missionaries of the Union, 142 Bible women, 539 native teachers. Our appropriations have aided 434 schools with 10,238 pupils, reporting 611 baptisms."

—Two hundred pulpits in London on a recent Sunday were occupied by representative women, drawn to the great metropolis by the International Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Ignored by most of the London journals, this assembly, nevertheless, was one of far-reaching significance and intense interest. Australia, America, India, and Continental Europe were fully represented.

—At the recent anniversary of the London Missionary Society, speaking of what her sex had done in co-operation, Mrs. Matheson stated that " 65 women are actively engaged : in India, 33 ; China, 21 ; Madagascar, 6 ; South Africa, 1, and the South Seas, 4, besides a large staff of Bible-women. She also mentioned that the gifts from native Christians in China reached a larger total than was received by any other society, and then asked, in comparison with that fact, where were the self-sacrifice, earnest pleading, and sacrifice of the churches at home ?"

—For some reason our Christian women do not unite in missionary societies, each one of which shall represent the

sex throughout the entire denomination, but rather, for the most part, only such as dwell within certain subdivisions of the Union. Thus, within the Presbyterian Church are found no less than 7 woman's boards.

—The Presbyterian women sustain in Alaska 8 schools with 37 teachers ; among the Indians, 24 schools with 140 teachers, and reaching no less than 31 tribes ; among the Mexicans, 27, with 57 teachers ; Mormons, 30, with 84 teachers ; mountain whites, 25, with 77 teachers : a total of 114 schools and 395 teachers.

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—According to Mr. Mulhall, this is the most favored of nations. Thus, the United States possesses " almost as much energy as Great Britain, Germany, and France combined." " An ordinary farm hand in the United States raises as much grain as 3 in England, 4 in France, 5 in Germany, or 6 in Austria." " Our annual expenditure for schools is 3 times that of Great Britain, 5 times that of France, and 6 times that of Germany." " No nation ever before possessed 41,000,000 instructed citizens." He estimates that in 1890 our wealth was \$65,037,000,000, or an average of \$1039 to each inhabitant.

—The last annual volume of *Appleton's Encyclopædia* supplies a list of gifts and bequests in the United States exclusive of " the ordinary denominational contributions for educational and benevolent purposes, and State and municipal appropriations to public and sectarian institutions." It includes those for public purposes, such as schools, academies, hospitals, homes, libraries, etc. In 1894 the amount bestowed was \$32,000,000 ; in 1893 it was \$29,000,000. This great sum includes only gifts and bequests of \$5000 and upward.

—The *Epsworth Herald* takes note that " within a few weeks" some 15 colleges, from living donors, have received gifts varying in size from \$20,000 to \$1,300,000, and aggregating nearly \$3,000,000.