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THE American United Presbyterians have a successful mission in Egypt, embracing the whole valley of the Nile from the Mediterranean Sea to Assouan. There are upwards of sixty Christian congregations.

MISSIONARY CENTENNIALS will soon be the order of the day. That of the English Baptists comes on almost immediately; next will follow the London Society in 1895; the Netherlands' Society in 1897, and the Church Society in 1899.

LAST YEAR the British and Foreign Bible Society issued 13,000 copies of the Bible, in whole or in part, on every working-day in the year. The American Society followed with 2,919 copies per day, or over two for each minute of the twenty-four hours.

GREAT BRITAIN, with 35,000,000 people, spends as much for intoxicating liquor as the United States with 65,000,000. But her gifts for religious, educational and charitable purposes aggregate \$15,500,000 to America's \$7,000,000.

ONE hundred years ago twelve Baptist ministers met in the cottage of the Widow Wallis, at Kettering, England, and formed the "Society for Propagating the Gospel among the heathen," and gave £13 2s. 6d. as their first offering to missions. That was the day of small things, but the bugle call of William Carey has echoed round the world, and rallied the forces of Christendom to the work of missions. A hundred doors have been opened, the gates of hermit nations unlocked, and to-day the world is open to the Gospel.

THE London *Times* which used to be sceptical in regard to missions, seems to have recanted. In a recent article on the work of Moffat, Livingstone and others in South Africa, it says: "We owe it to our missionaries that the whole region has been opened up. Apart from their special service as preachers, they have done important work as pioneers of civilization, as geographers and contributors to philological research. The progress of South Africa has been mainly due to men of Moffat's stamp."

A SINGLE Christian community in India not long since sent to the London Society about \$50, two gold ear-rings and one finger ring, "the proceeds of a self-denial week, and token of gratitude for benefits received." Surely here is a stimulating example for our Epworth Leagues and kindred societies, and to

Christians in general. A thank-offering is always in order, and if it be a product of self-denial, so much the better.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church has missions in Germany. "Is there not a cause?" Of the 1,600,000 people in Berlin, about 1,400,000 are nominal Protestants; but in all the Protestant Churches combined, there are only some 60,000 sittings, and these, for the most part, but thinly occupied. The most aggressive religious force in Germany is the Catholic Church, which hopes to recover its old control. American Christianity is needed there.

RATIONALISM in Germany is still widely spread, but this is the result of former declension rather than of active propagandism at the present time. In fact, among the leaders of theological thought in the universities there has been a distinct reaction, and there is a tendency towards evangelical teaching in the lecture room. The dominance of the state in religious matters is a great obstacle to evangelical Christianity.

THE American Congress voted some \$5,000,000 in aid of the World's Fair, but coupled with the grant a condition that the Fair should be closed on the Sabbath. The managers, by accepting the grant, accepted the condition; but now the Sunday newspapers, the saloons, and the enemies of the Christian rest-day generally are joining in a crusade to secure the repeal of the law, or failing that, to defy the law *in toto*.

IT appears, also, that the same evil influences are at work to secure the open sale of liquor on the Fair grounds, with every prospect of success. This is in violation of the Charter, and also of State laws, and the Christian and temperance sentiment of the nation is moving, with telling effect, to defeat the conspiracy. If, in spite of all, the liquor-selling and Sabbath-breaking elements carry their point, there is but one thing for Christians to do, and that is to "boycott" the whole concern by staying away.

IN the great fight against the forces of intemperance, Sabbath-breaking and immorality in the United States, one thing is painfully evident, namely, that the Associated Press, which controls the news despatches, is on the side of the anti-Christian forces, and this gives many of the great dailies the appearance of being on the same side. Movements in favor of national morality are scarcely noticed, except to be misrepresented, while everything of an opposite character is magnified and applauded.

THE friends of Sabbath observance are carrying the war into Africa. In Chicago recently—of all places in the world—an immense audience voted unanimously that they would not patronize merchants who keep their stores open on Sunday. Also that they would work for the election of aldermen who would vote for the passage of a Sunday-closing ordinance. These are arguments—perhaps the only kind of arguments—which Sabbath-breakers can understand.