## Hacts and Illustrations.

"There remains... yet very much land to be possessed."—Josh. xiii. 1.

"Spare not! Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."—Is. liv. 2.

SINCE 1852 seventy-five Sandwich Islanders have gone out as foreign missionaries.

TAHITI is to be left off the list of mission fields, because it has become Christianized.

THE Mohammedans have ninety-nine names for God, but among them all they have not "Our Father."

THERE is a Wesleyan Military Church at Rome composed entirely of soldiers, all sons of Roman Catholic parents.

A LAW has been passed by the Italian Chambers making obligatory the weekly Sabbath rest to children working in factories.

THIRTY-FIVE years ago it was the crime of high treason in Italy to possess a Bible. Now, Bible depots are established in every Italian city.

THE Government of Russia expends only three per cent. of its revenue on education, and ninety-one per cent. of the people cannot read or write.

Dr. Schaff says the Easter week ceremonies in Seville were advertised to include "five magnificent bull fights," beginning with Easter Sunday.

In the Bethel Santhal Mission twenty native brethren go two and two every day into the villages to speak of Christ. They visit forty villages every week.

Mr. Soltau writes: "In Upper Burmah there are but two missionaries, while in Scotland with about the same population, there are over 3,000 ministers of the gospel."

PRINCE GALITZIN, a young Russian nobleman, who had a Bible given to him at the Paris Exhibition, and was led to accept its truths, proposes to travel for some months through Russia for evangelistic work. He intends to build thirty Bible-stalls and fit up seven carriages for religious books and tracts.

DID YOU EVER?—Did you ever feel the joy of winning a soul for Christ? If so, you will need no better argument for attempting to spread the knowledge of His name to every creature. I tell you there is no joy out of heaven which excels it—the grasp of the hand of one who says, "By your means I was turned from darkness to light."—C. H. Spurgeon.

The captain of a steamer on the lower Niger told Mr. Roe of Lagos, that in every trip he has taken during the past two years, his boat has been boarded by the natives at Aghberi to ask, "Is the man who talks about God on board? When is he coming? If he will come and teach us to know the white man's book, then we build him house and school, and give him chop—plenty." Mr. Roe, for want of helpers, can neither go nor send; but the Roman Catholics, having heard of this open door, are preparing to enter at once.

The late Dr. Oncken some years ago, on a visit to one of the state ministers of Russia, urged a policy of tolerance towards the German Baptists of that country. The minister became angry, and threw out a hint about Siberia. "Well," said Dr. Oncken, with his accustomed Christian fearlessness, "if you send us into exile we will preach the gospel in Siberia."

THE Papal authorities in Mexico are alarmed, evidently, at the growing interest in Protestantism in that country, and are doing all in their power to turn the current of popular favor back in its old channels. Rumors are industriously circulated to the effect that the United States, and particularly its Christian missionaries, are working for the annexation of Mexico—a statement calculated to stir the hatred of the Mexicans. No serious check, however, has been put upon the efforts of Protestants.

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