

a year, while £1,500,000 was the total sum raised in Great Britain for foreign missions.

—How strangely the good and the bad are taken together from Christian lands to pagan is seen in the statement that in the South Seas the first word usually learned is "missionary," and the next is "tobacco." And it is much to be feared that "whiskey" follows hard after.

—The native Church of Polynesia sent 12 missionaries to New Guinea. These were the first native Christians to reach the island, and they were all killed. But this did not chill the devotion of the Polynesians. Then 15 missionaries were asked for, and 40 offered to go. It was necessary to decide by lot who should stay at home.

—A Japanese senator recently got hold of an exposition of part of the Bible. Reading it attentively, he pronounced Christianity a fine thing in theory; but the question was, Would it work practically? Thinking about it, he became dissatisfied with his life, and while in this state took a trip from Okayama to Osaka. On the same steamer was a Miss Barrows, and as he heard she was a Christian, he watched her. Her deportment so impressed him, that though not a word passed between them, he was convinced that Christianity was as good in practice as it was in theory; and on returning home he hunted up a missionary, made a public profession of faith, and has since been faithful in working for the salvation of others.

—Eighteen workers were wanted in the Laos Mission, the native Christians were praying for them, and this was the petition of one of the number: "O Lord, we beg you to send us these 18 teachers *truly*—not 17, but 18; not even one left out—18 *full*!"—*Field News*.

—Can it be that Calvinism also, being so close to cleanliness, is next to godli-

ness? For a mission teacher, who had lately entered the work in New Mexico, spoke to one of the older girls, in whom she was especially interested, on the subject of bathing. She was met with the immediate reply: "Oh, yes! me bathes. Me a Presbyterian. Me *has* to bathe."

—The Rev. E. P. Baker, of the Hawaiian Islands, says that although his country is the smallest of nations, with a population of only 90,000, it has more religions than any other, considering its size. In one town alone were a Catholic church and 4 Protestant churches, speaking as many languages. These held a sort of polyglot service a short time ago, in which there was prayer and discourse in 5 tongues.

—"In the province of Quebec the ratio of Catholic to Protestant is 1000 to 1." If this be so, then surely his reverence, the Holy Father, should remove thither if too much straitened for room on the Seven Hills.

—Farewells to missionaries appear to be unprecedentedly and most encouragingly numerous this year. Take these as specimen cases, of which the notice came almost within the same week: The English Church Society leads with 105, of whom 58 go out for the first time. The Zenana Bible and Medical Mission took leave of 17; the American Baptist Missionary Union of 27—an instalment of the 70 gone, or to go this year; the Canadian Baptists of 6; the American Board of 36; and the United Presbyterians of 5.

WOMAN'S WORK.

—A little girl went home from a missionary meeting and said to her mother: "There are only 8 missionaries in Siam, but when I grow up there's going to be one more."

—If one person undertook to supply the women and girls of India with Bibles, and was able to distribute 20,000 a day, year in and year out, it would take over seventeen years to supply them all.