

nal success which has attended that organization: "The real moving, heart-stirring, soul-saving power has been the fire of the Holy Ghost. It is this fire that has enabled the weakest to face and subdue the most brutal and vicious. It is this fire burning in their souls that has made the prison-cell a palace and the darkest dungeon a mansion of light. With it they have been able cheerfully to bear poverty, hunger, suffering and trial. This, and this alone, is the hidden, secret, vital force that has placed the army where it stands to-day."

**The Continent.**—Light in a dark place. The Missionary Church of Belgium has 25 pastors and 20 other agents, who provide for 28 congregations and 63 Sunday-schools, and carry on evangelistic work in 105 localities. They also have about 40 halls, and hold an average of nearly 8000 meetings a year. Their growth varies from 500 to 600 conversions every year. These are mostly among the poor miners and working-men, who give liberally and show great activity. Still it is impossible for them to meet all the expenses involved, and earnest appeals have been made to England and this country. Any persons interested in the work may forward funds to Mr. Louis Bichsel, 114 West Twenty-first Street, New York.

—The Berlin City Mission Society is more successful than ever in its sermon distribution. The weekly edition is now 130,000. Of these 18,000 are used in Berlin among those whose work does not permit them to attend the church services; 67,000 go to other parts of Prussia; 25,000 to other German countries, and 6500 to other parts of Europe. The Dresden Society publishes an edition of 12,000 each week, of which about 1300 go to other countries than Saxony.

—The Deaconesses Mother House at Kaiserswerth recently celebrated its fifty-sixth anniversary. There are now 63 mother houses, with more than 9000 sisters in 2800 fields of work. The total income was 8,000,000 marks during the past twelve months. The original house

at Kaiserswerth has 664 deaconesses, 192 probationers, and 16 deaconess pupils. One of the deaconesses is a native of Arabia.

—The persecution of the Jews in Russia has had one admirable (?) result. It is reported that some 30,000 of them have been forced by their misery to become Christians, and they are kept corralled apart from other Jews, under strict watch and instruction, for fear they will apostatize.

A Moscow merchant has become the godfather of 400 Jews who have been baptized to avoid persecution. He promised to remember in his will every one who should be certified to have received the sacrament once a year, and only two have so far reported themselves.

*The March of Civilization.*—Tramcars are to run ere long in the streets of Thessalonica. The concession has been obtained by Hamly Bey, a local Croesus.

#### ASIA.

**Turkish Empire.**—Robert College, Constantinople, has issued its 29th annual report, which is full of cheer. The bulk of the expenses of the college was met by the students. The number of pupils increased from 159 the previous year to 194, embracing 12 nationalities, the Armenians, Bulgarians, and Greeks being most largely represented. The number of Turks in the college will continue to be small so long as the government maintains its hostility to foreign and Christian schools; but President Washburn believes that the time will soon come when this policy will be abandoned. A new science hall is almost completed, a professorship of chemistry and mineralogy has been established, and a flourishing Young Men's Christian Association has been organized.

—Dr. Balph, of Kessab, Asia Minor, holds a clinic in the morning. One day a man brought his wife to have the doctor treat her eyes. He asked him if any one had treated her before. He replied,