

a million square miles, in 1,359 towns and 679,021 villages, with a population of 210½ millions, according to the latest census, 11½ per cent. of all the young people who ought to be under instruction are at schools inspected by the British Government. The number of school-going age is taken at 15 per cent. of the whole population. This may seem, at first sight, a small result; but it must be remembered that half of the 210½ millions are Asiatic females, only 2 per cent. of whose children are at school. Of the males of school-going age, 21 per cent. are under instruction in inspected schools. That is, more than one boy of every five is taught on a proper system, while one girl of every fifty is so taught. In the light of the past history of India, of the social and religious difficulties, and of the very small number and very varied duties of the white rulers, these two facts denote more rapid progress than anything similar in the history of civilization.

—The dedication of the gift to public education of A. J. Drexel, consisting of a magnificent school building in Philadelphia, costing \$500,000, together with an endowment of \$1,000,000, is a notable incident in the educational movements in the latter part of this century. The school is founded upon the most liberal plan, and it is intended to carry out to the highest development modern ideas of practical education, the training of the hand, the eye and the senses, in connection with the memory and the intellect. This magnificently endowed institution will prove a great object lesson in the manual training idea. It will be open for the accommodation of both sexes, and its founder has taken care that it shall be provided with the best teachers in every department, and with the best apparatus and appliances for manual training. Unless the idea of education upon which it is founded is entirely erroneous, when in operation it will turn out yearly hundreds of young men and women thoroughly equipped with the best education attainable to fit them for the duties of practical life. It cannot be otherwise but that the school and its pupils will exercise a most important influence in the material and intellectual development of the city of Philadelphia and of the Commonwealth.

—The Cassel Government has sent an official notice to the school inspectors requesting them to impress on the teachers in their districts the necessity of suppressing any manifestation of ill will towards the Jewish pupils. The notice is issued in consequence of the fact that in several instances Jewish boys have been treated with contumely by their fellow pupils, unrebuked or even encouraged by their masters.