

but we are never out of the food of heaven. We felt the blessed Spirit of God in our hearts whenever we camp. The people never lost their prayer-meetings and fellowship-meetings wherever they camp. We ask your prayers for us, so that we may "work the works of Him that sent us while it is day; the night will come when no man can work."

Facts and Illustrations.

THE Chinese expend about \$50,000,000 per year for opium.

IN Polynesia, where 75 years ago there were no Christians, there are now 750,000 converts.

A SHORT telegraph line, the first on the Congo, has been put up by the English Baptist missionaries.

THERE are, in India, five Government Universities, from four of which, however, the Bible is studiously excluded.

IN East Africa there are, in all, thirteen missionary societies engaged, six being English, four German and three French.

A MILLION persons are said to have been in attendance at the McAll Mission Meetings in France during the past year.

BISHOP TAYLOR was 69 on May 2nd. He is now "Paul the aged," and bears in his body "the marks of the Lord Jesus."

THE total number of Christians in Malaysia is reported to be about 250,000, including, of course, those who are *professing* but not *faithful*.

INDIA has about 75,000 educational institutions, yet only about 16 per cent. of the boys, and one per cent. of the girls of school age are in the schools.

THE number baptized in the United Church of Christ in Japan last year, was about 1,500. Total number of baptisms in all Japan during year, 5,500.

MISS S. M. PHILLIPS describes Brazil as a great nation, which by no means realizes its religious destitution, but which does crave richer educational advantages.

\$36,285 has been raised by the Ramabai Society since its formation, three years since, for the furtherance of the effort of Pundita Ramabai, to educate high caste widows in India.

Two cheques went through the New York Clearing House, recently, for \$3,168,432. They did not cover a year's expenditure for missions; they paid for a single purchase of BEER.

OVER 500 re-marriages of widows in India are reported as having taken place during the past few years. This is but few out of 21,000,000 of widows; but shows that even this great reform has had a beginning.

"A FEW years ago the offerings at the temple of Monghzur amounted to \$50,000 during the two days of the annual festival; now they are only \$20,000. The priests say to the missionaries: 'You are the reason, your preaching and your books have taken the fear of us and our gods from the hearts of our people.'"
—*Missionary Review*. A good testimony indeed.

AFRICA is still a great dark continent. As Stanley traveled from the east to the west of that country, some 7,000 miles, "he saw neither a Christian disciple nor a man who had even heard the Gospel message."

THE present Shah of Persia is said to be the most progressive man in Persia. It seems that this land, so long down-trodden by tyranny, is beginning to wake up and adopt at least a few of the methods of western civilization.

MR. PETTEE tells of a Japanese Christian employer who has solved the Sunday labor question by deciding to pay his men half wages for Sunday, although his shop was closed, the men agreeing to attend Church or Sabbath-school at least once on Sunday.

CANON WILBERFORCE is about to visit India, partly for the purpose of studying the question of the opium traffic. Others are also making inquiries, and it is proposed to send deputations throughout England with the object of setting before the people the position and effect of that trade.

IN some things Matthew Arnold held views which ran athwart of popular religious sentiment, but he gave a valuable testimony when he said, 'Show me ten square miles of territory on this globe which are not Christian, and on which the life of man and the honor of woman are safe, and I will give Christianity up.'

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