

opening of mission work by the latter's society in Western India. The Congregationalists said that when their Board opened work there fifty years before, schools were needed; but now a new mission would do well to undertake only evangelistic and pastoral work, taking no burdens of mission school work.

A high authority upon this question is the celebrated Scotch missionary, Dr. Wilson. He wrote as follows regarding Dr. Duff's institution at Calcutta:

"I think it calculated to be highly useful, but would remark that colleges, though they are admirable instruments in the instruction of Christians, are but clumsy instruments in the making or conversion of Christians. The preaching of the Gospel is the grand means of propagating the Gospel; and for every professor at present there should be at least twenty preachers."

Possibly he and his successors did not follow fully the gospel track he there laid down. It looks promising to see hundreds of heathen lads attend Christian schools, and it certainly helps to fill up a report. But I have seen how the shrewd Hindoo pundits and parents can explain away and combat the Christian "mythology," just as we explain the mythology in our Greek studies. Asiatics are sharp enough to nibble off the educational bait without getting caught on the gospel hook.

"But do not some get caught?"

Only a very few. The Christian college at Madras is an immense educational machine, with several ministers teaching in it, and over a thousand students. Yet conversions are so rare that when a Hindoo student professed Christianity, about two years ago, there was a grand rebellion in the institution! Let those who wish to contribute for the education of the heathen, do so knowingly. But let those who wish to give their means for the preaching of Christ crucified see that it is so applied.—*Oriental Evangelist*

PAPAL Rome has twenty-two Protestant churches.

THE King of Siam has given to the American Baptist Mission at Bangkok, the sum of £48,000 for school and hospital purposes.

SYRIA.—Much government opposition to mission work. Churches and schools were closed. Then orders came to open them, but subordinate officers say they have secret orders to disregard the published orders.

A PROMINENT evangelist says of the increasing zeal for foreign mission work—"I rejoice, for it means revival at home." Strange that there are a few short-sighted and narrow-minded professors who do not see that point.

SPAIN.—At Ilhavo a Protestant was recently

sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for refusing to take off his cap to a cross carried at a Roman funeral. At Campo Criptana some Protestants met in their chapel for worship, and a mob of about 1,000, instigated by Popish priests, surrounded the house, shouting "Death to the Protestants!" The authorities afterward closed the chapel.

MR. ANDREW WILSON says that the Thibetans are the most pre-eminently praying people on the face of the earth. They have praying stones, praying pyramids, praying flags flying over every house, praying wheels, praying mills, and the universal prayer, "Ommani padme haun," is never out of their mouths. A German writer on Lamaism says of this sentence, which literally means "O God! the jewel in the lotus," that these six syllables are, of all the prayers of the earth, that which is most frequently repeated, written, printed and conveniently offered up by mechanical means.

REV. DR. J. O. PECK, Secretary of the M. E. Church, says: "Eighty years ago the hard shell and the regular Baptist churches were equal in number. One resolved to give nothing to Foreign Missions. The other consecrated themselves to the salvation of the world. One has now 46,000 members and the other 3,000,000. The success of the church is just in proportion to its interest in missions. The person who says he does not believe in Foreign Missions is either incorrigibly ignorant, or incorrigibly hopeless."

PASSING through India on the railway you often see a queer perch built up on poles about ten feet high, with a man or woman on it. What is that for? Look! A stone in the sling, whirl around, and whizz it goes after that swarm of sparrows. Ah, that reminds you how Jesus said, "The fowls of the air came and devoured up" the farmer's seed. Yes, and does it not also remind you how he said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father?"

Those people in India are usually pleasant and talkative. You could go and sit down and chat with them easily, after you had learned their language. But they have many foolish and wicked ideas and bad habits, because they worship idols. Their idols, you see, are generally images which represent evil spirits. Paul says, "They sacrifice to devils." 1 Cor. x., 20.—*Oriental Evangelist*.

"OH! keep me innocent, make others great," was the prayer written by Queen Caroline Matilda of Denmark, with a diamond on the window of her castle at Frensborg.—*Westminster Teacher*.