

Persia.—Mizra Abraham is a convert from Islam, whose steadfastness and Christian zeal in persecution are at present exciting not a little interest in Persia. He was arrested for preaching Christ. He was beaten and tormented and cast into prison. For three weeks he was in prison in Oroomia, and afterward in Tabriz. He persisted in confessing Christ. He has won the heart of his jailer, receiving, in consequence, liberty to see his friends, read his Bible, and speak to his fellow-prisoners. Ten out of the 11 criminals in jail he has won over to Christ. Thousands of Moslems are having their attention thereby called to the claims of Christianity.

—In Tabriz, when the missionaries wanted a school building, the best place they could find was one already occupied by a distillery, with ample room for more buildings of the same sort. Mrs. William Thaw, of Pittsburg, gave the money, and they bought it, building and all, put up more buildings, turned the distillery into a dormitory, and that is the school to-day!

India.—Which is it? Are women so ridiculously cheap, or are cows so alarmingly dear, that Miss Sugden, a returned missionary, can report that “a cow is worth 100 women”? And, further, she says that men of India claim that only three women have ever gone to heaven—to wit, our Lord’s mother, the mother of Mohammed, and one of the prophet’s wives.

—The Irish Presbyterian Church reports this solid growth in Kathiawar in ten years: stations have increased from 15 to 18, ordained missionaries from 7 to 12, native agents from 38 to 108, communicants from 248 to 389, Christian community from 1808 to 2162, and the attendance at schools from 1706 to 3593.

—Mr. Wilkie, of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, reports from Indore that “over 300 people have publicly renounced Hinduism and profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour from

sin,” and adds, “The catechist says there are not less than 300 others ready publicly to renounce their old faith in favor of Christianity.” All these belong to the Mangs, one of the lowest of castes in the city, the basket-makers, the horn-blowers and drum-beaters at marriages, births, and other heathen ceremonies.

—The *Indian Witness* reports that the aggregate additions to the Christian community connected with the Methodist Episcopal missions within the bounds of the North India Conference for the year ending October 31st, 1892, amounted to 14,410 persons, children and adults. In this conference there are 42 native pastors who draw their support entirely from the people.

—Rev. R. C. Hastings writes of the churches in the Ceylon Mission that the total number is 16, with a membership of over 1500, and that 10 of these pay all their expenses, including pastor’s salary, contributions to benevolent societies and running expenses. A good record indeed.

—Adjutant Abdul Aziz, a Mohammedan convert to Christianity, now has charge of the social work of the Salvation Army at Bombay.

—According to statistical tables prepared for the recent Bombay Conference, 53 denominations are carrying on missionary work in India, besides 5 women’s societies of an undenominational character, and 7 isolated missions. In them all are found 808 ordained missionaries, 785 ordained natives, 114 foreign and Eurasian lay preachers, 3936 native lay preachers, 171,214 communicants, and 534,113 adherents (native Christians). The increase in nine years is 123,000 in adherents and 62,000 in communicants. Classified according to ordained and lay workers, both foreign and native, communicants and adherents, Madras has 355; 1319; 99,000; 341,000. Bengal has 219; 781; 38,000; 109,000. Northwestern Provinces and Oudh have 92; 209; 14,000; 30,000. Punjab has 50; 293; 6000; 20,000. Bombay has 48; 278;