

Chinese Christians in British Columbia. A few of these were converted in China, California, and Oregon.

EUROPE.

—The fund which George Peabody, the wealthy London banker, gave, thirty years ago, to build homes for the poor, has increased from \$750,000 to more than \$5,000,000. Up to the end of 1891 the trustees of the fund had provided for the artisan and laboring poor of London 11,273 rooms, besides bath-rooms, laundries, and wash-houses. These rooms were comprised in 5070 houses. The average rent of these houses was \$1.20 a week.

—At the annual meeting of the London Missionary Society the treasurer's report showed that the ordinary contributions reached \$50,000 more than ever before; \$47,500 had come in in special gifts for the Forward movement; the Week of Self-Denial yielded \$48,000, making an increased income of \$145,000, or, with additional legacies, \$175,000. In ten years the native Christian community, in Travancore, has increased 19 per cent, while the population has grown but 6 per cent. At the present time the missionary in charge has the oversight of 17,000 native Christians gathered in 134 congregations; 4 additional European missionaries are needed, and increased church accommodations. In Madagascar there are between 1300 and 1400 congregations, including 276,000 people, and 108,490 children in the schools.

—The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was founded in 1698 by 1 clergyman and 4 laymen, and today numbers more than 10,000 members. In the last twenty-five years it has endowed 38 colonial bishoprics, helped to build 6 colonial cathedrals and 2100 mission churches, educated 430 native clergy, built Church colleges and schools at home and abroad, cared for emigrants, endowed medical missions, besides conducting an enormous and growing publishing business. Last year the society issued over 5,000,000

Bibles and prayer-books, and over 6,000,000 other volumes. The Prayer book is published in 90 languages; it was first translated by the society in 1709 into Arabic, when an edition of 10,000 Arabic Testaments was issued. The society began with a capital of 25 shillings; its present annual income is £40,000.

—At the eighty-eighth annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society the statement was made that 13,000 copies of the Bible, in whole or in part, were issued every working day of the year by that society alone. Versions of some part of the Bible in 9 new languages appeared this year for the first time on the lists of the society. There lacked only 11,000 of 4,000,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, or portions, distributed during the year, which is an advance of 62,000 copies over the previous year. Since 1874 the society had issued a little short of 132,000,000 copies. Since 1884 the circulation of the penny Testaments has exceeded 5,000,000 copies. One of the striking facts brought to view is that the Bible is circulated as never before in Mohammedan lands; the agency at Aden, with its branches, sells 20,000 copies; Algiers takes 8800; in Morocco there is a circulation of 6000; and there is a call in almost all Mohammedan lands.

—The Belgium Missionary Christian Church reports 45 chapels and halls, 25 churches, 60 annexes, and 58 Sunday-schools. The growth has been very marked in the neighborhood of Liege, in Lize Seraing, at Namur, and Charleroy, where there are now 3 new churches with a number of annexes and a total of 2000 members, including children. At Brussels there are 2 churches, one French and the other Flemish; the work of evangelization is increasing and has made it necessary to hire 2 new halls. On every hand the churches show commendable liberality, but in their poverty it is impossible for them to meet all the demands upon them.