

Notes and Gleanings.

It is now settled that the Chinese children of California will not be permitted to attend the regular public schools, but must be educated in the institution especially provided for their race, where such schools exist.

A half-dozen men worked all one day in a Greenwood, Me., mill recently, trying to get it started, and two of them continued the next day. In despair they took the engine to pieces. Inside the cylinder were several quarts of nuts, bits of bark, and other fine stuff. A squirrel had gone in through the exhaust pipe and had discovered an excellent place for a winter storehouse.

The remains of no fewer than fifty-nine species of flowering plants from mummy wrappings in Egypt have been identified. The flowers have been wonderfully preserved, even the delicate violet color of the larkspur, the scarlet of the poppy, and the chlorophyll in the leaves remaining.

A revolt of women students at the University of St. Petersburg occurred lately. As a result, 317 were reprimanded and twenty-three others severely punished. Sixty male students who protested against the severity of the punishment given the women, were expelled. The occasion of the revolt was new and stringent examination rules.

Dr. Martin Ekenberg's invention of an excicator for converting skimmed milk into a fine powder, which, by the addition of water, can at any time be made into excellent milk, will, it is estimated, be worth to Sweden as much as the value of the exported butter. The yearly output of skimmed milk for Swedish dairies amounts to 158,520,000 gallons.

According to a Calcutta paper a new and lucrative industry has sprung up, offering a wide scope for Indian capital. It appears that there is a great demand from a new quarter for frogs, which India could supply by the millions. They are used in bookbinding, for it has been found that the frog's skin makes a very fine, soft leather, and in dyeing it will take the most delicate shades. Hence it is inlaid in the calf or crushed levant of sumptuous book covers, and it makes a very striking and beautiful decoration.

Lawyers, editors, actresses and negroes are rigidly excluded from Pelzer, South Carolina, known as a model southern cotton-mill town. The whole place is owned by the Pelzer Manufacturing Company, and although there is a population of 7,000, there is no local government except a few policemen employed by the corporation, which manages the entire community. It owns the churches, hotels, schools, bank, armory and lyceum, and refuses to give a domicile to anybody who wishes to conduct litigation, theatres, newspapers or race controversies.

Fresno, Cal., has the largest tree in the world. It measures one hundred and fifty-four feet six inches in circumference, six feet above the ground. It is therefore about fifty feet in diameter at the height of two yards from the ground. The facts about such trees seem to those who have never seen a tree more than a yard in diameter as fabulous and stories about them are not fully credited. The editor of *The Christian Work* measured one of these giants a few years ago, holding the line as high up as he could conveniently reach, say six feet, and he found it to be considerably over 100 feet, making the diameter about thirty-five feet. The bark was thirty inches thick, and we saw a piece of unusual thickness, taken from another tree of the same grove, which was three feet in thickness. These trees were at least three or four thousand years old.

Mission Notes and News

—In 1901, 4000 copies of the Scriptures in Arabic were sold in Arabia.

—Out of 1,746 walled cities in China, only 247 contain missionaries.

—The Bible Society reports an extraordinary demand for the Scriptures in Shanghai, China.

—Many East Indian laborers are employed in railroad building in Africa. Some of them are Christians and are carrying the gospel with them.

—There is to be a Buddhist conference in Osaki, Japan, in April next. The missionaries say it will be useful in stirring up the entire question of religion.

—In 1902, accessions to all Christian churches in all foreign fields numbered nearly 100,000, at a cost per member on the part of missionary societies of about \$200.

—The census report of India says: "The principal feature in the last ten years is the enormous increase in native Christians, amounting to almost 200 per cent.

—Corsica, a field from which Protestantism has been more than once driven out, has decided to accept it by allowing several villages to hold evangelistic services.

—There are now in Uganda, Africa, 1,070 church buildings, a Sunday-school of over 50,000, a church attendance of over 100,000, and the first baptism occurred about twenty years ago.

—There are now twelve teachers employed in Japan by the public school commissioners, and recommended by the Young Men's Christian Association. Naturally, they are doing much missionary work out of school hours.

—Mr. Robert Arthington, of Leeds, England, after having been for thirty years interested in African missions, and having repeatedly made large gifts for the Baptist missions on the Congo, on his death left the bulk of his fortune to the cause of missions. The estate is now found to amount to \$5,000,000, after all the taxes are paid, out of which sum nine-tenths accrues to the English Baptist and the London Missionary Societies.

—It is a rather pathetic and very encouraging to hear that the negro converts of one of the French missionaries in Africa have sent a contribution to a body of French villagers who have turned away from Rome and are erecting a Protestant house of worship. The native Christians of Madagascar have also sent a contribution toward the deficit in the French Board of Foreign Missions.

—The accessions from heathenism to Christianity number about a quarter of a million annually. Competent authorities give the population of the world as 1,544,500,000. Of this great total, 535,000,000 are Christians. Mohammedans number 245,000,000; Confucianists, 300,000,000; Brahmanists, 214,500,000. Jews number nearly 11,000,000.

—Bunyan's immortal book has been translated into the language of the Matabele by Mr. Carnegie, missionary

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to this tribe. The illustrations are a new departure. It has a purely local coloring, but, as the artist says: "The Puritan classic bears the necessary change of local coloring without loss of any kind." In this new dress we see Christian starting from a "kraal." The mud-hole of the "veldt" is the "slough of despond." Evangelist is a missionary. Apollyon appears as a creature with a wolf's head, owl's eyes and crocodile's scales and tail. A war-dance festival takes the place of Vanity Fair. This will help the Matabele to understand the great book better than any Western pictures could have done, without taking away any of its great heart lessons that have been so beneficial to those of other lands and tongues.

THREE NEEDS.—It is said that old John Brown, of Haddington, used to address his divinity students of the first year to this effect: "Gentlemen, ye need three things to make ye good ministers—ye need learning, and grace, and common sense. As for the learning, I'll try to set you in the way of it; as for the grace, ye must always pray for it; but if ye have na brought the common sense with ye, ye may go about your business."

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