

Notes and Gleanings.

—In India one boy in five attends school and one girl in 50.

—In Bengal there are nearly 1,000,000 acres of land devoted exclusively to the cultivation of the poppy for the manufacture of opium.

—A large number of people in the capital of Kolapur, India, on seeing a motor car for the first time, prostrated themselves before it, declaring that it was moved by an invisible god.

—Japan furnishes one-twelfth of the raw silk consumed in the world—about 9,000,000 pounds. The war is not likely to effect the production, as all the work is done by women and girls.

—Artificial eyes were first used by the Egyptians long before the Christian era. Mummies have been found with artificial optics. They were fashioned in gold, silver, copper or ivory.

—The latest census shows 346,590 marriages in Japan in the year. Not one bride was over twenty-two years old. Forty-two were only fifteen, 759 were sixteen, 5,484 were seventeen, 17,406 were nineteen, 16,400 were twenty.

—Princess Victoria of Wales is being taught in the new style for ladies of riding astride, which it is thought will mark the doom of the side saddle. Native races are thus trained to ride, and we believe it is the safest and best mode for ladies, and custom must give way to common sense.

—The Norwegians of all classes are the best behaved people in Europe. It is often argued that an aristocracy is necessary to give by example a high tone to society; but Norway is almost the only country in Europe without an aristocracy, or any pretensions to one.

—Jack London, the war correspondent for the *New York Journal*, writes thus concerning the Japanese soldiers in Korea: "No one of the civilian population is afraid of them. The women are safe, the money is safe, the goods are safe. They are paying for whatever they take. I have yet to see one drunken Japanese soldier." Christian missions no doubt have helped to do something toward the moulding of the national character.

—The city of Dalny, destroyed by the Russians, was a fine modern town, built to furnish a naval and commercial base for Port Arthur. It was commenced about five years ago where only a few native huts stood, and was completed within two years. Before Port Arthur falls into Japanese hands its fortifications and fleet will likely suffer the fate of Dalny's harbor improvements, upon which nearly twenty million dollars were spent.

—Persecuted for doing right is an ancient and modern vice. C. Bell Smith, editor of *Ymir Mirror*, has been boycotted by the Ymir Miner's Union of Victoria, B. C., for exposing the stealing of government money in the management of the general hospital. The editor's exposure was correct, as the hospital authorities drew \$4,051, when they were only entitled to \$999, and now he has been brought to beggary by the boycott. What a farce and a vice.

—The Queen of Rumania has just

added another to the many proofs she has already given of her goodness of heart and sympathy for the afflicted by having fitted up, at her own expense, in Bucharest, a printing establishment especially for the production of books in raised type for the blind. The books are to be distributed to institutions throughout Rumania, occupied by blind persons. To let the light into darkened lives, whether shadowed by physical misfortune or by sin, is truly a Christ-like work.

—Thibet is nominally a province of China, but has ceased to pay tribute, or to recognize the authority of the Chinese Empire, except so far as to permit a Chinese resident. Great Britain had an agreement with China concerning the frontier, and other matters, which Thibet has failed to respect. The real cause of the expedition of Col. Younghusband was probably the knowledge that Russia had established secret relations with Lhasa, the capital; had furnished the Thibetans arms, and was beginning that sinuous course by which she gains possession of neighboring territory. Russia was especially active in Afghanistan, and it is believed in Thibet.

RUSSIA AND PROTESTANTISM.

It has been so often claimed that Russia would not countenance Protestantism or Protestant missionaries in her dominion that interest attaches to an article in the May number of the *Missionary Review of the World*, by Dr. Henry O. Dwight, showing the practical relation of Russia to this matter. "It is an error," he says, "to think that Protestantism is forbidden in Russia, and that really it has the same rights under the government that any other religion has which is not forbidden by law."

But what are these rights? In effect they amount to a ban upon Protestantism. Russian children are born into the Russian (Greek Catholic) church. If any one in Russia or her dependencies, who is not a member of the Greek church, leaves the church in which he was born he must enter the Russian church. If a Protestant and a Catholic marry and have children, their children must be reared by the Russian Church. No Protestant missionary is allowed to distribute tracts, even portions of the Bible, in Russia without permission of the government. As a matter of fact, the declaration of doctrine adopted by a synod of the Greek church in 1672 as its creed, and which was intended "forever to brand Protestants as heretics," is still an authorized formulary of the Greek church. We once conversed with a Protestant missionary in St. Petersburg, who, while he was given certain limited privileges as a member of an English parish in that city, had already been arrested twice for distributing copies of John's gospel in the Russian language to some poor people on the streets. There is very little genuine religious liberty in Russia.

But what would Russia do in the case of peoples that she might conquer where Protestant missions were already established? After Erzerum was annexed to Russia, the Protestant missions, already in operation there, were at first kindly treated, but were at length given plainly

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to understand that Russia would take care of the spiritual life of her own subjects. "Perhaps this one case," says Dr. Dwight, "throws some light upon the course which Russian officials may follow toward Protestant missions found in any land of their conquest."—*The Star*.

WHAT HE DID WITH THEM.

Next to his conduct, the preacher should watch his clothes. A man who allows his stockings to run down over his shoes whilst in the pulpit, or has soup and gravy spots on his coat, will never be the power that he would be if he was neat and tidy in his dress. It was told of a fine preacher of the South, who never got beyond a country pastorate, that he required the constant attention of his wife to prevent his entering the pulpit without collar or necktie. On one occasion he was to visit a neighboring city to preach for some days in a leading pulpit. His wife directed his attention to the six clean, white, new shirts which he was to wear when needed.

When he returned from filling his engagement his wife, in unpacking the trunk, noticed the absence of the shirts. Inquiring as to what he had done with them, the minister replied that he really didn't know. Upon retiring that evening his devoted wife made the discovery that he had them all on.

This may not have ever happened, but the very fact that it was told of him showed the reputation that he enjoyed. The fact remains that his sphere was narrowed and his influence crippled by his slovenly dress.—*The Baptist Commonwealth*.

A NEW TRIBE.

A new tribe has been revealed in India by a census of the empire, just completed under British authority. This is the tribe of Tabo, of the North Andamanas. The enumeration was attended with great difficulties. It embraced for the first time the Bhil country in Rajputana and the scattered island settlements of the wild Vicovarese and Andamanese and also the outlying tracts on the confines of Burma, the Junjab

and Kashmir. The area covered extends from the Persian frontier to the borders of China; from the snow passes of Tibet to the tropical forests where Burma touches Siam.

The strongest argument with the unwilling natives, used by the census takers, was the threat that in the next famine no good would happen to those who were not enumerated. The population of the entire Indian empire is 294,361,056, of which 231,899,507 are in British territory, showing that native India, while embracing less than one-third of the empire's area, supports considerably less than one-quarter of the population.

AN OMISSION SUPPLIED.

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Lewis Mountain,	1 67
Eagle Settlement,	2 65
Petitcodiac,	1 85
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Newtown,	1 68
Upper Millstream,	1 34
Snider Mountain,	4 45
Lower Millstream,	4 46
Erb Settlement,	75
Apohaqui,	97
Midland,	2 10
Norton,	3 26
Long Point,	2 00

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