

192 missionaries in the field, and in 1891 only 197. He said: "For 50 years we have locked up our hearts in alienation of sympathy—not entire alienation, but surely a very deep and real alienation. But a change has come. The Lord has opened the windows of heaven, and now we are discussing the enthusiastic proposal to send 100 men and women into the field."

—Former students of Mansfield College, Oxford, now on the mission field are never allowed to feel that they are forgotten by their *alma mater*. Each term the college appoints a corresponding secretary whose duty it is to write to each of the brethren abroad, tell him of the latest college news, inform him as to the new men who have come, as to the old ones who have gone, and endeavor to make him feel, though far away, that he is still a member of the college fold, that those with whom he once studied are men that live in living affection with him and love to hear of his weal. The absent one in turn writes to the college and keeps it fully informed of his trials, success, needs, and thus feeds the flame of missionary enthusiasm within scholastic walls.

—Two hundred and twelve thousand copies of the New Testament in Hebrew have been distributed among Jews in all parts of the world by the Mildmay Mission to the Jews.

—The Irish Presbyterian Church has always given effective support to its Foreign Missions' Committee. It is now trying a new experiment with regard to its agents. Up to the present its male missionaries in India have all been ordained university men, and their allowance has been about £350 per annum. An influential section of the general assembly has lately organized the "Jungle Tribes Missions," the agents of which are to be earnest, well-educated laymen, with allowances not exceeding one-third those of the present ordained missionaries. They propose to begin their work among the Bhils, and the first lay agent has already sailed.

—Two educated negro women at Vasten have begun to issue the first newspaper in the Congo Free State. It aims to "enlighten the souls of the black-skinned."

—The Central Soudan has at last been penetrated by two English missionaries. Messrs. Harris and White have gone to found a mission at Lake Tchad. On their journey, which they made on foot, they were hospitably entertained by the Arabs, being greatly assisted by Mr. White's violin, to the accompaniment of which he sang the Gospel tunes. The valley in which lies Lake Tchad is east of the Niger valley, and has never before been visited by a missionary.

—The Muhlenberg Mission of the Lutheran General Synod in Africa pays a large proportion of its expenses by the sale of coffee, which it raises on its own plantation in Liberia.

Pacific Islands.—Miss Charlotte M. Yonge, the writer, recently subscribed \$10,000 for building a missionary college at Auckland, New Zealand.

—The Presbyterians of Australia and Tasmania are planning to establish a mission among the aborigines of North Queensland.

—The missions of the American Board in the Pacific Islands are thus described: "The institute in the Hawaiian Islands for the training of a native educated ministry is commended for larger support. At Ponape the work has been interfered with by Spanish persecution. The summary of the work of the Board is as follows: Five hundred and thirty eight missionaries, 2648 native preachers and teachers, 410 churches, 38,226 communicants, and schools of various grades with 46,403 pupils, are the salient and expressive figures."

—The Free Church of Scotland, with 335,000 members, raised last year, from all sources, a total missionary revenue for the evangelization of the world outside the United Kingdom of £113,431.