

let our Catholic contemporaries muse on these facts just a little, and try to explain them.—*The Independent*.

—As a proof that Japan is not the only field where rapid progress is made by missions, read Mr. Parmelee's letter from Trebizond, on the Black Sea, just where the Russians are trying to crowd in and seize the country. Since 1882 the Protestant adherents have increased from 170 to 697; communicants from 26 to 125, and contributions from \$97 to \$800. \$8.71 is not bad.

—Moravian Mission in Alaska.—The wife of Bishop Bachman, who so heroically went to the rescue of the missionaries on the Kuskokwin in the Spring of 1889, has returned to the States, and has brought with her two Alaskan Eskimo boys—the first fruits of the mission—to be educated if possible for missionary work among their fellow-countrymen.

—The following missionaries, under appointment of the Presbyterian Board, were to sail for India September 30: Rev. J. M. Irwin, Miss Rachael Irwin, Rev. and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Esther R. Patton, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Ewing, Rev. H. D. Griswold, Miss Jennie L. Colman, and Miss Margaret Morrow. Miss Patton, who has spent ten years in India, returns after a rest in the United States.

—The American Baptist Missionary Union has just sent out about 40 missionaries to Burmah, Assam and India. We believe this is the largest number of missionaries ever sent from this country at one time by any denomination.

—Rev. Dr. Gulian Lansing, of the United Presbyterian Church, and for 40 years a missionary in Egypt, is now in this country, and is enjoying a season of well-earned rest at his old home, now the residence of his brother, Visscher Lansing, Esq., of Lisha's Hill, N. Y. Dr. Lansing is the father of Professor J. G. Lansing, D.D., of the Reformed Dutch Theological seminary, and one of the most useful of missionaries.

—The great International Sabbath-school Convention, at Pittsburg, reported a total of 10,228,293 persons attending the Sabbath-schools of the United States and Canada. Of this number 600,014 are in Canadian schools, leaving 9,719,284 in the Sabbath-schools of the United States.

—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Salvation Army. We are requested by Miss. Frances E. Willard to say

that the report that these two organizations are about to unite, has no truth for its basis.—J. N. S.

—Those who may have chanced to see a most unreasonable and astonishing onslaught upon a missionary of the American Board, in a letter from Robert Louis Stevenson, probably discovered the antidote to its venom in the letter itself, and no serious reply is called for. Mr. Stevenson's own statements in regard to the character of the late Father Damlen furnish ample warrant for what Dr. Hyde had said in reference to the matter. The *Hawaiian Gazette* well says of the letter, "It seems incredible that Robert Louis Stevenson should be its author. In the attempt to flay Dr. Hyde, did the author fail to see that he was laying bare his own narrow, bitter, and prejudiced soul?"—*Missionary Herald*.

—Mrs. Osborn's Missionary Training Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., opened September 16th with about 40 students and with increased advantages. The students represent, as usual, various denominations and several nationalities. Ten languages will be taught as required. The new rooms add much to the comfort and convenience of the Institute.

—The Bryant School, a flourishing institution at Roslyn, Long Island, N. Y., one of the prettiest villages near New York city, makes a very kind offer to the children of missionaries. It will educate them as far as the close of the sophomore year, so that they can enter the junior class at college at half price. In case of a few ministers, who, on account of small salary may be unable to educate their children, the same privilege will be extended.

—The Inter-seminary Missionary Alliance held its eleventh annual session in Allegheny last month. There were about one hundred and forty young men in attendance, representing the theological seminaries of the Evangelical Protestant churches in Eastern, Southern and Central Western States, belonging to the Presbyterian, Methodist, United Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciples, and Reformed Presbyterian and possibly other churches.

—The revival influence in Turkey has reached Cesarea. At Mardin, on the first Sunday of June, thirty persons were received into the church on confession of faith.

—There are one hundred and nine medical missionaries in China, of whom thirty-eight are women, and of these last thirty-six are Americans. In all but four of the provinces medical missions have been established.