

States. But even after these fifteen centuries and more Christianity is still known only in a corner of the world."

The next map represents the world in 1900. Says The Churchman :

"How complete is the transformation when we turn from the situation in 1549 to that in 1900. Only four centuries and a half have intervened, a period less than between the first Crusade and the Reformation, yet now, thanks to that Reformation and to the missionary spirit that it reinfused into the Church, the relation of Christian to pagan is transformed. We do not have to look for light amid the darkness, but rather seek out what still remains of darkness in the flooding light. Africa alone remains still the Dark Continent; subtropical Asia still beckons to missionary emprise; but the whole North Temperate Zone and almost the whole South Temperate Zone is Christian, and if there are still blotches of black in South America, these districts are not yet Christianized only because they are sparsely inhabited and hardly habitable. Much indeed remains to be done, but it is relatively little in contrast with what has been achieved. No wonder that missionary optimism looks forward to the Christianizing of the world 'in this generation.'"

CHURCH UNION IN ITALY.

Word has been received, says World-Wide Missions, of the consummation of negotiations which have been going on for more than a year looking toward the uniting of the Evangelical Church of Italy with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Italy, and with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The churches and stations which come to the Methodist Church by this union are scattered all over Italy, from the extreme north to the southeastern part of Sicily. By far the larger number of the stations, however, are in central and northern Italy, most of them within the bounds of Rome district. By this union there have been united sixteen stations, having a total membership of about five hundred, beside two hundred probationers. There are good schools at three points. In six of the cities or towns there is good church property, estimated to have a total value of about \$47,000. The most valuable church properties are in the cities of Venice and Leghorn, in the first of which the Methodist Church hitherto has had no church property. Of the stations already mentioned only two are in cities—namely, Venice and Pisa, where our Church is already at work.

HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Hospitals and Charities, has recently returned from a tour of inspection of the public institutions in the north-western portion of Ontario. The growth of the population on the north shore of Lake Superior makes the maintenance of hospitals in that district an absolute necessity. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific will still further increase the demand in frontier towns. To meet this demand the hospital at Port Arthur has been enlarged. When completed it will be the largest town hospital in Ontario. At Kenora there are two hospitals, and at Fort William, Sudbury, Thessalon and the Soo there are well-equipped institutions doing excellent medical and surgical work.

The contractors for the Canadian Pacific from Sudbury to Toronto have established a special hospital near Sudbury for the care of their employees.

Says the Congregationalist and Christian World :

"A personal letter from Pope Pius X. to the Mikado of Japan has been sent conveying the thanks of the Roman Church of Japan for its kindness and justice to the Church's missionaries in Manchuria, in territory where, when Russia was powerful, the opposition of the Greek Church was felt acutely. Japan's tolerance in matters of creed makes friends for her who are not to be despised when political and diplomatic readjustments come."

A MORAL CRUSADER.

With the death of Mary Ashton Livermore, of New England, there passes away one of the noted women of the world. Throughout her life of eighty-four years her voice and pen have been constantly employed in the causes that make for the uplift of men. Mrs. Livermore was one of the heroic figures during the days of the Civil War. Her volume, "My Story of the War," reached a sale of 60,000 copies. She was the first editor of *The Woman's Journal*, a staunch advocate of woman suffrage; in temperance reform a leader, and a colleague and close friend of Frances E. Willard; a well-known lecturer, and an eloquent preacher. Says *Zion's Herald*: "She was a combination of Garrison, Wendell Phillips, and Edward Everett Hale, a marvellous preacher when a preacher was needed." Beside all these, Mrs. Livermore filled a bright and happy place in the domestic world.