

est. Dr. Wm. M. Taylor and Dr. F. F. Ellinwood made addresses full of eloquent appreciation of the work accomplished by the society, and were followed by others in the same strain. And no wonder, for the facts presented by the Medical Director, Dr. Dowkontt, were inspiring. During the past year two houses have been occupied in Forty fifth street, containing 59 students. Seven dispensaries were maintained, and nearly 15,000 attendance on the sick poor were recorded. With the medical help to the bodies, there is a ministry to minds and souls diseased, and these medical missionaries are trying to imitate the Great Healer, the Lord Jesus Christ, in curing all the ills that flesh is heir to, in His Name. As Dr. Ellinwood said, one might as well talk of "countenancing the sun" as of indorsing a work like this. The amount of good done in the past year by so small a sum as \$9,829 is almost beyond belief. We refer to the society now, to remind our readers that it is entering on its summer work in the hot and crowded sections of our great city, and that being undenominational, it looks to all denominations for the means to carry it on.

—At the closing session of the Mormon Conference, April 8, Geo. Q. Cannon read the statistics of the church, which are: 12 apostles, 70 patriarchs, 3,719 high-priests, 11,805 elders, 2,069 priests, 2,292 teachers, 11,610 deacons, 81,899 families, 115,915 officers and members; and 49,302 children under eight years of age, a total Mormon population of 153,911. The number of marriages for the six months ending April 6, 1889, was 530; births, 3,754; new members, 483; ex-communications, 113.

—Baltimore Brown Presbyterian Memorial Church, under the earnest lead of Dr. M. B. Babcock, at a recent monthly concert, raised \$700 to support one of the "volunteers," Rev. Wm. Langdon, who has gone to Peking, China. The money was raised with enthusiasm and without abatement of other usual benevolences.

—Dr. Arthur Mitchell of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions expects to sail early in August for a visit to our missions in Japan, Korea and China. He will leave New York in time to observe operations on the Pacific coast among the Chinese and Japanese before sailing.

—The Chinese Evangelist of New York gives a list of 123 Chinese schools and missions in this country. The average attendance, so far as given, is about 1,600. This total does not include the missions of the Pacific coast. In connection with which there are 217 Christians. In this city and Brooklyn there are 35 schools, with an average attendance of 700, of whom 64 are Christians.

—The Congregational Year Book will be ready for issue next month. The following are among the more important summaries: Number of churches, 4,569; number of new churches, 254; gain in number, 165; number of members,

475,608; added on confession, 25,064; added by letter, 19,042; added total, 45,036; increase, 18,024; Sunday-schools, members, 580,672; gain, 28,961; benevolent contributions of the churches, \$2,205,563; gain, \$110,000.

—Word and Work (London) points out that Moravian missionaries have long been doing a work similar to and not less valuable than that of Father Damien. In 1818 a Moravian hospital for lepers was started amongst the Hottentots, and has been kept up ever since, the missionaries residing amongst the patients. The Robben Island asylum, with its hundreds of sufferers, was soon after started by the Moravian Missionary Society, and still exists in full work, the missionaries of course living with the lepers. In 1867 an asylum for lepers was started in Jerusalem by the same society, and has since been much enlarged, four missionaries having devoted their lives to the work.

—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board last year received \$99,023.75 and expended \$101,818.41. The balance on hand last year is reduced to \$814.97. Eighteen missionaries were appointed. The Board calls for \$150,000 for the next year's work.

—In the 55 years of its existence the American Sunday-school Union has organized more than 84,000 Sunday-schools, and gathered in 4,000,000 scholars and teachers. It has been organizing on an average four Sunday-schools every day.

—At the convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies, recently held in Philadelphia, it was stated that the number of societies now organized is 7,671, with a membership of over 470,000. They are attached to evangelical churches in 22 different denominations.

—The Executive Committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union has issued an appeal for eighty men to go abroad without delay—5 for Burmah, 4 for Assam, 9 for India, 2 for Siam, 30 for China, 10 for Japan and 10 for Africa.

—It will surprise most people to learn that the Icelanders are numerous enough in this country and Canada to maintain a distinct and vigorous religious organization of their own. It is called the Icelandic Lutheran Church of America, consists of 22 congregations, and has just held its fifth annual conference at Argyle, Manitoba. —*New York Sun.*

—The demand for the Arabic Bible is so great that although the printing presses at Beirut are working day and night, pace cannot be kept with the orders.

—Abbel, David. Of Rev. David Abbel, D.D., for many years missionary in China, Dr. Samuel Wells Williams, the author of the "Mandarin Kingdom," said that he came nearer to the ideal of a Christian missionary than any other man he had ever met.

—There are still over 10,000,000 square miles of unoccupied districts in various island lands, where missionaries thus far have not entered.