

goes a Bible, an atlas, a dictionary, several books in German, Danish, Swedish, and some other language.

—By the Chicago Methodists, December 20th, was dedicated, on Indiana Ave. and 50th St., a beautiful and commodious building to the service of training young women as home and foreign missionaries. The land, the gift of Mr. N. W. Harris, is estimated at \$20,000, and the structure, which has cost about \$30,000, has been provided for by gifts from other sources. The home will accommodate 160 guests; instruction will be without cost, and the instructors even will receive no pay for their services. Applicants for admission need not be members of the Methodist Church.

—At the last communion 24 natives united with the Presbyterian Church at Sitka, Alaska, a number of them coming from a long distance for the purpose.

—According to Sadlier's Catholic directory, official organ of the Roman Catholic Church, there are 1405 convents in the United States, with an average of 60 inmates to each convent, aggregating 84,300 "sisters," or nuns.

—The Baptists of the Missionary Union have 184 men and 283 women in the foreign field, with whom are associated 2563 native laborers. Including Russia and the Catholic countries of Europe, the number of members in the mission churches is 117,382 (and not 102,351, as given in the statistical tables of January). No other American church has so many communicants.

—The American Board has expended upon missions in Turkey during the last sixty years about \$6,000,000, and now holds some \$2,000,000 of property. It has 325 stations and out-stations occupied by 58 men and 118 women, and 878 native laborers. In the 125 churches are 12,787 members, and in the 423 schools 20,496 pupils. Therefore, well may its friends behold with dismay and

deepest solicitude the events of the last six months.

—Bishop Taylor recently said, "I see the dawn of a new missionary epoch." To his practical eye the signs of better times, a larger spirit in missionary activity, are clear and assuring. Are there any such signs in the United Brethren Church? Are we at the dawning of a new mission epoch? We think we are, and we rejoice in it. The statistics of last year show \$69,915 given for the cause of missions in a single twelvemonth. This is not the \$100,000 aimed at, it is true, but it is approaching it. Then a sanitarium, or home of rest, has been provided for in Africa since last May; a new mission field, Japan, has been entered under most favorable conditions; the work is enlarging in Africa.—*Religious Telescope*.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—*Medical Missions* for January gives a list of medical missionaries in the service of the various British and Irish societies. From this it appears that the Church of England has 30; the Free Church of Scotland, 29; the London Missionary Society, 20; the United Presbyterian Church, 19; the Presbyterian Church of England, 14; the China Inland Mission, 10; the Church of Scotland, 9; and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 8, and other societies each a smaller number. The medical profession of Great Britain and Ireland is represented by 187 men and 39 women. As there are over 30,000 men and 250 women who possess British qualifications, it cannot be said that the number engaged in foreign missions is in adequate proportion. In 1890 the list included only 125 names; now it numbers 226. India has 71; China, 70; Africa, including Madagascar, 40; Syria and Palestine, 16; other places fewer than 5 each. The distribution among the churches is as follows: Presbyterians, 87; Church of England, 51; Congregational, 21;