

United Kingdom, 363 pensioners living in the metropolis and 625 in other parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. In 1807, its birth year, the Society had three pensioners; the roll has steadily increased, and now numbers 5760, of whom 1288 are still living. Upward of £230,000 have been expended in pensions alone. The annual sum expended in pensions is upward of £8000. In four homes 180 are cared for, but the bulk of the aid is given to assist in paying rent, procuring food, clothing, etc.

—Miss Annie R. Taylor has organized the Thibetan Pioneer Mission, after the pattern of the China Inland Mission, and the plan is to send at once 12 men or more to Darjeeling, in the Himalayas, and near the borders of the forbidden land, first to learn the language, and then persistently to seek an entrance. And who will not give them a hearty God-speed?

The Continent.—Statistics of Protestant churches in France have recently been gathered, from which it appears that there are Protestant houses of worship in 781 localities, 887 Reformed pastors in charge of congregations, and 12 Reformed chaplains in the army. The Lutheran clergy number only 90, the Free Evangelical Church has 47, and the other Protestant denominations have 72. Then there are 5 Bible societies, 19 Protestant societies for home missions, 6 for foreign missions, 44 orphans' homes, 47 refugee houses, 60 hospitals, and 118 periodicals.

—Medical missions are securing a higher place than hitherto in the continental societies. Especially is this true of the Basel Society. Besides Dr. Fisch, of the Gold Coast, and Dr. Liebendoefer, of Calicut, in India, a new appointment has just been made in the person of Dr. Wittenberg, who is about to join the Hak-ka Mission in South China, and to settle, if possible, in the important centre of Kia-ying-chiu. There are also 5 students going forward

with their studies, and hoping ere long to enter the mission field as fully qualified medical men.

—The Gossner missionaries in India baptized 1403 heathens last year. The total number of their converts amounts to 34,578. The Bremen Society employs 93 missionaries, who have 47,436 converts in charge; 3000 converts on the island of Sumatra were baptized last year. The Hermannsburg Society operates in South Africa, India, Australia, and New Zealand, with 61 missionaries at 57 stations, and 21,500 converts.

—The Rauhe Haus at Horn, near Hamburg, founded by Wichern, has celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. It has educated more than 2000 children and trained more than 700 Christian lay workers, many of whom are to-day laboring among the masses in the cities of Germany.

—Nearly 100 missionaries were sent to China last year by the Lutheran Church in Sweden.

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Islam.—There are 6 American colleges in the Turkish Empire, with 1200 students, and 70 students are in training for the ministry. The mission presses in the empire print about 40,000,000 pages annually, and over one half of these are pages of God's Word.

—At an out-station in the Western Turkey Mission has recently been built a new church edifice, which reflects much credit upon the little Greek community of Zinzir Derré. More than a year ago an application was made to the government for an official permit to build, and to the surprise of every one it was granted with no pecuniary cost, and now the pretty stone building has been dedicated, a throng of people being present at the exercises. An adjoining residence has been purchased for a parsonage. The chief architect, who received five Turkish pounds for his services, gave six in aid of the build-