

work promises to spread over the entire State of Kansas. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Guinness to visit Kansas City, and also to address the assembled secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., in the States of Nebraska and Minnesota. There is an earnest missionary spirit awaking in the West, and the prospect of the utilization of its pioneer energies in the work of opening the dark Soudan to the light of the gospel.

Miscellaneous.—The last issue of the annual statement in regard to Roman Catholic missions has just been sent out from the Propaganda press, and from it we gather that in Ireland the Roman Catholic estimated number of Romanists is 3,792,357, with 3,251 priests and 2,547 chapels. In England the Roman Catholic population is stated to be 1,353,455, with 2,340 priests and 1,201 chapels, and in Scotland 338,643 Romanists, with 329 priests and 295 chapels. It is not by any means likely that these figures have been understated, and they may, therefore, be taken as a fair basis for any comparative statement with reference to the spread of Romanism in these islands. And yet many Christians "see no cause to fear that Popery will ever gain ground in England again!"

—In heathen countries Protestants occupy 500 separate mission fields, containing 20,000 mission stations, supplied by 40,000 missionaries. In these 20,000 mission stations there are 500,000 Sunday-school scholars—an average of 25 to each station. In the 20,000 Protestant mission stations there are 1,000,000 of native communicants, or an average of 50 to each station. There are also 2,000,000 of adherents who are friends of the evangelical faith and hearers of the gospel preached from the Bible—an average of 100 to each station.

—Missions and the Eastern question. An English officer of distinction said: "The American missions alone are doing more for the satisfactory settlement of the Eastern question than all our governments. By their contact with peoples of all nations they are teaching them mutual interest, respect and confidence, and so doing more than any other force to make the whole world one."

—The mission press is a power reaching far beyond the personal influence of the missionaries. Portions of the Bible, "Peep of Day," hymn books, tracts, and sermons translated and circulated among the natives give evidence of the patient study of intricate languages, and these will bear fruit an hundred fold. The Religious Tract Society also has a part in the foreign field, besides scattering the good seed abroad, its own enormous circulation is largely increased by the issues from foreign depots. In Java the "Union for Spreading Christian Literature" aids in the propagation of the gospel, and in most mission fields the work

of the press is a significant element in the advance of Christianity.

—The Home Missionary work which is sustained by the women of the Presbyterian church, and which consists largely in the establishment of Christian schools, is meeting with great favor. The new buildings at Tucson, Arizona, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, are complete and in use. The work among the "Mountain Whites" in Western North Carolina is rapidly developing, and just now promises great enlargement. The school near Asheville has done good work, but the necessity has constantly been felt for one of a higher grade, where girls of fine promise might continue their education. This is now made possible by special gifts from parties who have visited the region and examined the work done. The gifts already made are as follows: One of \$35,000, two others of \$10,000 each, and several of \$2,000 and \$1,000 each. A beautiful and extensive property, now known as the "Oakland Inn," just outside the limits of the city of Asheville, has been secured and will be devoted to the purposes of a higher Christian education.

—John Newcombe, of the English army, went out to Cumbria as a missionary of the American Baptists, unordained, and untrained as a clergyman. Last year he baptized 1,400 converts. In three or four years he has gone over a circuit of 3,400 miles preaching and baptizing.

—The Bishop of Moosonee (says *The Church Worker*) exercises jurisdiction over an area as large as Europe, extending all round Hudson's Bay territory and reaching up to the North Pole. The distances are enormous, and the shortest way to the northern part of the diocese is to come to England first, and then go out in the yearly ship which enters Hudson's Bay. The Bishop has everything to do for himself, and is a good printer, bootmaker, carpenter, bricklayer, etc. He has been a worker in the far-away locality for nearly forty years.

—These are years of destiny. We are making history. The first century of Christianity was proved by miracles. This latest century of Christianity is proved by achievements. We must work faster or we will be down. God has planted this nation with given Christianity here the greatest opportunity. The way to bring more men to this society is to plant wider. Fill the world with your publications. Money must be raised or the missionaries cannot go out. We want men equal to the work. We want strong earnest men. God is here working out the problem of the ages with us. If we trust the Lord God omnipotent and all-wise will be with us. *Dr. Goodell on Home Missions.*

—Persecution of dissenting Christians is to be increasing in all the countries of the East and Eastern Europe. Their rapid progress has alarmed the clergy of the established churches, and they are putting every effort possible to suppress them.