

contributions of the native churches amounted to \$80,764. This Board has under its care 108 principal stations, 592 out-stations, 208 ordained American missionaries, 36 male physicians, 18 female physicians, 15 men variously employed, and 358 women, including wives, making the total of American laborers 635. Of native laborers, 165 ordained ministers, 239 licentiates 1335 teachers and helpers, making a total of 1741 native laborers; 436 churches, 30,453 communicants, 3141 of whom were added last year; 76 students for the ministry, and about 29,000 boys and girls in the schools.

—The Presbyterian Church expended \$192,322 for work among the freedmen last year, employing 173 ministers, of whom only 9 are white, and 261 teachers. The schools number 91, with 11,424 pupils; and in the churches are 16,015 communicants, of whom 1919 joined last year.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian Church sustains missions in Japan, Mexico, and among the aborigines of Indian Territory. The force in the field consists of 8 missionaries, 6 wives, 8 unmarried women, 1 native pastor, 6 evangelists, and 5 Bible women. The number of communicants is 617. The income was \$20,038 last year.

—The Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanters) is engaged in Syria and Southern Asia Minor, and has a working force of 4 ministers, 2 medical missionaries, 7 women, and 37 native preachers and teachers.

—The United Presbyterian Church has work in Egypt and India which is carried on by 26 ministers, 25 married women, and 19 unmarried; 3 physicians, 24 ordained natives, 22 licentiates and 9 theological students; with other native helpers enough to make a total of 537. The communicants are 11,055, a net increase of 415 during last year. There are 13,514 in the schools. For all purposes the native Christians raised \$41,849

—The Reformed (Dutch) Church has missions in China, India, and Japan, and now adds an Arabian mission, which a few years since was started by the Rev. Messrs. Zwemer and Cantine upon the Tigris. Notwithstanding the severe financial pressure, the Board received \$106,571, an average of \$1.05 per member. It has 16 stations, 209 out-stations, 26 missionaries, men, 25 married women missionaries and 17 unmarried, 38 native ordained ministers, 376 other native helpers, 6226 communicants, of whom 508 were received in 1893, 19,970 patients treated in its hospitals, etc.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—According to the Bureau Veritas of French Lloyd's, Great Britain owns more than one third of the actual shipping of the world—14,971 out of 42,257 vessels. Six out of 12 of the largest steam and sailing companies in the world are British, and of the 14 vessels of over 8000 tons employed in the world's commerce, British ship-owners claim 9. The estimated value of the merchants' fleet of Great Britain is \$1,100,000,000. The United States comes second in the list with 3794 vessels owned by us. Norway comes next with 3768 ships, and is followed by Germany and Italy with 2165 and 2122 respectively.—*New York Post*.

—A few weeks since the corner-stone was laid at Dartford, England, for a Livingstone memorial hospital, and H. M. Stanley gave an eloquent and most appropriate address upon the character and achievements of the great physician-missionary explorer.

—The report presented at the recent ninety-fifth anniversary of the Religious Tract Society showed that the society has already published in 209 languages, dialects, and characters. During the year 583 new publications (151 of them tracts) were issued, the total circulation from the home depot (including books, tracts, periodicals, and cards) being 47,590,600. From foreign depots about