

been left by will to religious and charitable purposes for six years. In 1888, 1889 and 1890 these amounts aggregated about \$5,000,000. In 1891, \$6,000,000; 1892 fell below the other years, reporting only \$4,000,000; but in 1893 the amount rose to \$7,000,000.

—The National Bible Society employs 110 colporteurs in Japan in the sale of the Scriptures.

—The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society maintains 1000 stations, relieves annually about 10,000 sailors, fishermen and their dependants, and since its organization fifty-five years ago has given aid to nearly 400,000 persons. During the terrible gales of a few months since 143 vessels, 911 men, and 993 widows and orphans were helped at a cost of about £4000.

—During the year 1893 the S. P. G. board of examiners accepted the offers of 5 clergymen and 23 laymen for mission service. Of these, 13 were from St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, 6 from Cambridge, 4 from Oxford, and 1 each from Trinity College, Dublin, and the theological colleges at Dorchester, Salisbury, Warrminster, and Lincoln. In addition to clergy accepted at home, 70 clergy, including 16 natives, were placed on the list of the S. P. G. abroad; 31 were added in Africa, 10 of whom were natives.

—During the year 1893, 63 new missionaries reached Shanghai, in connection with the China Inland Mission. There are others on the way, bringing the number up to 86, and at least 100 young men evangelists are still needed.

—The London City Mission employs 482 missionaries, who visit systematically all the year round among the poor and outcast. Last year 3,667,680 visits were paid. The work is undenominational. More than 500,000 men are regularly visited by the agents of this mission.

—Some years ago the London Society, on account of the vicious meddling of the French Government, was obliged to make over its missions in

Hualine, Raiatea, and the neighboring islands, to the Paris Missions Évangéliques. The latter now announce that the L. M. S. has made them a free gift of all the mission property on those islands, charging only a small sum for some furniture, which was the private property of their missionaries.

—Dr. McAll, who died in May last, was the founder, and for many years pastor of London Road Chapel; and the members felt that a memorial of some description ought to be placed in the chapel. Accordingly a committee was appointed, subscriptions were invited, and the sum of about £40 was soon collected. It was decided that the memorial should take the form of a tablet. This is now in place, and on the centre panel is cut and gilded the inscription: "To the honored memory of Robert Whitaker McAll, D.D., F.L.S., first pastor of this church, founder, and for twenty-one years director of the Evangelical Mission in France, created by the French Government Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Born 1821, died 1893. Co-worker with God."

The Continent.—According to recent statistics, the Roman Catholic Church in Belgium has 229 cloisters with 4775 monks, and 1546 nunneries with more than 25,000 sisters. In 1866 there were 178 cloisters with 2991 monks, and in 1880, 213 cloisters with 4120 monks. The number of nunneries in 1880 was 1346 with 21,600 inmates; in 1866 it was 1144 with 15,000 nuns. The rapid increase down to 1880 is largely owing to the fact that the members of the orders expelled from Germany went to Belgium, whence many returned to Germany since 1878. With these 30,000 monks and nuns, and a host of priests, etc., besides, this tiny corner of Europe ought to blossom with piety and all manner of good works.

—The Evangelical Society of Berne, Switzerland, has just held its annual meeting. From the reports it appears that a good work is being done by a band of 27 ministers and evangelists,