

## THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Secretary in his report for the past year, states the following encouraging facts:—"The statistics show an increase at almost every point save in the working force of missionaries; a hundred more places in which the Gospel is preached; eleven more churches organized; nearly twenty-five hundred more on the roll of Church membership; four hundred more youth in higher institutions of learning; hundreds, perhaps thousands, more of women reached by christian influence in their homes; christian literature scattering its leaves more and more widely in advance of all other agencies; and as expressive of the appreciation of the people for the Gospel and its results, larger sums than ever before raised and expended on our mission fields, amounting in the aggregate during the year to not far from fifty thousand dollars."

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN ANTIOCH.

The Rev. Dr. Martin thus reports:—"The interest of the young men not only continues, but seems quickened. Every available seat is occupied at the Sabbath morning services; and sometimes a number of the younger hearers are seated on the floor. The attendance on the Sabbath afternoons, and on Thursday evenings, shows a large increase; while, as to the open air preaching, I addressed recently one of the largest audiences I have had. I have great pleasure, too, in my Bible class of boys in the schools. There is an improvement this year in answering; and the conduct, never bad, is now quite satisfactory. \* \* \* Further, among the hopeful signs may be mentioned the close and earnest attention given by the people during the preaching."

## BREVITIES.

Henry Martyn once said—"If I ever see a Hindoo converted to Jesus Christ, I shall see something more nearly approaching the resurrection of a dead body than anything I have ever yet seen." To-day there are about five hundred thousand converts in India.

A wild Anti-Jewish agitation has commenced in Berlin, and is rapidly spreading throughout Germany; a sad illustration of the intolerance and ignorance still prevalent in professing christian countries.

"One hundred Jewish families," says a contemporary, "have petitioned the 'Israelite Alliance' to purchase land for them in Palestine, where they may found an agricultural colony."

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