

CHURCH NEWS. GENERAL.

Of the 43,000 new members of the Presbyterian Church, last year, about 21,000 came from the Sunday Schools.

Gifts to Buddhist shrines in Japan have greatly diminished of late, though they still amount to more than \$150,000 per year.

The lectures in Philadelphia on Presbyterian Doctrine, by Prof. A. A. Hodge, were begun on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 4 p.m., in Association Hall.

A union meeting of women of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Philadelphia for the advancement of the cause of Foreign Missions was held in Wesley Hall recently.

DR. MARY MCGEORGE, who has gone to Bombay to labour in the Zenanas under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, received her diploma "after a full and distinguished course of medical study."

It is stated that the Rev. Dr. A. A. E. Taylor is, by request, occupying the Chair of Theology in the Allegheny Theological Seminary, which Dr. S. H. Kellogg has temporarily vacated on account of ill-health.

A GREATER number of extensive revivals are reported this winter from every section of the country than during any previous winter. All denominations alike seem to be sharing in an unusual outpouring of the Divine Spirit.

It is estimated that the third Presbyterian church in Chicago, of which the Rev. Dr. Kittredge is the pastor, sustains the largest weekly prayer-meeting in America. The lecture room will seat one thousand and is usually full.

THE U. S. Congregational Year Book shows the following statistics:— Whole number of churches . . . 4,170 Gain . . . 78 Whole number of ministers . . . 4,043 Of whom without pastoral charge . . . 1,179 Whole number of church members . . . 1,183,564 Gain . . . 17,015 Added on confession . . . 21,729 Whole number of Sunday Schools . . . 510,339 Gain . . . 31,977 Benevolent contributions . . . \$1,700,235.12 Increase . . . \$176,310.95 Home expenditures . . . \$4,567,727.81 Increase . . . \$684,622.18 Theological students . . . 367

FOREIGN MISSIONS is enlisting the interest of the ladies of all denominations. A large union meeting was held last week, when representatives of the prominent Protestant bodies were present. Reports were made at that meeting from which we take the following: Amounts raised by the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Lutheran Church of the United States, \$10,000; by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, \$52,000; by the Methodist Episcopal Church, \$157,000; by the Presbyterian Church, \$225,000. From this it will appear that the ladies of the Presbyterian Church have raised almost as much as the ladies of the other three denominations.

"THE Voice of Ulster on the Present Crisis," by the Rev. H. Hanna, D.D., Belfast. Under this title the Rev. Dr. Hanna has just published a pamphlet dealing with the present critical state of affairs in Ireland. No one who knows the rev. doctor will need to be told that it is a very vigorous and trenchant discussion of the subject. His view of the present condition of matters may be gathered from the following words:—"It was said some time ago that Ireland was within measurable distance of civil war." Ireland at this moment is within arm's length of it. The possibility—the probability, of an appeal to arms as the inevitable settlement of the Irish question is discussed in calm and heroic resolution at ten thousand Protestant firesides in Ulster. To this perilous position we have been conducted by the rivalries of English political parties."

THE Moravians who are labouring among the Eskimos of Alaska are hopeful of good results. One of their missionaries makes the following brief notes of some things which he has not witnessed among them. We wish that a like record could be made of countries that are Christian in name:—(1) As intoxicating liquors are unknown in Alaska, we have never seen an Eskimo the worse for drink. (2) We have never witnessed any quarrelling amongst them. (3) We have never seen women ill-treated by the men. (4) We have never detected the natives in any act of dishonesty, nor did they attempt to steal from us even when they could have done so unnoticed. (5) We never had occasion to suspect them of harbouring evil designs against us; we were perfectly safe amongst them."

WRITING from Mentone, where he is at present staying for the benefit of his health, the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon says:—"Among the debris of the elections which need to be swept away is the statement made by several divines that Mr. Spurgeon has acknowledged the Church of England to be the only bulwark of faith! This we have neither thought nor said. We are glad to see so many faithful preachers of the gospel in the Episcopal body, and we are happy to acknowledge all the good which they accomplish; but there are, alas! many in the Church who are as far from being like them as the east is from the west. The Establishment is, as we believe, itself in error; and it works for error rather than for truth. It does the Episcopal Church great harm to be endowed and established, and renders it less a bulwark of truth than it might be. Witness the Rome-

ward tendency of many officials and the sacramentalism preached from so many pulpits, and judge whether a Protestant Dissenter can think the Anglican Establishment a bulwark of faith. The battle upon the subject of a favoured Church will be long and fierce. The sooner we give each other credit for intensely sincere convictions the better, for thus we may prevent a thousand needless blunders."

THERE is serious trouble in the Southern Presbyterian Church, U. S., over the teachings of the Rev. Dr. James Woodrow, Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., on the subject of Evolution. The control of this seminary is in the hands of three out of the seven synods of the Church. At their fall meeting these synods instructed their representatives in the Board of Directors to prevent the teaching of this hypothesis in the Seminary. The board met on the 10th December last, and while formally recognizing Prof. Woodrow as still the lawful incumbent of the Perkins Professorship, by a majority of one decided to request him to inform the board whether or not he could or would conform his instructions on the subject to the expressed wishes of the synods in reference thereto. To this Professor Woodrow replied that he was willing to omit Evolution from the subjects taught. A resolution was adopted requesting Dr. Woodrow to tender his resignation, but a motion to remove him was lost. A number of members of the board then entered their protest against this action on the ground that the continuance of Dr. Woodrow in the professorship portends to this university serious and alarming consequences. Rev. Dr. Girardeau of the same seminary persisted in his resignation, given some time previously. About half the students, it is stated, were preparing to leave and altogether the outlook for the seminary is anything but hopeful.

AT the January meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, the committee appointed to inform Judge Fancher of his election to the presidency of the society, reported that he had signified his acceptance of the office. The foreign correspondence of the month included letters from Dr. Bliss, relating to arrangements for the supply of the Bulgarian troops with Scriptures; from Dr. Gulick, mentioning the noteworthy success of Mr. Protheroe in selling 3,446 volumes of Scripture to students undergoing examination in Nanking; from Dr. Loomis, giving an account of his visit to Corea, and of a demand from Tientsin for Corean Scriptures; from Mr. Prince, with interesting statement of colportage in Siberia and among the Russian soldiers on the frontier; from Mr. Milne on the eve of his departure for Venezuela; from Mr. McKim, respecting his work in several towns in Southern Cuba; from Mr. Erikson of Stockholm, with a report of Bible distribution in 1889; from Mr. Brown of Brazil, relating new instances of opposition to the circulation of the Bible; and from Dr. Wright, of London, announcing that a committee would be organized in Lisbon, before long, for the purpose of making a new version of the Bible in Portuguese. Grants and consignments of books were made for circulation at home and abroad, the aggregate value of which was about \$1,303. The total receipts for December were \$39,893.46. Total of Scriptures issued from the Bible House during the same period, 93,641 volumes.

DR. BLAIRIE, of Edinburgh, writing to the N. Y. Observer, says:—"The religious movement among the students of our Edinburgh University, and especially the medical students, still continues. Several of them spent their vacation in visiting provincial towns and villages in the country, telling the story of their own change, and inviting young men generally to do as they did. In many cases these mission meetings were attended with beneficial results. The sight of earnestness is a powerful means of begetting earnestness. The English Universities, to some degree, are moved by the same spirit. Professor Drummond, the other day addressed some five hundred undergraduates in the University of Oxford. We hear from time to time of young graduates giving themselves up to the work of foreign missions. The Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church had an interesting offer a few weeks ago from the Hon. Ion Keith-Falconer, a son of the late Earl of Kintore, whom some of your readers may remember as a member of the First General Presbyterian Council, at Edinburgh, in 1877. Mr. Keith-Falconer is a graduate of Cambridge, and a distinguished Arabic scholar. In his zeal for his Master, and desire to turn his knowledge of Arabic to the highest account, he offered to the Foreign Mission Committee to go to Aden, to labour among the Mahometans, asking nothing but the recognition and prayers of the Church. I need not say that the offer was accepted with great satisfaction. Whatever may be said about the present age as compared with previous times, it is to be thankful owned that never before did there seem to be, among young men and young women, such a sense of their obligation to turn their lives to good account, and not allow conventionalities of any kind to stand in the way of their doing so. You know it takes a considerable force to shake us out of the rule of conventionalities in this old country. We are getting a good shake of that kind; just now! And one of the best results of it is willingness to go where duty calls.

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