

church building; a fine of three hundred tomans (\$450) had to be paid by us. Another was a sad division made by some of the members that for a time was a great evil. Notwithstanding these, God's blessings have been abundant. Special meetings were attended with power from on high. Over 60 are candidates, and at the next communion nearly all of these will unite with the church."

Scandinavia.—The Swedish Missionary Society is actively at work among the Laplanders. The society has an orphanage at Ange, and 6 mission schools in other parts of Lapland, where 173 children have received instruction. In spite of a grant of 2000 crowns from the king, the expenses for the past year were 1500 crowns in excess of the receipts.

—"The Norwegian Lutheran China Mission" is the name of a society organized a year ago at Bergen, with John Brantzaeg as president. During the year 5431 crowns have been collected. Brantzaeg, his two brothers, H. Seyfarth, and S. Samuelson will go to China as missionaries. The establishment of a mission house at Shanghai is under consideration.

Syria.—The girls' school in Tripoli has 35 house pupils and 115 day scholars.

—An association has been established in London to send colonies of poor Jews to Palestine. So many are going to Jerusalem that it is one of the most rapidly growing cities in the world.

Turkey.—The work of evangelization in Turkey will be greatly facilitated by the Turkish dictionary just published under the editorship of the Rev. H. O. Dwight, who has spent several years in a careful revision of the work previously done by Sir James Redhouse of London. Drs. Riggs and Pettibone and a former grand vizier have also scrutinized the proofs. It is a fine piece of literary work, there being no less than 2224 pages in the volume, and it will prove

invaluable in the acquisition and proper use of the Turkish language.

Y. M. C. A.—Twenty-five years have seen a marvellous growth in Young Men's Christian Associations. Then they were only beginning to secure a recognized standing, but now they have gotten a hold in all our leading cities, and exert an international influence through their various organizations. In 1886 there was only one building erected for association purposes; now there are 231, which have a money value of \$1,946,085. In different lands the entire property owned by this Christian agency amounts to \$11,907,381. Besides, the contributions for its current expenses of local work foot up annually \$1,841,966. These figures show progress, and indicate a vitality and permanence for this form of Christian activity which augurs well for its future.

General.—Dr. Wolcott Calkins, in his sermon before the American Missionary Society, on the responsibility of business men, gave some striking figures. The wealth of the country he found to be over \$62,500,000,000 distributed among 13,000,000 families, of whom 11,500,000 families are those of wage-earners. There are 135,000 families which have an average wealth of \$186,000. Seventy-five per cent of our business men are members or adherents of Protestant churches. Of the 68 richest men in the country only 4 are Roman Catholic. There are probably 400 Christian families in this country with an annual income, over and above expenses, averaging \$500,000 apiece; and 5000 Christian families with an average income, above expenses, of \$25,000 each, and 100,000 Christian families with an average income of \$10,000 above expenses. A great share of the \$1,400,000,000 added yearly to the capital of the country belongs to Christian business men. The gospel for rich Christian men is not so much that we need their money as that they need to get rid of it, if they will not have their wealth drive them to insanity or prove a curse.