

UNITED STATES.

—The *Christian Way* is a neat, well-packed, eight-paged monthly published in Northfield, Minn., for the furtherance of both foreign and home missions.

—The *Missionary Herald* for June is "very glad to be able to report that there has been within the last two years a decrease in the amount of distilled liquors sent from the port of Boston to Africa. In the year ending June 30th, 1891, the amount was 1,025,226 gallons, but the next year the amount was decreased to 711,338 gallons, while in the year ending June 30th, 1893, the amount was still further reduced to 561,365 gallons. The cost of this last exportation in dollars is put down in the custom house reports as \$679,357, but who can estimate the cost in souls and in character?"

—Last March Rev. A. Lambert, a Belgian priest of the Redemptorist order, who took his vows in 1878, and for five years has been active in mission work in this country, found himself unable any longer to continue honestly in his office, and so took his departure not only from the priesthood, but also from the Catholic Church. The substance of his reasons for taking the decisive step is contained in these words: "I cannot any longer force my mind into submission to the Vatican, nor can I any longer admit the claim of the Roman Catholic Church and clergy to rule, not only in religious questions, but also in purely scientific, social, and even political matters. The intolerance and duplicity which, almost from the day of my ordination to the priesthood, I found and met in the Roman Catholic Church, have become utterly unbearable to me. And having come to the conclusion that there is only one High Priest, the God Man, Jesus Christ, and one Sacrifice, not to be repeated, and, in consequence, doubting my position as a priest, I could not act otherwise than I do now."

—It was an excellent and fitting illustration of comity which was witnessed

at the Adams Street, Chicago, Evangelical Church on May 22d, when a farewell reception was given to Rev. C. F. Rife, M.D., and his young wife, who, though members of the German Evangelical Association, have been cordially entrusted to the American Board, and are now under appointment to Micronesia.

—Though the receipts of the Baptist Missionary Union were \$510,118 last year, the expenditures were \$713,714, and so April 1st found an indebtedness of \$203,596. But on the side of work accomplished in the field was fullness of cheer. These figures indicate some what the growth: New missionaries, 20; native preachers, 68; churches, 81; members added, 15,499; scholars in Sunday-schools, 5312; in mission schools, 1526. In papal and nominally Christian lands the Union has 1,115 preachers, 851 churches, and 89,119 members. In heathen lands it has 993 preachers, 761 churches, and 96,109 church-members.

—These goodly sums have the Methodist Episcopal Church appropriated for the redemption of the countries named during the last ten years: India, \$1,147,597; China, \$1,078,602; Japan, \$564,135; Mexico, \$517,923; South America, \$476,091; Utah, \$202,538; besides other smaller amounts for divers other lands and peoples, amounting in all to \$10,552,039. Nor does this include what the Methodist women have done.

—The late Robert A. Barnes left by will to the Methodist Church, South, \$1,100,000 for the establishment of a hospital in that city.

—The Presbyterian Church contributed for foreign missions \$843,412, and the expenditures were \$995,922, leaving a deficit of \$102,597. Of the income \$324,003 came from the women's boards, \$295,016 from church collections, \$72,802 from legacies, \$35,092 from Sunday-schools, and \$17,791 from societies of Christian Endeavor. The