

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—This glowing setting-forth of Britain's greatness from an English source may well kindle also the American heart. And tremendous missionary responsibility comes with such dominion: "The material greatness of that world-wide realm which hails Victoria queen is indeed amazing. It far exceeds that of any other empire, ancient or modern. The total area of the whole in square miles is nearly 9,000,000—that is, 74 times the size of the British Islands. The population of the whole is 343,000,000, 9 times that of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The revenue of the whole reaches the prodigious sum of £222,000,000. Its trade in imports and exports sounds like a fairy tale—£1,218,000,000. Imagination is exhausted as we glance from the docks of London, with her 5,000,000, past Liverpool, Glasgow, Birmingham, Leeds, and Sheffield, to the lakes, rivers, mountains, and forests of Canada; or to the fabulous splendors of India and Burmah; or to the boundless resources of Africa, now beginning to be revealed from the Cape and from Zanzibar; or to the stately cities of Australia and New Zealand—rivals to the ancient European capitals. Canada, it has been said, with its population of 5,000,000, is as powerful as England was in the days of Cromwell, and may be as powerful 100 years hence as England is today. Australia, with her 3,000,000, is as strong as the United States were when they became independent, and may at no very distant date be as strong as they are at the present time. Possibilities of wealth and power beyond the dream of the enthusiast lie within the grasp of the English race in these inexhaustible possessions. Our language is daily spoken by more than 100,000,000 of people, is understood by 50,000,000 more, and bids fair to become the language of the world. The process of peopling from these shores the vast territories which have fallen to the English race is continually progressing. In 1890 the whole number of emigrants was

218,000: 140,000 from England, 20,000 from Scotland, from Ireland 57,000. In 37 years, between 1853-90, 3,415,000 English have emigrated; 710,000 Scotch; 2,832,000 Irish—in all, 7,211,000. To what numbers they have increased at their various destinations it is impossible to calculate."

—It reads strangely. Can it be necessary to use \$150,000 of the Lord's money for such a purpose? "Dr. Clifford states that Mr. Arthington, of Leeds, the well-known benefactor of missions, is deeply impressed with the mournful results of sectarian and ecclesiastical divisions in the mission field, and makes the munificent offer of £30,000 for the *promotion of denominational comity and missionary economy*. The offer has set the friends of union to work, and it is proposed to convene a meeting of the secretaries of the leading missionary societies at once, to take advantage of the offer of Mr. Arthington."

—In October last the London Society bade farewell to 26 missionaries about to sail for foreign lands, making in all 40 for the year, an encouragingly large fraction of the 100 it is planned to send out in four years.

—The Church Missionary Society has a loan department for supplying magic lanterns, slides, curiosities, etc. During last year there were loaned 808 sets of magic lantern slides, 72 lanterns, 347 diagrams, 372 maps, 80 sets of curiosities, and 1039 books. The slides were lent for periods varying from one day to a month, and on an average each lantern represented at least two exhibitions, making a total of from 1600 to 2000 lantern lectures.

—The United Methodist Free Church of England, organized in 1857, has 417 ministers, 1608 churches, 3341 local preachers, and 85,461 communicants. In its missions in Jamaica, Africa, China, Australia, and New Zealand it has 66 ministers, 785 assistants as local preachers and class leaders, and 11,709 members.