

terior. In these journeys they discovered the Lakes Nyassa and Shirva, and explored the hitherto unknown region to the west and north-west for a distance of 300 miles.

His third and last great journey was begun in 1865, in order to learn the mystery of more than 2,000 years standing, the real source of the River Nile. Only scanty details of these explorations have been received, but among them the fact that Dr. Livingstone claimed to have discovered the chief source of the Nile between 11 degs. and 12 degs. of south latitude, nearly in the position assigned by Ptolemy. The discovery of this discoverer by Stanley, is familiar to all our readers. For full details of this last great journey of Livingstone we must wait in patience, for though the lifeless body of this great traveller and discoverer cannot unfold these mysteries, it is altogether probable that they were recorded, and have been preserved for the enlightenment of the world.

Of his honours and fame it is not necessary that we should write, further than to say that he proved himself worthy of the confidence and Victoria medal of the Geographical Society, the support of the British government, and an audience with his gracious Queen. The cause of missions, of commerce, of philanthropy and of science, are great debtors to the life and labours of David Livingstone.

### CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

The statistics of the Congregational Churches of this continent, so far as they could be gathered, have just been published in the *Congregational Quarterly* for January. They fill 118 pages, closely printed in small type. Though

we know that, as a general thing, statistics do not furnish very entertaining reading, we have so good an opinion of our readers, as to judge that the following will be perused with interest, and if so, it will not be without profit.

#### CHURCHES.

The total number of Congregational Churches in North America, so far as reported, is 3,431, of which 960 have pastors; 1,620 acting pastors; 175 are supplied by licentiates, and 676 are without stated supply, but as a general thing have regular public worship. These churches comprise a membership of 330,130, of which 109,286 are males and 212,289 females. Of these 43,113 are absent from the place where they hold Church relationship. The additions during the year have been 25,050; 13,481 by profession, and 11,476 by letter. There have been 16,432 removals; 5,371 by deaths; 10,146 by letter, and 915 by excommunication and excision. Baptisms of adults number 5,887, and of infants 4,795. There are 381,297 Sunday School scholars in connection with these churches. The new churches established, number 150 while 85 have disappeared, some, however, have not ceased to exist.

#### MINISTERS.

The number of ministers reported, is 2,359, of whom 955 are pastors, 1,404 acting pastors, and 968 out of the pastoral work. There have been 60 ordained, 113 installed, 131 have resigned, and 13 died. Of those out of the pastoral work, 102 are presidents or professors of colleges, 8 hold State educational positions, 29 are teachers of academies or other schools, 75 are secretaries or agents of benevolent societies, 15 are