

approach the generosity of this church, the debt of the American Missionary Association would be raised at once. Think of it! An average of more than \$9 per member for distinctively missionary activities outside of the church itself and more than \$11 per member for the spread of the Gospel and the maintenance of church services!

—The work of the American Board in its 3 missions in papal lands was begun in 1872, nearly twenty-four years ago. Of the 10 ordained missionaries in these 3 missions, 2 are in Austria, 1 in Spain, and 7 in Mexico. The 3 missions now embrace 35 churches, with 1913 members, while 28 schools of all grades are maintained, having 1372 pupils under instruction. These figures are not large, but they indicate good growth in view of the force employed, and they seem specially promising when it is remembered that the seed has been very widely distributed and may be expected to bear fruit in many parts of the wide field which these missions have attempted to cover. — *Missionary Herald*.

—Secretary Speer, of the Presbyterian Board, has these words of appeal for his denomination: "We have taken possession of more of the world than any other Church, and we do not yield our ground. We have 27 missions full of brave people. Of Japan's 40,000,000, one fourth is our share. We were first to enter upon the 12,000,000 of Korea. We have 4 missions in China. The whole of Siam, 2,000,000 of India, 9,000,000 in Persia, and 2,000,000 in Syria—160,000,000 the share of the Presbyterian Church of these United States. In Colombia there are 27,000 lepers, with no one to tell them of Christ. There are 721,000 villages in India, to the one hundredth part of which the love of Christ has not been told. To Presbyterians in this country belong \$3,000,000,000, with annual increase of \$100,000,000. We manage by great effort to raise \$1,000,000 for foreign missions (and did that but once), one three-thousandth part of our wealth.

—Not many missionary magazines saw the light during the month of May that were so full of interesting and profitable reading as the *Spirit of Missions*. Let our brethren of the Protestant Episcopal Church not fail to read, note, mark, and inwardly digest the contents from the first page to the last.

—'Tis a well-known law of physics that large bodies move slowly, or, at least, it takes them a long time to start. And so when two full years ago the Methodist preachers of Chicago began to stir up His Holiness the Pope over the persecutions of Protestants in South America, and urge him to secure for them the freedom which Catholics enjoy in this land, it was not reasonable to expect the relief would come soon. It took one year just to get a letter from Chicago to the Eternal City. Then Leo was in doubt if there was ought to complain of down there, and later he learned that the civil power was supreme, and if that happened to be tyrannical and persecutive, he could not help it, for he never meddled with politics. Surely, not a great result for a tug of two years.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—At a meeting of the Nyanza Committee of the Church Missionary Society, held in Uganda on July 22d, 1895, a resolution was passed asking the parent committee of that society to supply for the ensuing year in the Revised Luganda Version 3000 New Testaments, 5000 St. Matthew, 2500 St. John, 600 Four Gospels and Acts in one volume, 500 New Testaments with references, well bound; 200 Pentateuch, 200 Isaiah, 1000 Bibles—in all, 13,000 books. They anticipate that a similar quantity will be required each year for the next five years. Upon this the committee passed a resolution asking the British and Foreign Bible Society very kindly to grant the large supply asked for. At the meeting of the Bible Society's committee on March 2d, a vote of these books, to be carried out