

—The right man in the right place. Our Minister to Turkey has added another important achievement to the series of valuable services he has rendered during his official career. The State Department received information from him recently that he had obtained from the Grand Vizier the necessary authorization for the Bible House at Constantinople, to print in Turkish 35,000 Bible tracts, consisting of the Psalms, Proverbs, the four Gospels, and the Acts. When the British Government found that Lord Stratford de Redcliffe was remarkably successful in treating with the Sultan's government, it continued him as its Minister-plenipotentiary for nearly forty years. Would it not be wise for our Government to follow so good an example?

United States.—Isaiah V. Williamson, a millionaire of Philadelphia, has donated \$5,000,000 for the establishment of a great industrial school for boys. If \$5,000,000 prove inadequate for his cherished scheme, he will make it \$12,000,000 if necessary. The institution will be known as the "Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades," and will be devoted to the education of white boys in the old-fashioned trades; all white boys, orphans or otherwise, will be admitted free of tuition, and a fund set apart for expenses of those who cannot pay their own way. No religious qualification will be exacted of any applicant, and Jewish, Irish or German boys will be admitted on the same basis as those of American birth. The school is to be located in Philadelphia or vicinity.

—**Convention of Christian Workers.** The third convention of Christian and mission workers in the United States and Canada, having for its object the study and discussion of practical subjects and methods of Christian work among our home heathens, met in Detroit, Mich., for six days, Nov. 15-20, under the auspices of the committee, including many well-known and representative ministers, evangelists and city missionaries. Among the list of subjects discussed at the Convention were: Woman's Place and Work as a Christian Worker, The Caste Spirit as a Hindrance in City Evangelization, The Use of Newspapers by Christian Workers, A Free Church Experiment, Christian Union or Co-operation in City Mission Work, Child Saving Work, Christian Living, The Best Means of Applying the Charity Necessary for the Prosecution of Christian Work among the Fallen, Work in Police Courts among Prisoners, Constitutions and Forms of Organization, Social and Entertainment Accessories, etc. All Christians, without regard to denomination, as the Convention was entirely unsectarian,

were present and participated in the proceedings. The attendance was large.

—The American Board is urgently calling for 32 missionary families and 29 women for their various mission fields.

—Rev. Jacob Freshman, of New York City, has established a mission in Philadelphia, which he visits once a month. At the first meeting there were forty Hebrews present in earnest, rapt attention, and at a late meeting there were about eighty. At this ratio it would seem as if the Lord's hand had directed every thought toward these people. Two of Mr. Freshman's converts are in charge of the mission, maintained by the New York work. At a recent meeting in New York thirteen were converted; twelve Jewish men and women and one Roman Catholic.

—The new school building at Tucson, Arizona, will accommodate from fifty to sixty children. The Indians there are of the Pimos and Papago tribes. Around the central building it is proposed in course of time to erect cottages where the Indian boys will live in families. Miss Clara Shreiner has just gone to Tucson as a teacher, from Bethany Church, Philadelphia. She is a noble woman.

—The Work of the Sailors' Bethel in New Orleans, under the charge of A. J. Wither- spoon, D.D., has had marked success. Last year 27,873 sailors are reported as entering that port. The English and Belgian consuls have given special aid. Religious services are held Sunday and Wednesday, and a temperance society is kept up. The late Chief of Police in New Orleans, M. J. Farvell, says the sailors are now seldom seen intoxicated in the streets, and are more rarely arrested than some years ago.

—It is reported that the Presbyterian Church of Bryn Mawr, Pa., assumes the expense of maintaining a married missionary in Japan; considerably over \$2,000 pledged to be given annually. The Second Church in Scranton, Pa., is supporting a missionary and his wife in Persia. Bethany Church, Philadelphia, supports the daughter and son-in-law of Dr. A. T. Pier- son, its pastor, and we believe that Dr. McIntosh's Church, Philadelphia, is working by the same method.

Victoria.—The Congregational Union of Victoria has inaugurated a jubilee fund of \$500,000. One layman of the church, Mr. G. W. Taylor, proposed to contribute \$150,000, at the rate of \$50,000 per annum for three years, if the Congregationalists of the colonies would raise a similar sum; or he would make it £10,000 a year for five years if they would raise another £50,000. The latter challenge has been accepted with great enthusiasm. The money is to be largely used in founding a theological seminary.—*Nashville Christian Advocate.*