

and endowment of North China College, one of the most important and most needy institutions; \$5000 are for the Tank Chapel and Bridgman School at Peking; \$5000 for the Williams Hospital at Pang-chuang; \$2500 for the International Institute for Girls, and \$500 for Euphrates College. The remaining \$1500 are to be devoted to general work in papal lands, Mexico and the city of Prague being particularly mentioned.

—At the annual convention of the Christian Alliance, held at Old Orchard Beach, Me., the total offering is reported as \$101,500, of which about one third was in cash, the remainder being jewels and every conceivable gift.

—The Southern Baptist Convention sustains missions in Africa, China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, and Brazil, and reports, missionaries, 86; native helpers, 110; churches, 98; members, 3801; baptisms, 735; contributions from the field, \$5553.

—The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is heavily in arrears. While the American Board started its financial year with a debt of \$115,000, and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions with one of \$154,000, the debt of the Methodist Board was \$220,000. The American Board, by a special effort, has cleared off its debt, and the Presbyterian Board has reduced its debt to about \$46,000. The Methodist Society felt that something special must be done to relieve their financial stress, and appointed Sunday, July 29th, as a special debt-paying day, when each church in the denomination was to take up a collection. There are more than 12,000 churches in the Methodist Episcopal body. Of these up to August 9th, 1888, about one fifth, reported an aggregate sum of \$23,000. The others apparently took no notice of the day.—*Independent*.

—Thirty-three different languages and dialects are learned by missionaries of the Presbyterian Church; the Ameri-

can Board missionaries employ about 25, and Methodist missions (North) about the same.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is planning to open a mission in China, having received the pledge of \$1000 to take a medical student through a post-graduate course, and enough more to pay his first year's salary.

—The Salvation Army is about to introduce a novel plan in New York. It will send out ambulances at night in certain districts of the city to pick up men who have imbibed too freely. They will be taken to an army shelter to sober up. The work is to be conducted by a branch of the Army called the League of Love.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—A "heathen" village has been found in England, within a hundred miles of London. It has about 200 inhabitants. There is a fine old Episcopal church, but the vicar is away for his health; there is also a Congregational chapel, but it is closed. There is not a Sunday-school in the place, and, according to an old woman, "We're like a lot o' heathens here; an' if a boy like that" (pointing to one about ten years of age) "goo to church, he git a cuff o' th' hid and sent awaay. He hev' a been."—*Independent*.

—The youngest son of the Bishop of Durham is giving himself, it is said, to the mission field. Three others are already Indian missionaries, and the fourth will go to Delhi.

—The annual report of the English Baptist Foreign Missionary Society is unusually encouraging. The debt of \$113,000 with which the year commenced is extinguished. The total gross receipts have been \$375,000—"the largest income the society had ever received, excluding the Centenary Fund." In addition, a debt of \$1800 on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund has been turned into a balance in hand