

ber 89 with 98 ministers, while there are 81 schools with 6518 scholars.

—Sooner or later it is the impossible that is certain to happen. Or, in the teeth of the famous historic statement to the contrary, the mountain in our time and land is actually moving toward Mohammed. That is, Rome, after anathematizing and fighting our public-school system time out of mind, has at length concluded to come to terms with the institution and kindly suffer it to survive—yes, even to make friends therewith. So the *zeitgeist* in America is too much even for the Pope.

—But, speaking of the prophet of Islam, the telegraph tells us that an emissary even from far off Manila is on his way hither, Koran in hand, and in the person of Alexander Russell Webb, late United States consul and a recent convert to the same, to turn us all into Mohammedans, since theirs is a loftier faith, and theirs also are purer morals. At least 53,000 rupees have been contributed for his "mission" by the faithful in Rangoon, Calcutta, and Hyderabad.

—On the 14th of last December the Board of Regents conferred legal authority upon the International Medical Missionary Society to establish in New York City a missionary school of medicine, the first institution of the kind in the world.

—There can scarcely be two opinions upon the legislation upon our statute books concerning the Chinese. It is an open violation of treaty pledges, it is an outrage upon an innocent population, and was a piece of the merest political demagogism. If retaliation was ever justifiable, it is now, and from China. Except that the law seems certain to be an utter failure, and so will but cover its originators with confusion. Almost to a man so far the Chinese pay it no heed, and to enforce it, to send them all back, would cost some \$10,000,000! At any rate, John Chinaman is no fool.

—Some years since Mr. Gammon, of

Batavia, Ill., gave to the (colored) theological seminary at Atlanta, Ga., now called by his name, the sum of \$350,000 for buildings and endowment, and now, by the terms of his will, a further sum of \$750,000 goes to the same institution. These large gifts may well stand with the Slater fund of \$1,000,000, the Hand fund of \$1,500,000, and the Peabody fund of \$2,000,000, all left for the benefit of the freedmen.

—When a few weeks since Rev. Edwin E. Bliss died in Constantinople, after forty-nine years of distinguished service, a life of far more than ordinary usefulness came to an end. When he entered Turkey in 1843 the work was just at its beginning, and in all the remarkable progress which has since been witnessed he bore a prominent part. In particular he helped nobly to create a Christian literature, and to build up for both sexes a system of schools and colleges. How fast the fathers are passing away!

—The American Seamen's Friend Society sustained in 1892 sailors' homes, Bethels, chaplains, missionaries, colporteurs, and Bible readers (in all 35) in 32 foreign and domestic seaports. The whole number of new loan libraries sent to sea by the society, from 1858–59 to April 1st, 1892, was 9761; and the reshipments of the same for the same period were 10,933; the total shipments aggregating 20,694. The number of volumes in these libraries was 505,020, and they were accessible, by shipment and reshipment, to 369,093 men. Ten hundred and seven libraries, with 38,409 volumes, were placed upon vessels in the United States navy, and in naval hospitals, and were accessible to 115,504 men, and 146 libraries were placed in stations of the United States Life-Saving Service, containing 5467 volumes, accessible to 1168 keepers and surfmen.

—The colored Baptists of the South are making an earnest effort to develop their missionary work in Liberia. Some six years ago they sent a missionary and his wife to the Congo under an agree-