

ing them to form a "Woman's Christian Association," to do a work for their own sex, especially for young strangers, corresponding to that accomplished for young men, though of course in a different form. The Y. M. C. A. building has cost, in all, over \$40,000, toward which nearly \$30,000 had been subscribed, and \$7,000 more was obtained on the evening of the dedication. It is a handsome and most commodious structure. The Ladies Bazaar, for furnishing the rooms, will open on Wednesday, March 5th, and promises to be a great success.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—From the second No. of the *Journal* of this Society, we learn that their work of evangelizing Lower Canada still goes on. The results as yet are not large, but they are good. The

priests everywhere keep their people ignorant of the Word, forbid their obtaining it of others, and act as if their greatest and most important work was to keep the *Bible* out of their parishes! It is sometimes burned; always forbidden; but nevertheless *each* colporteur of the Society circulated, during the four months of the summer, an average of 129 bibles, testaments and "portions." Seventeen adults, at one place, publicly notified the priest of their abjuration of Rome. One pleasing prospect is that the new immigrants from Old France, who are likely to arrive every year in increasing numbers, are by no means bigoted, though frequently sceptical. Their reply, that "one religion is just as good as another, if a man only lives up to it," is much easier met, than that of a French Canadian who will not read *The Book*, nor suffer it in his house.

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The meeting of the International Evangelical Alliance in New York, in October, 1873, promises to be the great event of the year. Probably no one room in New York will accommodate the crowd in attendance, and arrangements are already in progress for meeting the anticipated requirements of the occasion.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION.—At the late meeting of the British Association, Mr. A. W. Hayne read a paper on the flora of Moab, having visited that region last winter, in the company of Rev. Dr. Tristram. The eastern shore of the Dead Sea was found to be much more fertile and well-watered than the west. A most conspicuous feature was the abundance of the date palm, which is almost disappeared from the Holy Land. On the Northern end of the Dead Sea only a single clump remains, at Gilgal, near Jericho, the city of palms of old.

Two hundred and fifty species of plants were collected.

Read these words from the *London Times*, and say if the end of the English Church Establishment is not drawing near:—"We do not depend on this or that man, or even on this or that House of Commons: but the day may not be far distant when a minister will announce, 'amid general cheering,' that 'our ancient form of worship,' as it has recently been called, is henceforth to stand on its intrinsic merits, like other forms of greater or less antiquity."

JAPAN.—Free toleration for Christianity is not yet realised in Japan. The edicts against it are unrevoked, and yet the Government knows that Christianity is being taught to a limited extent in the great cities, and takes no notice of the matter. Not so, however, with the local officers of the interior. Mr. Guelick writes that the person who befriended