

317,145; the General Synod, 161,640; the United Norwegian Church of America, 119,972, etc. According to language employed in public services, the Lutherans are divided as follows: Synods having 454,005 communicants are almost wholly German; 232,512 are partly English and partly German, while but 198,997 are wholly English. Besides, there are 190,154 Norwegians, 88,700 Swedes, 13,674 Danes, 1991 Icelanders, and 1385 Finns. This denomination has its organized representatives in almost every State and Territory, Pennsylvania leading with 219,069, Wisconsin standing next with 149,071, and Minnesota following hard after with 143,503.

—The Protestant Episcopal Church, through the *Spirit of Missions*, keeps this appeal constantly before its members: "Offerings are asked to sustain missions in 13 missionary jurisdictions and 34 dioceses; also among the Indians and among the colored people in our land, as well as missions in China, Japan, Africa, Hayti, and Greece to pay the salaries of 16 bishops and stipends to 1000 missionary workers, and to support schools, hospitals, and orphanages. Five hundred thousand dollars are asked for this year." Of this sum desired and expected, \$246,193 are appropriated to domestic, and \$198,583 to foreign missions. For missions among white people, \$118,400 are designated; for missions among the Indians, \$41,045, and for missions among the negroes, \$55,950. For the school in Greece, \$2300 are set apart; for the African Mission, \$31,700; for the Chinese Mission, \$53,557, and for missions in the Haytian Church, \$7720, etc.

—The Methodists of Canada are, and for eight years have been, wise and happy in being thoroughly united in missionary toil. By a strong pull all together they raised last year \$243,015, and bestowed upon domestic work \$88,842; upon Indian work, \$42,862; upon foreign work in Japan, \$26,523; upon French work in and about Montreal and Quebec, \$8643; and upon Chinese work

in British Columbia, \$4323. The number of missionaries maintained is 414, with 118 assistants, 47 teachers, and 15 interpreters—a total force of 594 paid agents. The membership of the mission churches is 44,500. In Japan are 28 missionaries, a total of 62 paid agents, and 1819 church-members.

British Foreign Missions. By Rev. Jas. Johnston, Bolton, England.

Death of Dr. Samuel Adjai Crowther, Bishop of Niger.—At the end of December last this well-known colored Bishop of the Niger Territory passed away. His connection with the Church Missionary Society began in 1822, when he was rescued from a slave-ship. In 1841 he accompanied the first Niger expedition, and in 1843 he was ordained both deacon and priest by Dr. Blomfield, Bishop of London, and afterward returned to Africa, where he entered upon mission work at Freetown, Sierra Leone. For twelve years he was an active missionary at Abeokuta, subsequently for one year at Lagos, and, later, he gave seven years wholly to the mission in the Niger Territory. On June 29th, 1864, he was consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral, Missionary Bishop of the Niger Territory, and in the same year received the honorary degree of D.D. from Oxford, followed in 1883 by a like honor from Durham University. His bishopric, covering twenty-seven years, has been marked by great organizing capacity. In Great Britain, which he visited on ten occasions, Bishop Crowther was a notable figure, his advocacy of missions and Bible circulation on platform and in pulpit being singularly effective. Among other works, he was the author of a "Yoruba Grammar and Vocabulary," an English and Yoruba dictionary, and "Elements of Nupe Grammar." His translations included portions of the Old and New Testaments into Yoruba, Book of Common Prayer into the same tongue, and a portion of St. Matthew's Gospel into the Nupe language. Few men have