

figures published. The average membership is probably about fifty, which gives 329,000 Sunday-schools in the world. All these figures are approximate only, but they may help to form a general conception of the world's present condition and needs, the comparative growth of missions, and the outlook for the future.

Certain grand facts ought to stand boldly before us like the mountains on a landscape.

1. The world has been fully explored. There remains probably no undiscovered territory.

2. The origin and history of every nation have been traced; languages have been reduced to forms, and literature created.

3. The present marvelous facilities for rapid travel and communication give easy access to all parts of the globe.

4. Commerce of the globe, especially by sea, is in the hands of Protestant nations; postal and telegraph unions extend into all countries.

5. The Bible has been translated into more than 300 tongues—the press is greatly utilized.

6. Barriers so completely removed—Christian missionaries under protection of law in every land.

7. A native ministry is developing, and the churches gathered out of heathendom will soon be taking care of themselves.

As to *missionary societies, etc.*, *The Quarterly Review* for July, 1886, estimated the total number as not fewer than 146. They must in 1889 exceed 150, at the least, and more likely reach 170. In Great Britain there are from twenty-five to thirty; in the United States from forty to fifty; on the continent as many more, known to exist at the beginning of the last year, while scattered through heathen and Mohammedan lands are as many more; from the Hawaiian group to Japan, and from Japan to Syria, and Madagascar round to Polynesia again.

Of the *results of missions*, we have no space to present facts, which must be exhibited as the various fields pass before us.

The American Board alone occupies 1,000 centers of evangelical influence, and \$124,274 were contributed last year by native converts in these various fields!

The largest body of the Presbyterian Church of our land, and in the North, has organized and sustains 34 missions in both hemispheres, manned by 550 foreign missionaries, of whom 195 are ordained ministers and 154 unmarried ladies, besides 151 native ordained ministers, 171 licentiates and 804 other native helpers. The churches number 311, with 23,740 communicants, of whom 2,897 were received during the past year; in schools of all grades 23,770 pupils were enrolled; 80,000,000 of pages in 21 languages were issued from 8 printing presses, and upward of 75,000 patients were treated in hospitals and dispensaries.

Reports of other denominations may be found in our pages for the past year, and can be traced by the copious index appended to the December issue.

Missions to the Jews are assuming new importance and meeting with new success. The professed converts from Israel number 1,000 to 1,500 annually; and most of these are from the educated class. Joseph Rabinowitch in Bessarabia, and Rabbi Lichenstein near Buda-Pesth, are leaders in this modern movement among their own countrymen.

The *destitution* of the world must not be overlooked. During the century since Carey went to India, Dr. Murray Mitchell computes that at least 200,000,000 have been added to the pagan population of the globe; and that for every 10,000,000 added to nominal Christendom, fully 15,000,000 have been added to heathendom.

Some countries like Thibet have so far been practically inaccessible to