

ous about it, and threats were made that concerted efforts will now be taken by the adherents of Leo XIII. to restore him to the temporal sovereignty. A cable correspondent of the New York *Telegram*, who is evidently a Romish sympathizer, spoke of it as "a piece of impertinence on the part of the Italian Government to assume that the Pope is not a king!"

In the city of Rome are 30 cardinals, 35 bishops, 1,469 priests, 2,632 monks, and 2,215 nuns; and yet, with all this teaching power, 190,000 of the inhabitants can neither read nor write.

Japan.—The number of adult baptisms in the C.M.S. Japan Mission, 367, has considerably exceeded that of any former year, the corresponding figures in the preceding two years having been 179 and 222. The baptized members are now 1,351, with 178 catechumens.

Scotland.—The report of the Statistical Committee of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland shows that there are 565 congregations, an increase of one; 867 Sabbath-schools, an increase of 6,404 scholars, and that the total membership is 182,903, a gain of 793, being above the average rate of increase for the last ten years.

Spain.—The Irish Presbyterian work in Spain. The Rev. Wm. Moore writes from Puerto Santa Maria: "The work was never so flourishing as it is now. I have been spending my leisure hours in 'setting up' a new geography (elementary), sorely needed for our schools, and which we are going to attempt to bring out on our little printing press. This geography is the translation of one compiled by Miss Whately for evening schools in Egypt and the Levant. It is the one branch of study of which the Spaniards seem to know nothing, and any school text-book one can find is so complicated and absurd as to be useless for elementary schools."

Syria.—Dr. George E. Post, in an article on the outlook in Syria, says:

"Little by little the light is stealing in. Men of all religious opinions are inclining to toleration. The Bible is being circulated among the masses. The number of readers is multiplied. Those who believe are bolder, but at the same time more discreet. Those who do not believe are forced to concede that the Bible is the source of religious knowledge and therefore in all cases of doubt or dispute. Those who are far from the spirit of the New Testament claim to be *evangelical*. Everything is ripening for a grand demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. When the day of the revelation of the Son of Man shall have come, and the ancient seats of Christianity shall have received their King, men will wonder that they were so slow of heart to believe the Scriptures and to interpret the signs of his home-coming."

United States.—The American Sunday-school Union has organized during the

past year 1,758 new Sunday-schools in 31 States and Territories, in places hitherto destitute of religious privileges. It also gave aid to other needy schools in 6,438 instances. In many cases the schools have developed into churches of different denominations. It also distributed, by sale and gift, 8,585 Bibles and 11,693 Testaments and made 40,041 visits to families. In the winter its missionaries conducted evangelistic work and gathered many hundred souls into the churches.

—The Presbyterian Church, through its Board of Publication, reports the results of last year's work as follows:

STATES.			
	Sabbath schools organized.	No. of Teachers.	No. of scholars.
California.....	11	89	297
Florida.....	9	26	190
Indiana.....	8	80	266
Indian Territory.....	22	72	1,159
Iowa.....	11	49	428
Kansas.....	114	527	4,180
Kentucky.....	113	584	5,249
Michigan.....	68	310	2,465
Minnesota.....	145	577	4,679
Missouri.....	20	100	1,051
Montana.....	1	3	41
Nebraska.....	104	383	3,318
North Carolina.....	8	31	233
North Dakota.....	73	231	1,322
South Dakota.....	78	270	2,281
Virginia.....	5	22	378
Washington Territory.....	12	50	383
West Virginia.....	15	83	640
Wyoming.....	3	9	60
Wisconsin.....	16	55	518
	831	3,416	29,615

Besides these Sabbath-schools, directly organized by the missionaries, there were indirectly organized by the Department, 117 Sabbath-schools, 585 teachers, 3,750 scholars. Total number of Sabbath-schools organized last year, 948; total number of persons gathered into Sabbath-schools last year, 37,366.

—Fifteen have been added to the Indian church at Lewiston, Dakota. Red Cloud came into the church jailor fashion—"he and all his household." He was married, baptized, received the Lord's Supper and had his two children baptized, all the same day.

—To educate the Indian. Port Townsend, W. T., May 3. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Commissioner of Indian Education, left yesterday with a large party of missionaries who will be stationed among the Indians in all parts of Alaska.

—Father Damien's heroic life and death are calling attention to the condition of lepers the world over, and have given a new impulse to investigation of possible means for alleviating, if not curing, the disease. Probably few have any idea of the great number of lepers, especially in Asia. It has been estimated that there are a quarter of a million in India, and they are found in colonies through Persia and Syria. London is horrified by the assertion that a leper has been found in active employment in one of the large markets of that city. Fortunately, the type of the disease generally prevalent is not the most virulent, but it is appalling at the best, and it may be that the faithful priest has accomplished even more than he ever dreamed of in relieving the most wretched class of sufferers the world knows.

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