

These figures, however, tell but part of the story. "Instead of being scattered bands, the associations are all organized into a great army and are working together as no other religious organization except the Roman Catholic Church, and even that is eclipsed in many ways."

—The International Medical Missionary Society has a charter in sight, under which it can open in New York City a medical missionary training school, if only its friends will rally and raise \$50,000, to put with a like sum already pledged, for a building and endowment. A preliminary circular has been sent out to all who may desire to enter such an institution.

—The dedication on April 6th of the great granite Mormon temple in Salt Lake has received abundant notice in the public press; but the statement that this structure cost \$5,000,000 is to be taken *cum grano magno*. One third of that sum is probably nearer the amount of money actually expended, since the bulk of the work was donated by the saints. As far back as 1853 Brigham Young began to send pitiful appeals to the faithful in Great Britain to contribute liberally for the purchase of "glass and shingles." This is the eighth temple built, or founded, by the Mormons for the practice of their secret rites—one in Ohio, two in Missouri, one in Illinois, and four in Utah; and their amazing scheme contemplates the erection of something like two dozen more—that is, one for each "stake of Zion."

—Our Baptist brethren of the Missionary Union sorrow, and also greatly rejoice, for when Tremont Temple, Boston, was burned March 19th the society suffered serious embarrassment and loss; but then, as an offset, though the centennial million was not obtained, yet when the books were closed the sum total of gifts and pledges had reached \$851,375, with good hope of large additions later.

—The Board of Managers of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church has sent an invitation to Bishop Ferguson, of Liberia, at Cape Palmas, to visit the United States during the coming summer. Bishop Ferguson is the only negro member of the American House of Bishops. He was born in Charleston, S. C., a little more than forty years ago, but went to Liberia with his parents when he was five years old. He has been educated wholly in the schools, college, and theological seminary which the Episcopal Church maintains in that country.

—The African Methodist Episcopal Church has a mission in Sierra Leone with several stations, 355 church-members, 325 in Sunday school, and some 700 adherents. The mission was opened in 1886.

—Who says that science is not the handmaid of religion? Read this:

"The health of Rev. F. C. Klein, the Methodist Protestant missionary at Nagoya, Japan, and president of the Anglo-American College at that place, having become impaired to such an extent as to threaten his recall, it occurred to one of his friends that his labors might be lightened and his strength and eyesight (which was also failing) husbanded by the use of an Edison phonograph. An appeal was made through one of the church papers for an offering for that purpose. The next week a check came from the president of one of the Christian Endeavor societies for \$150, and the instrument has been forwarded."

—The Mennonite Mission Board has charge of an Indian contract school at Halstead, Kan., with upward of 30 pupils, is doing work among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes of Oklahoma, and besides has in contemplation a mission among the Moquis of Arizona. The amount expended last year was \$9901, of which \$3913 was received from the government.

—In a recent issue of the *Central Presbyterian* (Richmond, Va.) a mission arti-