

MISCELLANEOUS.

Europe.

The 15th anniversary of the Moravian missions was made the occasion of a mission-jubilee at Herrnhut, Germany, August 20th and 21st. On the 21st of August, 1732, Leonhard Dober and David Nitschmann left the resuscitated Moravian Church at Hurnhut to labor as missionaries among the Negroes of St. Thomas, West Indies. Each had for his outfit, three thalers and two ducats. The jubilee-services consisted of music, three very appropriate sermons, the reading of an intensely interesting review of one hundred and fifty years, and at the close short addresses by distinguished visitors from a distance.

Missionaries in Greece preach as much by print as by voice. The people are all readers, and their moral and evangelical reading is furnished chiefly by Protestants. The largest book yet prepared is a recent translation of Hodge's "Systematic Theology," an octavo of eight hundred pages. It is commended by at least one Greek journal. The translator, Rev. M. D. Kalopathakes, had for a while a class of young men that met weekly for its study. It is almost certain to be consulted by the students in the theological schools, who are to be the leaders of the clergy in the next generation.

United States.

The term at Union Seminary in New York opened Sept. 22nd. Forty-five new students were matriculated the first day.

The receipts of the American Board of Foreign Missions in the financial year just closed were \$441,692, less by \$11,000 than last year. No indebtedness remained at the close of the year.

During the past century the population of the United States increased eleven-fold and its churches thirty-seven-fold. A hundred years ago there was one church to every 1,700 inhabitants; now there is one for every 520.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., commenced its sessions on Friday, the 22d. Sept. The opening address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Moffat, D. D., the Professor of Church

History, on the subject, "The spirit of historical progress." The attendance of students is large, nearly 130 in the three years,

Not long ago, the *New York Herald* published a report of the President spending a Sabbath fishing, which was copied extensively. In reply to this scandal a correspondent of *Episcopal Recorder* says:—"I spoke to the President recently of what had been said in the papers in regard to his Sunday fishing, and he replied he had seen it, and at first it annoyed him very much, but as he could not pay any attention to it he concluded to let it pass without remark; yet assured me most positively that had never done such a thing in his life, and would no more think of doing so than to go through the streets without any clothes. I am positive that the President's daily life is as nearly without reproach as the best of his predecessors."

Africa.

King Cetewayo, before his departure from England, signed a letter inviting the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to send Bibles printed in Zulu or English for distribution among the people.

Letters from the Blantyre Mission of the Established Church of Scotland state that a war was about to break out on the Shire Kiver, East Africa. The natives have lately learned the art of brewing *ponche*, and the liquor is making sad work among them.

As the war-cloud lifts it becomes apparent that the mission work of the United Presbyterian Church in Egypt will only be temporarily suspended. The mission property in Alexandria and Ramleh is safe. One man, who stole through the lines, reports that some of the Christians at Cairo have kept up their religious services during the dark days just past, but most of the people kept within the shadow of their own homes. As the pacification of the country is assured the work of the mission will doubtless be fully resumed.

Asia.

The Mount of Olives has been desecrated by the opening of a beer-garden upon it.

The 3,500 slaves in the Malay Peninsula are to be emancipated next year.

A Syrian paper has been suppressed for having published an article against Christians.