

a school for the study of missions, as well as for education in the grace of benevolence represented by the missionary offerings. The study here should be systematic, and continued through a course of, say, three years.

But by one means and all means let the young men and maidens, and along with them the children, be inspired with the privilege and obligation to tell out and push out the truth of salvation through Jesus

"Till earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name."

THE PAPACY.

The Roman Catholic Congress, which met in Berlin early in September supposed to have represented the fol-

lowing most purpose and pleasure of the Roman Catholic Germans. Here were a thousand delegates, including men eminent in the professions and in public affairs, who decided to support the Triple Alliance, and to urge upon the Government the recall of the Jesuits. They dealt boldly with the question of the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope, and appointed a committee to arrange for a congress to be held in Switzerland, most likely, on the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pius IX., May 15th, 1892, for the gathering of representatives of the total Roman Catholic communities of the world, to see what can be done to secure the proposed restoration of the sword to the head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

V.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Organised Missionary Work and Statistics. Edited by Rev. D. L. Leonard, Bellevue, O.

—According to the extensive and exhaustive tables of statistics appended to the second volume of the "Encyclopedia of Missions," recently published by Funk & Wagnalls, of societies doing direct general missionary work in the foreign field, there are 47 in the United States, 32 in Great Britain and Ireland, 10 in Germany, 6 in Holland, 105 in all Christian countries. In addition to these, there are 51 women's societies, 26 special, or publishing societies, 9 medical societies, 35 doing work in behalf of the Jews, and 39 which are classed as individual or miscellaneous. Including all of all the various kinds, the sum is 280. A complete bibliography is also given, in which are contained more than 5000 titles of books on missions and missionary themes; and in the alphabetical list of stations upward of 2400 are given from all continents and islands.

—Much speculation and many wild guesses have found their way into print concerning the strength of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States; but now the census seems to have set-

tled the facts in the case. Omitting all over nine years of age, the number of communicants is 6,250,045, or, if that class is included, the total will be increased by some 735,000. The organizations are 10,227, and the church edifices 8765, with a cash value of \$118,382,000. More than half of the Catholic population is found within the limits of five States, New York leading with 1,153,000; Massachusetts following next with 614,600; and after this Pennsylvania with 551,600; Illinois, 473,300; and Ohio, 336,000. Wisconsin has 249,000. As illustrating to what an extent this Church is polyglot, in a single diocese in Pennsylvania confessions are heard in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Bohemian, and Lithuanian. Ecclesiastical rule is in the hands of 1 cardinal, 13 archbishops, and 66 bishops.

—The public schools of this land may not improperly be set down among the home missionary forces which work mightily for the public weal, and the figures are not far from stunning. The