

V.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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—The British and Foreign Bible Society, the American Bible Society, and the National Bible Society of Scotland have lately joined hands in Japan through a United Committee, which has the entire charge of their affairs; and in China, in connection with the preparation of the Union Version. The combined result of this year's work by the three societies may be given thus:

Country.	Income.	Circulation.
England,	£217,149	3,926,535
United States,	103,775	1,497,637
Scotland,	32,436	673,862
Together, £353,360		6,098,034

—The total amount received from the Government for Indian schools during the last five years by the Methodists has been \$33,345; the Episcopalians, \$102,000; the Friends, \$140,000; the Congregationalists, \$183,000; the Presbyterians, \$286,000, and the Roman Catholics, \$1,989,000. The Methodists and Baptists will in the future refuse to accept any appropriations from the public funds.

—The statement has a strange and ominous sound, that the American Home Missionary Society feels constrained to expend as much in Massachusetts, one of the smallest and oldest of the States, as in Washington, one of the largest and youngest of the States, and into which the tide of emigration set last year.

—Perhaps no religious sect in this country is more vigorous, considering its size, than the Jews. During the last ten years they have nearly doubled the number of their congregations, while the membership has increased from 50,000 to 130,500, and the synagogue property from \$3,549,697 to \$9,754,257.

—There are now 18 missions of the American Missionary Association among the Chinese in California. Sixty-five joined the Church during the last year,

and about 300 Christians are connected with the missions. Their offerings for Christian work for the fiscal year amounted to \$6,290.40. If funds could be supplied, a large number of efficient Chinese Christians could be put in training for missionary service in their own land.

—The Roman Catholic Church is making strenuous efforts in the United States to win the negro race, and with skilful methods, as well as no inconsiderable success. Thus an annual collection is called for. And on January 1st, 1891, 21 churches were set apart for the use of colored Catholics, with 34 priests in charge. During 1890 baptism was administered to 4883 children and 704 adults. From the same report we learn that in 115 schools 8280 children were in attendance. Over 20 different sisterhoods are in charge of these schools, of whom 2 are composed of colored women—the Oblates of Baltimore, and the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans. There are, moreover, a foundling asylum, 6 orphanages, 3 industrial schools, a guild for servant girls, an academy, and a home for the aged. The Catholic negroes are put at 152,692.

—The American Unitarian Association reports the expenditure last year of \$72,998 for work in different sections of the United States, \$11,401 for the Japan Mission, \$9300 for Southern and Indian work.

—The Reformed (Dutch) Church received for foreign missions last year \$112,164, an increase of \$13,767; not including a legacy of \$12,000 to be added to a security fund, gifts to the famine stricken in India amounting to \$2616, or special gifts to liquidate the debt.

—The Southern Methodist Church has missions in China and Mexico which contain 22 missionaries—20 of them