

tractate of about 300 pages, nearly half of the coming volume of the Council's proceedings (to be out in three months for \$1.50). When the Alliance was formed in London in 1875, twenty-four Churches were represented; there are now seventy-eight, represented by about 300 delegates. Four million communicants are reported representing Dr. Mathews calculates, *some twenty millions of persons* as associated with the Presbyterian Churches of the world. The Presbyterian Churches of the European continent (including Great Britain) run very closely side by side with those of North America, in reference to adherents, elders and Sunday School children. In a rough way it is computed that something like nine dollars is the annual contribution for the support of Christian work, per communicant, in the various sections of the Presbyterian Church. This, though not large, represents an aggregate of nearly thirty million dollars as the annual "free-will-offering to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ." In about every theological seminary, whether in Europe, Asia, Africa, America or Australia, there is a three year's course, and in some cases four years are required for Presbyterian students for the ministry in addition to the customary Arts course. Sixty thousand communicants have been gathered out of heathenism and to-day profess faith in Christ as the result of the labor of our missionaries, 500 ordained ministers. During the past year, the women of our Church have contributed some half a million of dollars to the Foreign Mission Treasury.

Drs. Chambers and Cairns gave clear and comprehensive *résumés* of the work of the Council, since its organization, the peroration of the latter sounded like something inspired and stirred all hearts. The venerable Dr. Schaff, of New York, had a most interesting paper on the Revolution of 1688. We are sorry to be obliged to write "on the wing," and to be unable at present to attempt even the most cursory glance at the papers read and the addresses delivered.

No one produced a deeper impression than Dr. Arthur T. Pierson of Philadelphia, who on the 4th July, evoked the grandest enthusiasm from the vast throng on the question "How Best to Reach the Masses." Professor W. G. Elmslie, a rising