

—The Baptist Home Missionary Society, which ended its year with a debt of over \$100,000, has met with unexpected relief. At the anniversary at Saratoga it was announced that since the books of the former year were closed, a legacy from the Cook estate had been received, a legacy of \$10,000 from the Stearns estate, and one from the Sampson estate amounting to \$87,000.

—The Springfield *Republican* indicates the extent to which New England is being transformed by the following fact: "The increase in foreign population in the small New England towns is instanced in Hinsdale, N. H., where the census of school children recently completed shows a total of 185 of American and 186 of foreign parentage. Nearly two thirds of the children of foreign parentage are of French descent."

—Presbyterian home missionaries preach the Gospel in about 30 languages and dialects; and 227 of those of the Congregational Home Missionary Society employ tongues other than the English.

—Rev. E. P. Cowan, of the Presbyterian Board, states these encouraging facts concerning the Freedmen: "There are among them 25,000 public-school teachers, 57 college presidents, 500 theological graduates in the ministry, and 2500 other men who have studied for one or two years in theological seminaries and are now preaching; 400 physicians practising, one of them editing a medical and surgical journal; 300 lawyers, graduates of law schools; 65 dentists and 65 pharmacists. There are 200 newspapers and 4 magazines edited by colored men. In 1892 the colored people contributed \$300,000 for education, and paid taxes on property valued at \$274,000,000; 100 books on poetry, biography, religion, science, and general literature have been written by colored men; essays, poems, and other articles have been published in the leading magazines of the country; 4 banks

and 37 building and loan associations are also conducted by them."

—Rev. J. P. Williamson writes, in a late *North and West*, of "Our Twentieth Church Among the Sioux Indians," which is located in the Lake Traverse region. Some 200 copper-colored saints were present at the organization, and among the "exercises" was a feast, at which 4 fat beeves constituted the *pièces de résistance*. Five members joined by letter, and 10 on confession.

—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church voted to make an effort to raise \$1,000,000 as a quarter-century memorial of the union of Old School and New School, the first contributions to which shall be used to wipe out the debts on all the boards. It was recommended that the beginning of the effort be made in connection with July 4th memories, and a committee of 30 was appointed to have in charge and to push the movement to success.

—The total contributions to the benevolent agencies of the Presbyterian Church for the last twenty-five years, as reported in the minutes of the General Assembly, were as follows:

Home Missions.....	\$15,330,530
Foreign Missions.....	13,526,594
Education.....	4,434,061
Publication and S. S. Work.....	1,533,536
Church Erection.....	2,618,723
Relief.....	5,207,153
Freedmen.....	1,953,960
Aid for Colleges.....	1,813,253
Sustentation.....	902,776
Total.....	\$47,906,412

In addition to the contributions to the boards, the churches gave the sum of \$24,280,002 to miscellaneous benevolence, and \$192,044,780 to congregational support; a grand total for all contributions of \$263,631,203, or an average of \$10,500,000 per annum.

—Within twenty-five years the American Board has established 11 colleges (3 of them for women) in foreign lands, and 7 theological seminaries.