

the parent organization, which was formed in London on June 6th, 1844, under lead of Mr. George Williams, who will be present, and preside at some of the sessions. The regular meetings will be held in Exeter Hall.

A large delegation of American association men and their friends will attend, for whom arrangements are being made at reduced rates. Delegations will be present from nearly all the civilized nations, including Japan, India, China, South Africa, Oceanica, and, possibly, South America.

This jubilee of the Y. M. C. A., as the editor suggested to George Williams before leaving London, ought to be a means of great power throughout the associations of the world. There ought to be a memorial day for deceased members, and small tablets commemorative of those who have been the leading spirits, secretaries, etc., ought to be hung about the hall. There should be a historic day, when similar tablets should commemorate the services of the living. To present the names of the various prominent men who in different lands have been, and are now, working in the Y. M. C. A., or who have from the associations gone forth into the various leading positions in the ministry and mission field, and scores of prominent positions in Church and State, would be both an argument for and a vindication of the Y. M. C. A. grander than any set speeches. Those who have visited the Henry Martyn Memorial Hall at Cambridge, England, will have felt the power of presenting to the eye the results of any movement of a philanthropic character. In that hall university men meet and find themselves encompassed with a great cloud of witnesses. On small and simple tablets are printed the names of all university men who have gone to mission fields, with the date of departure, and, if they have died, the date of their decease. A similar showing of what the Y. M. C. A. has done for the world would be of itself a jubilee celebration. The full benefits of this great and now

world-wide body are not appreciated. After watching it for more than forty years, since first connected with the New York City Association, we believe that if it could be shown how into all departments of life it has graduated its members, and how vast are the numbers of men who have in the Association got the impulse for Christian service, the records thus compiled would astonish even the members and secretaries themselves.

A steamer should be chartered to carry those who will wish to go.

Edward Marsden writes from Marietta College, to give his emphatic endorsement to Dr. Leonard's article on Metlakahtha, published in these pages, and says he is himself a full-blooded Tsimshian Indian, and that his parents were lifted out of the horrible pit of heathenism by William Duncan, and that he himself is preparing for the ministry.

The report of the cholera scourge which swept away five thousand pilgrims to Mecca is a terrible revelation of the exposure incident to this crowd of pilgrims. Of the one hundred thousand who gathered on the sacred mount many were starving; a battalion of seven hundred Turkish soldiers were sent to bury the dead, and only two hundred of them escaped the pestilence.

A private letter from Tokyo, Japan, says in substance that the desire to learn English has all but died out, and the interest in education is at a low ebb. Girls must be married off as soon as possible, and old ideas have all come to the front again. The great furore about girls' education in foreign things and English has left scarcely an echo, showing how little real foundation it had.

It looks as if the rest of the world might be speaking Chinese and Japanese before this part of the world will adopt English. Christendom will have to stop petting Buddhists and gushing over heathen religions if we are to have any real Christian progress.