

THE UNITED STATES.

—The first call to prayer by the Muezzin of the first society of the Mohammedans sounded out from the window of Union Square Hall, in New York, December 10th. Emin L. Vahokoff, wearing a fez, leaned far out of the second story window, which sufficed for a minaret, and placing his thumbs behind the lobes of his ears, with the palms of his hands turned forward, he called out the formal summons to prayer. The words were in Arabic. On the sidewalk below were ranged a few of the faithful, being Mussulmans from the World's Fair. They drew themselves up in a straight line, elbow touching elbow, facing toward Mecca.

—Waldenses to the number of 64 families—about 300 persons—have immigrated to Western North Carolina recently, where for their use, and for others to follow, 20,000 acres of land have been purchased.

—A recent issue of *The Pacific* contained a long narrative by Jee Gam, the best known of Christian Chinamen in this country. entitled "How God has Led Me these Thirty Years," and telling of the strange providence which led him to leave his native land, and how he was induced to cast away his idols and choose Christ. The story should be printed in the form of a leaflet, and be widely scattered.

—A Methodist church in Montclair, N. J., supports a missionary among the Navajo Indians, educates a boy and a girl in China, and has assumed the support of Rev. G. J. Schilling and wife, who have just sailed for Rangoon.

—The Children's Aid Society is one of the very best of all our charitable organizations, and whether as to its special object or the wisdom of its administration. During the last year 12,516 boys and girls were registered in the various schools, the six lodging-houses sheltered 9277, or a nightly average of 464, while during the last forty

years 99,768 children have been removed to the country and provided with good homes.

—The Illinois Humane Society reports work done since its organization as follows: Complaints investigated, 25,534; children rescued, 14,413; children placed in charitable institutions, 3866; horses rescued by reprimand of drivers, 9076; horses laid up from work, 1678; horses removed by ambulance, 1216; disabled animals shot, 2218; prosecutions for cruelty to animals, 1185; prosecutions for cruelty to children, 387.

—The Ramabai Association, established in Boston and designed to aid in the rescue of child-widows in India from the unspeakable wretchedness and misery to which they are doomed, reports an income of \$61,784.

—The American Tract Society was awarded a gold medal by the Columbian Exposition for "religious books and tracts" exhibited. Or, more specifically, for excellence in the adaptation of its publications for giving the doctrines of the Bible, as held in common by the evangelical churches, to all classes; its finely bound Bibles, helps to Bible study, devotional books, Sunday-school libraries, books at low prices for the homes of the needy, wall rolls for hospitals and the sick-room, and tracts and cards for everybody.

—*The Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend* for December contains letters from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Madeira, New York, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Washington, and making mention of quite a general religious interest among the men of the sea, with conversions not a few.

—The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, expended in the South during 1892 the sum of \$363,763. Among the Freedmen were sustained 23 schools with 229 teachers and 5803 pupils, and among the whites