

euphonious name in Burlington, Vt., has a "Sunshine Circle" in a hospital.

—The young people of the United Brethren Church volunteered to raise \$5000 to build a church in Los Angeles. Success is about to crown their efforts.

—The Christian Endeavorers of Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Boston, gave \$1900 to missions last year.

—Among the Friends the Endeavorers number about one fifth of the entire membership of the denomination. During the past year those in California and Ohio gave for missions \$1 each, on the average, and those in Canada \$1.50, while 15 who are now engaged in foreign work are partly or wholly supported by those remaining at home.

—The New York City Endeavor Union numbers 135 societies, with a membership of 6500, and the Chicago Union has now increased to 410 societies, with a membership of about 18,000. German, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Welsh, Bohemian, and Chinese are languages in which meetings are regularly held in societies belonging to the Chicago Union. New York also has Bohemian, Italian, French, and German societies, besides several among the sailors. The German work in Chicago has been made a distinct department of activity, with a special superintendent in charge.

—The annual convention of the Foochow district, China, was to have been held in a church, but it was seen that the building would not accommodate nearly all that would attend, so the Endeavorers secured cotton cloth and put up a tent on the lawn of the Ponasang compound belonging to the American Board. The first native Endeavorer, Mr. Ling Muk Gek, presided: 700 were present, and 300 of these had little or no knowledge of Christ. The tent was fastened on one side to an idol temple, and a short distance away men were making objects connected with idol worship. The total membership rep-

resented is 570. The largest has 39 active members, 19 associate, and 12 honorary, the Chinese names for these classes being "real members," "learners," and "guests." One of the societies sends 2 members every Sunday afternoon to speak in adjoining villages.

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**United States.**—The *Chicago Tribune's* record of gifts to benevolent institutions in this country in sums of \$10,000, or over, for the year 1895, shows a total of \$28,943,549, an increase of over \$9,000,000 from the gifts for 1894. The gifts of less than \$10,000 were correspondingly larger, and may be estimated at \$15,000,000 more. It is safe to place the voluntary benevolences, not counting the support of local churches, at a total of over \$40,000,000 for the year.—*The Interior*.

—January 4th, by proclamation of President Cleveland, Utah, after nearly 50 years of waiting and knocking, has been admitted to the Union. The first application for statehood was made in 1849, the second in 1855, the third in 1862, the fourth in 1867, the fifth in 1872, the sixth in 1887, and the seventh—the successful one—in 1894. Until 1887 all petitions had been made in the name of the "State of Deseret," and in 1849 the State was to comprise all the country now covered by Western Colorado, Western Wyoming, Southern Idaho, all of Utah, Nevada, and Arizona, and California as far west as Los Angeles. The new commonwealth comes with a population of about 250,000, and an assessed valuation of property amounting to \$97,900,000. The governor is a Mormon, and was born in Salt Lake in 1859.

—Mrs. Phineas M. Barber, of Philadelphia, widow of the late Phineas M. Barber, has devoted \$40,000 for the building and equipment of a seminary for girls, to be located at Anniston, Ala. It was given to the Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedmen, will