

—In *Life and Light* Miss S. Louise Day has it that there are more than 100 Endeavor societies connected with Congregational mission schools and churches: 29 in Japan, 6 in China, 18 in India, 4 in Africa, 15 in Turkey, 1 in Spain, 7 in Mexico, and 4 in the Sandwich Islands, etc.

—An Epworth League in Minneapolis, Minn., is able to give a good account of its stewardship during 1894. This is a partial and condensed statement from the department of mercy and help: \$53.51 expended for fuel, clothing, and groceries, and to defray funeral expenses of a little child; abundance of grocery supplies given by individual members, impossible to estimate; 38 yards of material purchased and given to the poor; 30 meals and many delicacies, such as lemons, oranges, and jellies carried to the sick and poor; 20 bouquets carried to those shut in from church privileges; 435 articles of clothing distributed, 160 sent to the Hinckley sufferers; dishes and bedding provided, and children fitted out with clothing; 14 pairs of shoes, 1 pair of rubber boots, 3 pairs of new mittens, several good overcoats, comfortables, and ladies' jackets to Asbury Hospital; 4 pairs of pillow-cases (new), 8 bundles of old linen, 1 pair new sheets, 23 new towels, 15 cans of fruit, 2 dozen oranges, and groceries to the amount of \$5; 977 calls made on the sick, poor, and aged.

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—Let Dr. Parkhurst beware, or he will attain to the highest rank among home missionaries, though the iniquity which he is called to fight to the death is as far removed from whatsoever is Christian and truly civilized as any the heralds of the cross are likely to find on pagan soil.

—And Dr. D. K. Pearsons has justly earned the title of the benefactor of colleges. What a fine list of benefactions: Beloit College, \$100,000; Lake

Forest, \$100,000; Knox College, \$100,000; Chicago Theological Seminary, \$50,000; Presbyterian Seminary, \$50,000; Presbyterian Hospital, \$60,000; Young Men's Christian Association, \$30,000; Women's Board of Foreign Missions, \$20,000; Yankton College, \$50,000; Whitman College, \$50,000, and other deserving institutions to the extent of \$400,000 more. And the best of it is that in each case he stirred up the friends of the institution to raise a sum two or three times as great as he himself gave.

—Not all millionaires are selfish and sordid, as witness how the Medical School of Columbia College has received \$350,000 from Messrs. Cornelius, William K., Frederick W., and George W. Vanderbilt, of New York City, to be used in constructing two new buildings for the school's hospital, to be a memorial of William H. Vanderbilt. Mrs. W. D. Sloane, who was a Vanderbilt, has given \$200,000 for the erection of an enlargement of the Sloane Maternity Hospital.

—Vermont, the mother of States, according to the census has a native population of 249,590, and besides has 172,769 sons and daughters resident in other States of the Union; and it is mainly because of this astounding depletion by emigration that some regions within her bounds have lost their former spiritual estate, and that Roman Catholics now outnumber Congregationalists more than two to one.

—The Southern Presbyterian Institute for the Training of Colored Ministers, now called Stillman Institute, opened in 1877, has had under instruction 163 students, of whom 109 have been Presbyterians, 45 Methodists, and 14 Baptists. Thirty-six Presbyterians have been graduated, an average of 2 a year, "while the Methodists and Baptists got a good salting with Calvinism that may keep them safe." The Committee of Colored Evangelists is aiding 66 churches, with 130 elders, 83 de-