

THE Rev. J. Richardson, writing of the Normal School in the capital of Madagascar, says:—"The rush of pupils is very great indeed. I have 350 on the books, and could double that number if I wanted." In one district, he says, where six months before there were six schools with an average of fifteen in each, there are now fifty schools with an average of eighty in a third of them, sixty in another third, and forty in the other.

THE New York *Tribune* says:—"Some idea of the difficulty of reporting Mr. Moody verbatim may be gathered from the fact that one of the *Tribune's* swiftest stenographers yesterday took down from his lips 2,200 words in ten minutes, by the watch. This is at a rate four times as rapid as that of Mr. Evarts, and a third faster than that of Mr. Beecher, two of the most difficult of speakers to report. An hour of such rapid talking would fill five columns of the *Tribune*."

THE Boston *Congregationalist* directs attention to the fact that there is a growing demand for *preaching*, as distinguished from *sermon writing*. This seems to be the case everywhere, and fervor and practical point are carrying the day over fine writing. There is a call also for freer utterance, and preaching without notes is becoming the usage even in some of the most

prominent high-church pulpits of England. A manual of instruction on extempore preaching has lately been published there.

ACCORDING to the *London Tablet* there are in India alone nearly two thousand missionary priests of the Roman Catholic faith. So many missionaries could not possibly be maintained in a single field by the Protestant system, and yet the Catholic church expects its missionaries to do more work than their brethren of other denominations; would it not be well for Protestants to study the financial portion of the Catholic mission system?

MAJOR JAMES H. COLE, the Chicago man who succeeded to the labors of Moody and Sankey in England, experiences continuous success, his meetings being attended by thousands, and with many resulting conversions. "There is nothing which should excite our surprise in this," says Prof. Swing in his *Alliance*; "Major Cole has long been a prayerful student of the Bible,—has been for years a single-minded, tender-hearted, self-sacrificing laborer among the sick, the burdened and afflicted of every class. A monument himself of God's mighty power and willingness to save to the uttermost, he has devoted the residue of his life to telling 'the word of this salvation to others'."

### Christian Miscellany.

#### MY VOICE SHALT THOU HEAR IN THE MORNING.

My voice shalt thou hear this morning,  
For the shades have passed away,  
And out from the dark like a joyous lark  
My heart soars up with the day;