

children have been under care and training.

—The Christian Church (Disciple) is carrying on missionary operations in India, China, Japan, and Turkey, as well as in several countries of Europe. The force engaged consists of 24 men, 20 women, and 36 native preachers. The church-members number 1007, and 340 pupils are found in the schools. The receipts last year were \$65,366, and the attempt will be made to raise \$100,000 this year. At the annual meeting pledges amounting to \$6060 were made for hospital purposes in China.

Methodist Episcopal.—Says *World Wide Missions*: "We now number in members and probationers: In Africa, over 3000; in South America, nearly 2000; in China, about 6000; in India, over 15,000; in Japan, nearly 4000; in Germany, over 10,000; in Switzerland, over 6000; in Sweden, over 16,000; in Norway, over 5000; in Denmark, over 2000; in Mexico, about 2500; and a few in Malaysia, Korea, and Bulgaria. In all our foreign mission stations we number about 75,000 communicants. We have nearly 500 ordained and over 600 unordained preachers. Over 11,000 converts were gathered in during the past year. The native Christians in these fields contributed over \$300,000 last year to the Church."

—The treasurer of the Transit and Building Fund Society of Bishop William Taylor's Self-Supporting Missions reports \$29,553.90 as the amount received during 1891. The average per month was, therefore, about \$2460, though in May only \$41 were received, and in June only \$600, while in August the receipts were \$5973.78, and in the following month they were \$7222.53.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—The English are a charitable people. Apart from gifts to the Salvation Army the income of the metropolitan charities for 1890-91 is approximately fixed at £6,060,763. Of

this amount very nearly half is credited to Bible societies and missions.

—The Salvation Army twenty-five years ago consisted of only 2 people—a Methodist preacher, ostracized by his own communion on account of his unconventional ways, and his wife. To-day it stands before the world a fully-equipped organization, with more than 500,000 adherents, 9000 officers, 2900 barracks, where services are held daily, and an annual revenue of \$3,750,000.

—A missionary of the British and Foreign Bible Society tells of a Bible meeting held in Madagascar which was attended by 1246 persons, representing 11 churches, and coming, some in canoes and many on foot, a distance of from 10 to 20 miles. And another one writes of a similar gathering held in the theatre of a Spanish city, with an audience of 1000, and being reported by one of the papers of the place, the whole region heard of it.

France.—The work of the Salvation Army in France is conducted at 216 stations and outposts, in 23 of the departments of France and 10 of the Swiss cantons. There are 430 French and Swiss officers aided by 300 local officers. Three Salvation papers—2 in French, and 1 in German for North Switzerland—are issued, and 24,000 copies are weekly set before the people in every possible way. The hymn-book, recently published, has reached a sale of 84,000 copies in the year.

Protestantism Looking Up.—"Never, perhaps, since the Reformation," writes a French lady—Miss Bertrand, the daughter of M. Bertrand, "has there been such a religious awakening throughout France. Workmen of the great cities, Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, coal miners of the north, peasants of Western France, are thirsting for a pure religion. In a hilly region in the centre of France the whole country seems to be ripe for the preaching of the Gospel. Through the courageous testimony of a Protestant postmaster whose fami-