

Christians are reported, showing that during the past ten years there has been an increase of sixty-one per cent. of the Christian population, while the natural increase of the Hindu population has been but five per cent. Thus it seems that with only five hundred and seventeen Protestant missionaries to two hundred million people, with all the inveterate hatred of fanatical Mohammedanism, and all the power and prestige of a venerable Brahminism against them, the Church of Christ is, as a matter of fact, gaining on the world to-day as rapidly in India as in the most favoured sections of America—indeed, the exact figures would be to the advantage of the Church in India.

#### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

This Church has struggled hard to maintain its position since the late war between the North and South. Commodore Vanderbilt has proved himself one of its most substantial friends. Some years ago he gave \$600,000 towards the University at Nashville, Tenn., which bears his honoured name. Recently he gave another \$100,000, and still more recently he is reported to have given \$300,000, increasing the total gift to a round *million dollars*—which is the largest donation ever made by a single individual to any educational institution in America. Our friends in the South have now a noble institution, which will be of immense benefit to the Church.

This Church, like all others which bear the Methodist name, is Missionary in its character, and has missions established, not only in various parts of the South, but also in the regions beyond, particularly in China and Mexico. Recently they have sent a missionary to Brazil, where the Gospel is evidently much needed. Speaking of the influence of Romanism in that country, a missionary writes: "Gross ignorance, mental and spiritual slavery, moral and social obliquity, in short, the whole inventory of the devil's storehouse catalogued in the first chapter of Romans, are the sad inheritance of those who are born Catholics in a Catholic country. All the noxious fruits of idolatrous Paganism thrive equally well in the soil of idolatrous Romanism. Every spiritual crime which blackens the Roman apostacy finds its expression and counterpart in carnal acts. In nothing is this more notable than in the flagrant and ingeniously varied and multiplied crimes of adultery which afflict, like set sores, every society over which the great whore has her sway. Many of the feasts, such as those of Bom Jesus of Pirapora, if not accompanied with as obscene rites, are at least made the occasion of as obscene practices as were the Egyptian or the Eleusinian mysteries. If Bacchus were substituted for one of these good Jesuses, or Ceres for one of the Virgin Marys, an old Pagan would not feel himself a stranger at one of the night scenes which not unfrequently occur under the auspices of modern Rome."

Still the cause of truth spreads. In towns where, twenty years ago, it might have been as much as a man's life was worth to declare himself a Protestant, the Gospel is preached with perfect security from Sabbath to Sabbath, and Protestant schools are crowded to overflowing.

#### CANADA.

All the Churches are feeling the pressure of the times, and complaints reach us from all quarters of the difficulty experienced in providing means