

UNITED STATES.

There are said to be about fifty Missionary Associations, whose annual income and expenditure amounts to \$6,000,000. Of this, the Episcopal and Congregational Churches each contribute about \$300,000, the Presbyterians \$500,000, and the Methodist Episcopal Church about \$700,000, or nearly one-ninth of the whole.

The *American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions* has met with a further display of Popish intolerance at one of its stations in Mexico, where four Mexicans and one English Protestant were killed, and eleven others were wounded in the outrage that was perpetrated.

We are pleased to find that the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church South are both maintaining their ground in Mexico. The latter Church has several Mexican young men in training for the Mission work; and as a proof that the Church intends to remain in Mexico, it may be stated, that a Discipline and a Hymn Book have been published in the Spanish tongue.

At one of the recent Annual Conferences three Mexican preachers were admitted on trial. In the thirty-three Annual Conferences, the last of which was held late in the year 1874, there is a net gain of 35,276 members for the year.

The Superintendent of the M. E. Church Missions in Mexico, Rev. Dr. Butler, was lately visited by a deputation of Indians who had walked one hundred and fifty miles, to request a preacher to be sent them. The letter describing the interview with these Mexican Indians is one of a most affecting character.

The Evangelical Alliance sent a deputation to Constantinople, to present a petition to the Sultan of Turkey, praying that the Christian converts in the empire might not be subjected to such persecutions as have lately befallen them; but we regret to learn that their visit has not had the desired

effect. The Sultan refused an audience to the deputation; hence, the Christian Church must still pray for their persecuted brethren.

It was intended to hold the next Annual Meeting of the Alliance at Rome, but the American Branch has expressed its disapproval and given strong reasons for its opposition. The Council has not yet taken further action.

Three missions are being projected in honour of the memory of Dr. Livingstone, one at Mataka, near Lake Nyassa, called the Universities' Mission; another, in the same locality, by the Church of Scotland, and yet a third by the Free Church, which will be situated at the west or southern shore of Nyassa. All these missions will be in such close proximity that they will be of great service to each other. A meeting was recently held in Glasgow for the purpose of raising funds for the Free Church mission, £10,000 being the amount required; £4,200 were then and there subscribed, towards which two gentlemen gave £1,000.

J. Willoughby, Esq., father of the Rev. N. R. Willoughby, recently went to his reward, but he did not forget the Methodist Missionary Society, to which he bequeathed the sum of \$100.

Rev. H. G. Guinness and Dr. Barnett are conducting an Institution in London, for the purpose of training young men for the Missionary work. They have been thus employed two years, and have sent forth eight young men to unfurl the Gospel banner in heathen-land.

Bishop Janes lately dedicated a M. E. Church at Roseville, New Jersey, in which State he has dedicated more than one hundred churches. Forty years ago he was pastor at Orange, when there was only one M. E. Church in Newark; now there are seventeen, some of which will seat 1,000 persons each.