

—January 21st the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church celebrated its twentieth birthday. To each one who attended an opportunity was given to place an offering in the floral ship, *Lux Mundi*, and \$1500 "was the freight which it floated into a safe harbor." During the first year the amount raised was \$2891. This has gradually increased, and in 1894 the sum raised was \$27,727.

—The boarding-school building at Jackson, Miss., known as Mary Holmes Seminary, and designed for the education of colored girls, under the care of the Presbyterian Freedman's Board, was totally destroyed by fire on January 31st. The building with its furnishing, and subsequent additions and improvements, cost a little less than \$27,000, and was insured for \$15,000. The Board appeals for immediate help toward rebuilding.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

—Says the *Young Men's Era*: "Altogether the best of the Indian national conventions was the third and latest held at Madras, December 27th-31st, 1894. Twenty-four associations were represented by 54 voting delegates, besides 21 honorary delegates who attended most of the sessions. Burmah, Ceylon, and 4 unorganized places in India sent representatives, so that the total number attending was 75, of whom 27 were European and Eurasian and 48 were natives of India."

—The Young Women's Christian Association is becoming an important factor of Christian activity and progress in India. In Calcutta a fine building has been secured for an institute, and also a house for a home. Extraordinary opportunities are opening up among the Eurasians and English-speaking girls. Two young English women, who have had considerable experience in association work at home, have recently decided to give themselves to this service in India.

—Seven languages are regularly heard in the meetings of Chicago Christian Endeavor societies—Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch, German, Bohemian, and Chinese.

—What can be more beautiful and becoming than the movement which has been started by the Endeavor Society of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Boston. Honoring the memory of their beloved pastor so recently deceased, whose love for missions was consuming, and though already supporting two of their number in China at a cost of \$600, they undertook to raise \$200 as a memorial fund (but over \$400 was soon pledged), and propose to all the Baptist young people of the United States to join them in paying the debt of the Baptist Missionary Union, which amounts to \$200,000. How easily this could be done if all would bear a hand! And what a blessed consummation it would be if the translation of Dr. Gordon should lead to a great revival of missionary zeal!

—Rev. E. B. Stiles makes this claim for the Free Baptists in the *Morning Star*: "So far as I know, the first missionary to be sent by young people's societies as such was sent by our young people in 1888. To Miss Perkins belongs the honor of proposing it; to loyal Free Baptist young people belongs the honor of carrying out the proposal. Quick came the responses, led by the Endeavor Society of Danville, N. H.; and in a few months from the first suggestion your missionaries were on their way to India, going as the representatives of a few isolated societies without any central organization. Loyally did they rally to the support of him whom they called 'our missionary.' I think that the treasurer's books will show that more than enough was raised during the five years that I was in India, to pay all expenses." He laments, however, that their zeal has since grown cold in some measure.