

They have one hundred and forty-six missionaries in foreign countries, of whom seventy have been sent out during the year. It would be worth while to give a full statement of their work, as contained in their annual report, and, what would be even more interesting, a statement of their methods. But space forbids further reference. One of the secretaries of the society was the daughter of our host.

A son in the same family was secretary to the Christian Endeavour Society. This is a society having objects somewhat similar to that of our guilds at home. But while the society is so far denominational that each congregation has its own branch, the whole is united in one great confederation, somewhat like the Presbyterian Alliance. The society holds a great annual meeting, which took place this year at Philadelphia. My friend was busy with preparations. It was expected that four thousand at least would be present—not all as delegates. I think the actual number was between six and seven thousand. There were members present from California and other far-distant parts of the country. Distance is no bugbear to American travellers.

Philadelphia is building a magnificent city hall, on a magnificent site at the union of Broad and High Streets. The only pity is that the building obstructs the continuous view which there used to be from end to end of these fine streets. The new erection is of marble; and as it has to wait for annual appropriations of money from the city, it advances but slowly towards completion. A new feature of Philadelphia, as also of New York, is the immense blocks of offices and other business chambers, for which eight stories is now a moderate height. The enormous cost of building areas necessitates this arrangement. The old Edinburgh houses of ten or twelve stories are being left behind. I heard an American repeat the somewhat apocryphal story of a man who, in falling from the top of one of the tall Edinburgh houses,