

—A young Christian negro, who has spent four years at the Central Tennessee College, in Nashville, Tenn., has been called to a throne in Africa. His name is Momolu Massaquoi, and he came from the Vey country, a region of interior Africa adjoining Liberia.

—In Abyssinia, it is said, the illustrated editions of the Bible all have the original man, as a matter of course, ebony-hued, while the devil is always white.

—Dr. Sheldon Jackson, some time Presbyterian "bishop" of the far Northwest, and now Government Superintendent of Schools in Alaska, seems to unite in happy fashion in his person the functions of church and state. Thus, he has been breaking up the whiskey traffic with the Indians. He found 30 barrels of the stuff on the whaling fleet at Port Clarence, and had the satisfaction of emptying it all into the sea. Besides, he has been making several trips to Siberia in search of reindeer, and has imported 150, with experienced herders, to teach the Alaskan natives how to take care of the animals. Thus it is expected that a new home product of flesh food will be provided. Along with these encouraging items, the doctor also reports that there are now 34 Indian schools in Alaska with 1700 pupils.

—No missionary periodical has recently reached this portion of the editorial table fuller of interesting matter than the November number of *Life and Light for Woman*. In particular, Mrs. Hand's story of calamities is worth reading, and Mrs. Eaton's account of work in Chihuahua, Mexico, and of scarcely less interest is Mrs. Gulick's account of the girl's boarding-school in San Sebastian, Spain.

—The oldest church in America is that of San Miguel, in Santa Fé, N. M. It was built in 1545.

#### THE UNITED STATES.

—The ends of the earth are brought together. One of the first students to

arrive at Tabor College, Iowa, this year was Tonami Hyashi, from Kyoto, Japan, sent by one of the missionaries who went out from Tabor. The last to enter is Alexander Vozaks, from Thessalonica, Greece. In the class of 1893 is a native of Iceland. These all are preparing for missionary service. A promising Bohemian is also one of the students.

—Wanted—a just proportion in our giving to advance the Lord's work. There do not seem to be very many Mrs. Jellebys exclusively and absurdly devoted to Borribooola Gha on the left bank of the Niger; for, according to a report of the foreign missions committee of the Buffalo, N. Y., Presbytery, the Protestant Christians of the United States expend annually for religious work in our own land \$80,000,000 per year, or \$1.32 for the evangelization of each person. The same Protestant Christians expend in behalf of those in heathendom \$4,000,000 per year, or one third of a cent each for the total population.

—A missionary in China affirms that "during this very month more money will be spent in propitiating evil spirits that have no existence than all the churches in the United States give in one year to foreign missions."

—Homes for the children of missionaries are becoming refreshingly common in the home field. Thus, in addition to Auburndale, Oberlin has her Judson Cottage at least started in an old building refitted for the purpose, but much needing a larger and better structure; and the Presbyterian Board is pushing forward a movement to establish two homes in Wooster, O.

—Connecticut contains nearly 30,000 French Canadians, and Massachusetts about six times as many.

—In addition to the Chinese, and Japanese, and Indians, and negroes, and Italians, and Finns, and Poles, and Hungarians, and Hebrews, Germans, Scandinavians, and Irish, and many more thrust upon us to be Americanized