

Facts Concerning the College Department of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America.

- 231 college associations are in existence.
- 41 have been organized within the year.
- 170 have an aggregate membership of 9,853.
- 263 have an active membership of 8,559.
- 174 have an associate membership of 2,340.
- 177 have 2,570 members serving on committees.
- 143 expend annually \$9,067.
- 4 have buildings; Princeton, valued at \$30,000; Hanover, \$1,000; Toronto University, \$7,000, and Yale University, \$50,000.
- 59 have rooms devoted exclusively to their use.
- 54 have furniture valued at \$20,732.
- 18 have libraries of 3,655 volumes, valued at \$3,577.
- 27 had 101 lectures during the year, and 68 had 144 sociables.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

- 87 report 93 Bible classes, with a total average attendance of 1,688.
- 59 report 49 training classes, with a total average attendance of 1,024.
- 188 report 193 prayer-meetings, 147 of which have a total average attendance of 3,933.
- 84 report gospel meetings, 50 of which have a total average attendance of 1,461.
- 23 report song services, 13 of which have a total average attendance of 394.
- 50 report missionary meetings.
- 3 report daily prayer-meetings.
- 19 report 21 cottage or neighborhood prayer-meetings.
- 8 report meetings in almshouses, jails and hospitals.
- 18 report 27 Sunday-schools conducted in their members.
- 137 associations observed the day of prayer for colleges the last Thursday in January, 1886.
- 131 observed the day of prayer for young men, the second Sunday in November.
- 200 report 31,420 young men as students in their colleges.
- 157 report 9,956 young men, students of their colleges, as members of evangelical churches.
- 159 report 1,746 professed conversions during the year.
- 161 report that 2,750 students in their colleges intend to enter the ministry.
- 48 report that 135 of these have been converted since entering college.
- 24 report that 39 of these have been converted the past year.
- 10 report that 64 have been influenced in their decision for the ministry by the work of the College Association.
- 59 report that 126 students in their colleges intend to be foreign missionaries.
- 4 report that 5 of these have been converted the past year.
- 3 report that 16 of these have been influenced in their decision for the foreign field by the missionary department of the College Association.

—The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations at 40 East 23rd street, New York, has just issued the Association "Year-Book for 1898." There are now, according to this annual report, 1,240 associations in America, and 3,804 in the world. The American associations have a membership of 170,000; they own buildings valued at \$5,609,365, and have a total net property of \$7,261,658; last year they expended \$1,181,398 in local work, and \$104,949 in general work. 752 men are devoting their entire time to the local, State and international work as secretaries and assistants; there are 23 State committees that employ one

or more travelling secretaries, and the International Committee's secretarial force numbers 14. 77 of these associations are engaged specially in work among railway men; 10 among German-speaking young men; 273 are in colleges; 29 are colored and 18 Indian. 226 associations report educational classes in from one to fifteen branches of study; 287 report special attention to physical culture through gymnasiums and out-door sports; 398 Bible classes, 367 Bible training classes, and 661 weekly prayer-meetings are among the services for young men only, which are reported.

—In heathen countries Protestants occupy 500 separate mission fields, containing 20,000 mission stations, supplied by 40,000 missionaries. In these 20,000 mission stations there are 500,000 Sabbath-school scholars, an average of 25 to each station. In the 20,000 Protestant mission stations there are 1,000,000 of native communicants, or an average of 50 to each station. There are also 2,000,000 of adherent who are friends of the evangelical faith and hearers of the gospel preached from the Bible, an average of 100 to each station. Including all classes, there are now identified with Protestant Christian missions 3,500,000 persons, served by 40,000 missionaries. The nationalities friendly to Protestant Christianity, or nominally Christians, contain a population of about 150,000,000, or *one-ninth* of the whole population of the earth, covering 14,000,000 of square miles, or one-fourth of the whole geographical surface of the globe. The Greek and Roman Catholic churches cover 18,000,000 square miles in nations friendly to them or dominated by them, and have 250,000,000 of adherents. The Mohammedans have a following of about 200,000,000 nominally. Strictly pagan countries, therefore, have yet a population of *one billion* souls who are not reached by Mohammedan, Catholic, Greek or Protestant churches.

—Statistical tables in the Baptist Year-Book show the total number of members in the 31,891 Baptist churches to be 2,917,315, indicating a gain of 184,745 members during the year. The number of baptisms reported is 158,373, which is 2,395 more than were reported a year before.

—“The Presbyterian Church of the United States, all branches, have over 15,000 churches, 11,500 ministers, 1,500,000 members, and expends annually in her work \$16,000,000; has also 46 colleges, with 5,000 students; 20 theological seminaries, with 1,900 students; 34 female seminaries, with 4,000 pupils.”—*Dr. G. F. Hays.*

—The statistics presented at the last International Sunday-school Convention show that while there are in the Sunday-schools of our country and the Dominion of Canada seven million children and youth, there are more than nine million outside of the Sunday-school. Dr. Worden stated that of this number 800,000 are in New York State, 575,000 in Pennsylvania, 440,000 in Ohio, 365,000 in Kentucky, 340,000 in Indiana, 600,000 in Illinois, 550,000 in Missouri, 228,600 in