

who have travelled much, and so have seen with their own eyes, and are ready to advocate with pen and tongue, the work of the Gospel in heathen lands. The pages of *Life and Light* are to be enriched by articles from both.

—Lieutenant Wadhams, of the United States Navy, narrates the interview of Miss Fletcher with the naval commander, who wanted to carry her off to Yokohama after her home on Ponape had been burned by the Spaniards, as it was reported to him by a man who professed to be an infidel. Miss Fletcher declined the kind offer, and would not go; her scholars loved her and she loved them; she had come to Ponape for a special purpose, and the people needed her. "But you are in danger. Will you not go?" "No. I have read of soldiers and sailors refusing to desert their posts when in danger, and why should I?" "But that was in time of war." "This is a time of war. I propose to stay. Let us have a prayer for guidance." "And then," said the infidel, "I had to get down on my knees, and she reeled off the best prayer I ever heard in my life."

—The Friends' Woman's Foreign Missionary Union has attained to the age of three years, and reports receipts amounting to \$22,350 last year, and \$65,000 in all from the beginning. The Union has decided to make an annual contribution from its general treasury to the support of some already existing mission to the Jews.

—The women of the Southern Baptist Church raised \$36,053 last year for foreign missions and \$26,234 for home missions.

—Among the English Wesleyans the "Ladies' Meeting," as it is familiarly called, grows in popularity year by year, as it deserves to do. This year it was thought by many to excel all previous meetings. It has a character of its own, and touches chords which are untouched, at least with equal tenderness and force, on any other occasion.

The expenditure of the committee for the past year was £8695 (\$43,475).

AMERICA.

United States.—The New York *Sun* says that, according to the last census, in rough figures, the denominations in this country stand thus: "Roman Catholic, 7,000,000; Methodist, 5,000,000; Baptist, 4,000,000; Presbyterian, 1,300,000; Lutheran, 1,250,000; the rest of the Protestant communions, counted together, about 3,000,000."

—A Methodist church was recently organized in Portland, Ore., with 30 members, and composed wholly of Japanese.

—Most Americans will be surprised to learn that all the Chinamen in the United States came from a single one of the eighteen provinces of the Celestial Empire—most of them from one corner of that province.

—Mr. Jue Hawk, a Chinaman who delivered one of the most inspiring missionary addresses at last year's International Christian Endeavor Convention at New York, and who is now conducting a mission among his own people in Portland, Ore., was prevented from having a part in the recent Montreal convention, because if he had visited that city the exclusion law would not permit his return to this country.

—Sumantrao Vishun Karmarker, formerly a high-caste Brahman, was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in New Haven, June 8th. He wore a sash which is said to be the insignia of his former caste. Rev. Mr. Karmarker is sent out to do general evangelistic work in India.

—The American Bible Society, at its annual meeting, reported the total receipts for the year to be \$583,930. The total number of Scriptures printed and purchased in 1892 amounts to 1,447,843 volumes, of which 394,057 were printed abroad, including 36,906 at Constantinople, 6000 at Beirut, 244,000 in China,