

the Vulgate itself, and it is first of all being given to the world in penny serial parts. Messrs. Cassell, the famous London publishers, are supplying the engravings, and it is hoped that the attractiveness of the book will induce many to procure it, and enable them to find peace of soul in Christ.

Scotland.—The Church of Scotland Missions have sustained a severe loss in the death (Oct. 21, 1889,) of the Rev. W. Smith, Principal of their Missionary Institution in Calcutta. Their Central African Mission is seriously affected by the recent Portuguese attack upon the Makololo.

South America.—It seems to be a favorable time for pushing out into the South American States, from several of which come tidings of a decided though incipient movement of the people toward Protestantism. In Brazil, for instance, with a territory equal to that of the United States combined, the Presbyterians, Baptists and the Methodists have, all told, but a bare handful of agents at work. The climate, with the exception of a few places along the seaboard, is comparatively healthful, and Protestantism has a well-defined legal status. A similar spirit of tolerance on the part of the government prevails in Chili, where thirteen Protestant churches have already been established, and several natives are just entering the ministry. In Venezuela, with 2,000,000 population, no Protestant missionary society has ever yet planted the banner of the cross, but distributors of the Bible have made the ground fallow for evangelistic sowing. Bolivia and Ecuador are likewise almost totally unoccupied.

—The American Bible Society reports that Bible distribution was fifty per cent. larger last year in South America than during any preceding year. The number of Bibles, New Testaments, or parts, disposed of by sale or gift (mainly the former) was 51,862. That this large increase was not the result of mere spasmodic effort, is evident when we learn that during the past ten years 204,542 copies have been circulated, of which 90,484 belong to the first half decade, and 174,033 to the last half. These figures are exclusive of the work of the Valparaiso (Chili) Bible Society, which sold during the past year 4,563 copies, and during its existence of twenty-eight years has distributed 54,417 copies in the Republic of Chili.

Switzerland has 1,162 Sunday-schools, with 7,459 teachers and 84,000 scholars. Sweden has 3,340 Sunday-schools, with 15,000 teachers and 220,000 scholars. Austria has 140 Sunday-schools, with 312 teachers and 4,519 scholars.

United States.—Sixty-one women's foreign missionary societies are recorded by *Life and Light* (Boston, Mass.) as now at work on the "wide field." Thirteen of them were in Great Britain last year, with an in-

come in 1889 of \$334,000, and nine were in Canada, with an income of \$94,257. In the United States there were 39 organized societies of women, with 25,000 auxiliaries and 8,000 children's bands. There were half a million members of the auxiliaries and 200,000 members of the bands. The total receipts of these societies in 1889 were \$1,250,000;* from the beginning of work from the women's boards \$10,000,000. These societies support, in the aggregate, 1,200 missionaries, 2,500 native Bible women, teachers, and other helpers, and have under charge 2,500 schools of various grades, with 60,000 pupils.—*Christian Union*.

—The Anti-Mormon Victory in Utah is a cause for national rejoicing. At last there seems some prospect, even in the near future, of successfully grappling with one of the greatest dangers to our western life. The enormously wealthy and unscrupulous monopoly of the Mormon leaders had enabled them to bid defiance to all law, so long as they could command a majority of the people of the Territory. Now that they are in a minority, it is hoped their end is near.

—Dr. John Hall is delivering the N. F. Graves course of lectures on Foreign Missions, at New Brunswick, N. J.

—Since our last number was issued, each of the three Northern New England States has enjoyed a week of "simultaneous meetings" in the interests of foreign missions. Never before, within so short a period, have so many meetings been held in behalf of foreign missions in these three States, and we hear cheering reports in regard to the interest awakened. Aside from the aid of pastors within these States, Dr. Creegan has been assisted by Messrs. Gutterson, of India, Stimson, of China, Rev. Dr. Hamlin, the Rev. E. G. Porter, and others. A series of foreign missionary meetings has also been held in Ohio, in which District Secretary Daniels was assisted by Mr. Chambers, of Eastern Turkey.—*Missy Herald for March*.

—Receipts of some of our Missionary Boards: The American Board report for the first five months of the current financial year "a gain from donations of about \$20,500, and from legacies of nearly \$53,000. Several churches have recently reported a marked advance in their contributions over previous years. Certainly the good tidings of the manifest tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit in connection with the work abroad should encourage generous giving here at home.

"Nineteen new missionaries and assistant missionaries have been appointed during the

* These figures are too low. Receipts in '89 were \$1,731,063; and from the beginning of the work of Woman's Societies some \$14,000,000. See table in Jan. No., '90, of this REVIEW, page 73, and Feb. No., '89, prepared by one of the most efficient secretaries of our Woman's Boards.—J. M. S.]