

on the west side of Fourth avenue between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets. The buildings will cost about \$250,000.

For Missions.—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States proposes to spend \$240,000 in its work this year. The Board of Home Missions strives for \$200,000, and ought to have every cent of that sum. Here are more than a million of dollars asked for by two missionary organizations.

In 1870 the Mercantile Library of Philadelphia concluded to open its Library and reading-room to subscribers on Sunday. For a time there was a large attendance, but in 1881 the average number of visitors on Sunday was 538 against 1,027 on other days. The librarian has no evidence that anyone has become a subscriber because it was open on Sunday.

In the report of the Presbyterian Board of Church erection it is stated that the money given to the Board in the last ten years by Mr. Robert L. Stuart, of New York, and his brother, the late Alexander Stuart, has secured completion of not less than two hundred and seventy-six churches, in which probably not less than 28,500 worshippers are found every Sabbath.

India.

In the Methodist Missions of North India the Sunday-schools have increased during the past ten years from 34 schools with 1,102 scholars to 222 schools with 9,000 scholars.

The Baptist Missions in Burmah date from 1814, and they have grown to comprise about 450 churches with 25,000 members, and all the needful appliances of college, theological seminary, schools of every grade, and a mission press.

The higher schools of Ceylon are doing a good work. In Jaffna College fifty out of Seventy-three students have renounced Paganism for Christianity, and these educated men will be an immense power in the land.

Japan.

In the Presbyterian boys' school in Tokio, Japan, there are ninety-five students, nearly half of whom are Christians. There are at present eight or ten applicants for baptism from this school.

The success of missionary effort in Japan is remarkable. One of the most recent proofs is the fact, stated by a missionary at Tokio, quite common to hear children in the streets, singing "*Ah Iyesu di su*."—Jesus loves me.

At a Buddhist meeting held lately in Japan, the special object of which was to protest against Christianity, one of the speakers said, "Of late the progress made by this sect has been marvellous, and may be compared to a fire sweeping over a plain, which constantly increases in power."

The Lutheran missionary Journal says: "The population of the world is 1,424,000,000. Of this population 856,000,000 are heathen; 170,000,000 are Mohammedans; 8,000,000 are Jews; 100,000,000 are Roman Catholics; 84,000,000 are Greeks; 116,000,000 are Protestants.—There are 740,000,000 more heathen than there are Protestants; 74,000,000 more Roman Catholics, and 54,000,000 more Mohammedans than Protestants. If the Protestant religion is the true faith—if it is the representative of the Gospel, 'the power of God unto salvation'—then there are 1,252,031,000 who are *unvangelized*—without the faith that saves."

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