

VI.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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—The *Statesman's Year-Book* is authority for the statement that the densest population of the earth, over 400 to the square mile, is confined to Java, China, Japan, the northeastern and southwestern portions of India, England, parts of France and Belgium, the Nile Valley, Italy, Portugal, a small strip of Germany, and a small section in the vicinity of New York and Boston.

The Beginning of the End.—Three phases or stages of missionary toil may easily be distinguished. At first and of necessity all the forces, whether personal or financial, originate in Christian lands. But presently native missionaries of every grade begin to take the place of the foreign supply, and native contributions steadily increase. Thus last year of the \$11,500,000 contributed for foreign missions, upward of \$1,300,000 were derived from regions lately heathen, while to the 7800 missionaries were joined upward of 37,000 native helpers, of whom nearly 3000 were ordained, and quite a large proportion of the 11,000 churches are entirely self-supporting. As examples of the third and final stage, we see the Hawaiian Islands not only sustaining "home missions" among the Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese, but also sending their representatives by the score to Christianize Micronesia; the London Society seeks in Samoa and the Hervey Group a supply of teachers for pagan New Guinea, while by the Wesleyan Society Fiji and other islands have been turned wholly over to the care of the Australasian Conference.

—In setting forth the debt of science to missions, Archdeacon Farrar offers these telling interrogatories, with their answers: "Is it nothing that through their labors in the translation of the Bible the German philologist in his study may have before him the grammar and

vocabulary of 250 languages? Who created the science of anthropology? The missionaries. Who rendered possible the deeply important science of comparative religion? The missionaries. Who discovered the great chain of lakes in Central Africa on which will turn its future destiny? The missionaries. Who have been the chief explorers of Oceanica and America and Asia? The missionaries. Who discovered the famous Nestorian monument in Singar Fu? A missionary. Who discovered the still more famous Moabite stone? A Church missionary. Who discovered the Hittite inscriptions? A Presbyterian missionary."

—The 1892 *Year-Book of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America* gives the following statistics: 1140 secretaries; 268 buildings valued at \$11,902,520; 814 Associations with a total membership of 1,763,950; 400 college Associations (64 organized last year), 362 with a total membership of 24,819; 97 railroad branches with a membership of 20,530; 12 Associations for Germans, membership 2654; 34 for colored men, chiefly in educational institutions in the South, membership 2137; and 22 Associations for Indians. In the world are found 4651 Associations, of which 83 are in Canada, 627 in the United Kingdom, 898 in Germany, 641 in Holland, 86 in France, 112 in Denmark, 131 in Norway, 67 in Sweden, 43 in Italy, and 381 in Switzerland.

—The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, with its growth since 1881 from 2 local societies to 22,000, of which 648 are found in foreign and missionary lands, and a total membership of nearly 1,250,000, divided among 30 denominations, must be counted a phenomenon among Christian institutions; and the possibilities