

## FIFTEEN NEW CHURCHES EVERY DAY.

According to various statements which have recently appeared, somewhere between twelve and fifteen churches are completed and dedicated in the United States every day the year through, with the larger number more likely to be nearest the facts. Of these the Methodists build 3 churches a day; the Baptists, 2; the Lutherans,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; the Roman Catholics,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; the Presbyterians, 1; Episcopalians, 1; Congregationalists,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , and miscellaneous,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . The average cost is about \$7,000, or an aggregate of from \$85,000 to \$105,000 daily for church buildings.

## WHAT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MAY BEHOLD.

In his address as chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, Dr. Robert F. Horton said:

It is calculated that the sporadic efforts of the eighteenth century produced 70,000 converts. Warneck estimates that as a result of the nineteenth century there are 11,000,000 Christians won from heathendom. If we may work out a proportion: As 70,000 is to 11,000,000, so is 11,000,000 to 1,650,000,000; that is the probable population of the globe in the year 2000 A.D. Yes, all the kingdoms of the earth made the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ. That is assuredly His design. In a little island of the Southern Seas there is the grave of a missionary, and an epitaph: "When he came in 1848 there was not a Christian; when he left in 1872 there was not a single heathen." So it will be said of this island planet in the ocean of the universe which was visited by the Divine Missionary. "When He came there was not a Christian in it; when He left it there was not a heathen."

## MY CANNIBAL FRIENDS.

None but a Christ-like soul and a hero could use the phrase. But it is found in a letter of Chalmers', the martyr of New Guinea, just brought to light, in which he refers to his purpose to visit those whom he calls "my

cannibal friends in the Namau district." He says: "The Akerave natives of that district killed eleven Maipuns lately, and left nothing but their bones. We must get among them as soon as possible." There are those whose first thought, in view of the savage nature of these cannibals, would have been to get well away from them. The Christian zeal of Chalmers led him to exactly the opposite conclusion. Men so wicked and cruel must be reached as soon as possible.

Within the Uganda British Protectorate a recent census shows 1,070 church buildings with a seating capacity of 126,850, and an average Sabbath attendance of 52,471. It is only twenty years since the first Christian baptism took place in that country. Verily, this is a wonderland for the spread of the Gospel, and bids fair soon to outdo even Hawaii or Madagascar.

The Methodists of Australasia carry on mission work not only in India and China, but also in various islands, like Fiji, New Ireland, New Caledonia, and New Guinea. The last returns show that there are 525 full members, and 15,502 attendants on public worship in a mission which was first established in the year 1891.

According to conservative estimates, there are 1,250,000 Jews in the United States, and according to Joseph Jacobs, the Jews of Greater New York number over 600,000, or 16.5 per cent. of the entire population, while in Manhattan Borough they number 500,000, or 27 per cent. The number of Christian workers among them is but 139, of whom 58 are found in Greater New York.

Concrete illustrations of the large Jewish element in the United States may be found in the facts that there were 2,000 Jewish soldiers in the Spanish-American war; there are 6 Yiddish theatres in the country; 72 Jewish periodicals are published, and gifts to Jewish denominations last year amounted to more than \$1,000,000.

Think truly and thy thoughts  
Shall the world's famine feed;  
Speak truly, and each word of thine

Shall be a fruitful seed;  
Live truly and thy life shall be  
A great and noble creed.

—Horatius Bonar.