

combined, the Presbyterians themselves only furnishing 152, and all others 1752. A legacy was received from the estate of Mary Stuart of \$217,819, and three beds were endowed in perpetuity. The number of patients treated in the dispensary in the year was 10,626, an increase of 1227.

—A visitor in this country is the Rev. A. Ben-Oliel, a native of Tangiers and a Christian minister, who has done missionary work for forty years among the Jews in Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, Spain, and Palestine. His mission here is "to raise an interest in the building of an evangelistic hall in Jerusalem, where all denominations of English-speaking Christians can meet and worship."

—Since 1810 the American Board has sent out 2066 missionaries. Of these 876 were men, 672 ordained, and 36 physicians; 1290 were women, of whom 437 were unmarried. In all 125,584 persons have been received into the churches. The total receipts are \$26,910,979.

—Rev. M. H. Houston, one of the pioneer missionaries of the Presbyterian Church, South, in China, but for ten years Secretary of the Foreign Board, has resigned and returned to that vast field, though past fifty, and leaving all his children behind. The Kansas City churches are to care for his support.

—It is stated that the largest contribution per member for the work of foreign missions made during the past year by the churches of San Francisco was that by the Chinese Presbyterian Church, which averaged \$2.20 per member.

—Rev. Lewis Grout has prolonged his missionary usefulness by preparing a revised edition of his grammar of the Zulu language. At the request of the Zulu mission, he commenced, in 1849, the first edition of the grammar. This book, when completed, became a standard and was such for thirty years. When, by reason of the edition being

exhausted and a revision desired, Mr. Grout, though having left the mission in 1862, was asked to prepare a new edition.

—Pierrepont Morgan, of New York, has donated \$50,000 to Nathan Strauss's new charity, the grocery store where articles of food may be purchased cheaply by the poor.

—According to the Charleston (S. C.) *News and Courier*, there are 25,580 negro schools now in the South; 2,250,000 negroes have learned to read, and most of them to write. In the colored schools are 238,000 pupils and 20,000 negro teachers. There are 150 schools for advanced education, and several colleges administered by negro presidents and faculties.

—Mr. Thomy La Fon, a Roman Catholic colored man of New Orleans, who died recently, left an estate worth about \$300,000. Over \$200,000 of this he distributed among the educational and charitable institutions of that city. Among his gifts were \$3000 to New Orleans University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also a gift of a block of ground, containing twenty-two lots, and \$5000 in cash to the Old People's Home.

—The Baptist Missionary Union has recently sent 11 men and women to reinforce the Western China Mission.

—The Arabian Mission, only five years old, has a force now numbering 5. A few weeks since James T. Wyckoff, M.D., was commissioned as a physician to proceed to Busreh on the lower Tigris.

—The Christians (Disciples) are bestirring themselves to do their duty to the great perishing pagan world by scattering missionary literature broadcast, holding rallies, etc. The first week in February was set apart for special gatherings.

—The Episcopalians sustain missions in Africa, China, Japan, and Hayti, as well as among the Freedmen and the