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—In 1837, a man from an outlying village entered the depository of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Brussels, and, astounded at seeing so many Bibles, exclaimed, "Now that we have the Word of God, we lack only one thing; some one to explain it." A colporter was shortly found to carry the Bible into the houses and "explain it," and that same year an Evangelical Society was founded in Belgium. In 1848 this society became the Belgian Missionary Church. It has lately held its annual synod, and from the newspaper reports of this meeting we learn some interesting facts.

—The Ministering Children's League is an organization of children in the Anglican Church for training young people in unselfish ways and helpfulness and in practical co-operation in charitable work in such forms as each branch may decide to undertake. It extends throughout the British Empire, and seems to be most active in Australasia. It has eight buildings in England, including two refuges for epileptics, a convalescent home in West Australia, and an industrial school for the blind in Alexandria, Egypt. The seventeenth of its charitable institutions was lately opened in New South Wales, and an eighteenth is soon to be established in Egypt.

—The recognition of the new Baptist Church in Chester, which is only a few hundred yards from the city limits, shows the denomination is advancing in the city of Toronto and its vicinity. During the last twelve years, six new Baptist churches have been organized in the city and its suburbs, seven new chapels and two new schools have been built at the cost of about \$100,000, exclusive of the College Chapel, and work has already been commenced on another new chapel.

—A comparison of the census taken of church attendance in New York with that taken some time ago in London, shows that much the greater credit is due to the elder city. In London the are covered by the census included a population of four-and-half millions, and of this number those in attendance at church morning and evening exceeded one million. In New York, where three-and-a-half millions were found, the number at morning and evening service combined was less than half a million. And of those in church the Roman Catholics were nearly two-and-half times as numerous as those of all the other denominations taken together.

—The Protestant population of Germany has increased 14 per cent. during the last ten years, and the Catholic 15 per cent. The Protestants of the State churches have had an increase of 13.6 per cent., while the dissenting Protestants have gained 40 per cent. in the last decade. The Jews have advanced but

3.4 per cent. On the other hand, 41 per cent. of Jewish children in Germany seek a higher education, while only four per cent. of the children of Christians seek advanced culture. Of the 56,367,179 inhabitants of Germany, 35,231,104 are protestants, 20,327,913 are Catholics, 586,948 are Jews, and 9,538 declare themselves without religion.



DEPRESSION.

The periodical wave of depression has reached the United States and is manifesting itself quite clearly. In the iron and steel industry, the output of pig iron has been reduced one-third, which means lack of employment for over 150,000 men. Wages have been reduced ten per cent in many iron and steel mills. The reduction in output has reduced the demand for coke, which will in turn reduce the demand for bituminous coal, and will throw a large number of miners out of work. Great textile mills at Fall River, employing 30,000 operatives, have reduced wages ten per cent, and if, as seems likely, this should be generally imitated in New England, 100,000 operatives would be affected. In some industries the unions, in view of the situation, have agreed with their employers for a reduction of wages; in others there is likely to be conflict. —*The Presbyterian.*

ABOUT POLITICIANS.

What every Canadian politician needs to learn and daily recognize is, that he is a minister of God, responsible to his Master as well as to the people, and in the making of laws he is moulding the lives of untold generations for good or evil. It is impossible to divorce the spiritual elements from politics. When politicians come to learn that they are in power as servants of God, then will our political life be redeemed from corruption, and not till then.—*The Wesleyan.*



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