

antidote to the lax morality which now obtains in France.

Mr. McAll recently opened his eightieth mission hall in France. There were, in April, 1880, scarcely more than half this number in operation, so that, in the short space of three years, the number of gospel halls has been all but doubled. Many more could be opened, were men and means at disposal of the Committee. There are now thirty-three of these halls in Paris alone. At the one recently opened, two hundred were present.

It is a noteworthy point that the Waldenses are now putting forth an effort to reoccupy the old ground in Calabria from which they had been driven three hundred years ago. Signor Pons, whose forefathers were among the few that escaped massacre, visited the old scenes last summer. He found a remnant of the old colony people speaking the dialect of Angrogna, wearing the same dress, having the same manners and customs, retaining the old traditions, and proud of their Piedmontese origin. He spoke to them in the Angrogna dialect and was perfectly understood. They would exclaim, "He is our brother; he comes from the country of our people." They remember the persecutions to which their people had been subjected. "They have a strong aversion to confession. Signor Pons is engaged in an effort to rekindle the old fire,

United States.

Philadelphia has eighty-five institutions that care for neglected and dependent children.

In the late elections in Connecticut, 94 of the 167 towns in the Land of Steady Habits voted "No License."

A wealthy young lady of New York is about to build, at the cost of \$10,000, a church in Plymouth, N. H., for the Holderness School for Boys. She will also furnish and pay for the care of the edifice.

Two boys in Milwaukee, Wis., who were recently arrested for shooting a car-driver and attempting to steal the cash box, have confessed that they were addicted to dime novel reading; and drew their inspiration from this evil source.

The Rev. Jacob Freshman, son of a converted Jewish Rabbi, with three assistants, converts from Judaism, one of them nephew of a Jerusalem Rabbi, is earnestly engaged in preaching Christ

from day to day among the 80,000 Jews of New York.

The American Presbyterian Church has now a hundred congregations in Mexico, and several good schools; also ten native preachers, and four more ready for ordination. The missionaries there are working with great wisdom and consecration, and they should have the prayers and abundant aid of all who love the truth.

Fanny B. Ward writes from Saltillo that, at whatever hour a person dies in Mexico, it is customary to appoint the funeral just twenty-four hours later. Most of the funeral ceremonies in Mexico are performed at night no women being permitted to attend.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, i. e. the church in the northern States, is by far the largest in the great Presbyterian family, having on its roll, no less than 5218 ministers. The contributions of this Church last year for Home Missions amounted to \$582,350; for Foreign Missions, \$501,493.

Britain.

Mr. Holder, the new Mayor of Liverpool, is a Presbyterian.

The society for promoting Christian knowledge is preparing a revised Gaelic version of the Scriptures.

According to the Mayor of Birmingham, there are no less than 10,000 men in the adult Sunday-schools of that town.

"The Flying Roll" is the very latest religious sect started in England, the members of which claim to be the latter house of Israel.

The Duke of Westminster, one of the largest property owners in London, will not allow intoxicating liquors to be sold in any premises rented from him.

The new Lord Mayor of London declines to take out his state carriages and liveries on Sunday because it would give work to his servants, and he wishes them to have a day of rest.

The London Presbytery is considering how to grapple with the poorer districts of the great metropolis. Two churches in needy localities, Southwark and St. Giles are now pastorless.

As the result of a conference of representatives of the various churches in Kilmainock, the observance of Sacrament Fast-days will in future be discontinued. The same step has been taken at Motherwell.