

in 1781, no less than 80,000 persons came out of their concealment and proclaimed themselves Protestants.

The Protestants population of Bohemia and Moravia now numbers 150,000. A marked spiritual revival has followed the celebration of the centenary in 1881, in connection with which Scotland raised a considerable fund to promote evangelistic work in those countries. There are signs that the time for God to favor these old martyr churches has come.—*Evangelical Christendom.*

### United States.

Chicago has one divorce to every thirteen marriages.

The collections of Peter's Pence for the Pope in New York city on a recent Sunday amounted to \$15,000.

The Whiskey Dealers in the United States are in a bad plight. There is now whiskey in bond which cannot be kept in bond much longer without a new act of Congress. If it is sold it will have to pay in taxes \$63,000,000 and there is no market for the enormous quantity manufactured.

The Boston *Watchman* states that the building erected in that city as a memorial to Thom Paine, and as a propaganda of infidelity, is now named Appleton Chapel, and has been opened for Christian worship in connection with the work so long carried on at the Warren Street Chapel.

It has often been a mystery how the mormon missionaries can so extensively impose upon the public in nearly all the countries of Europe. The arguments they use are exclusively those that appeal to the poor and ignorant. According to the story of a Swedish girl who was converted to Mormonism, but relapsed when she got to New York the Mormon bible played the least important part in the inducements held up to her. She was told with visions of a worldly paradise. She was told that the Utah weather was always pleasant, that the population was composed exclusively of rich men, many of whom were unmarried and wanted wives, and that finally one man in particular was waiting to marry her and shelter her in his palace and to put at her command a dozen carriages.

### CHINA'S OPIUM POLICY.

THERE has been a great deal said at home about China's opium policy. Some think that China has no intention of suppressing opiumsmoking, but merely desires to stamp out the Indian drug.

Proclamations have been issued in Ting Tak and Shia Kwan to effect that no opiumsmoker will be allowed as a candidate for literary honours. Should any escape detection at the matriculation examinations, in all probability he will be discovered at the B. A. or M. A. examinations, as a more searching inquiry will be instituted at those examinations. In case of detection he is stripped of all honours, even those of matriculation. I hear also that in certain regiments the soldiers have been allowed forty days to brake off the habit. If at the end of that time they still smoke, they are dismissed the service.—*Rev. Granger Hargreaves.*

'You never get to the end of Christ's words,' said Dean Stanley. 'There is something in them always behind. They pass into proverbs, they pass into laws, they pass into doctrines, they pass into consolations; But they never pass away and after all the use that is made of them they are still not exhausted.'

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