

THE Methodist Mission in Utah has received during the past year 168 members, sixty-one of whom had been Mormons.

ON the first Sabbath of March, and at the first communion under Dr. Withrow's pastorate, the Third Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, received an accession of seventy members, of whom one-half were on profession of faith in Christ. Among the latter were three Chinamen from the Chinese Mission of the church.

THE universities of Austria, like those of Germany, have now the largest attendance in their history, namely, a total of 13,000. Vienna has 5,007, Graub has 1,215, Innsbruck has 863; the German University of Prague has 1,496, the Czech University of Prague has 2,035, Kraukau has 1,138, Lemberg has 1,101, Czeronowitz has 240.

IRA D. SANKEY, the evangelist, has given to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Newcastle, Pa., the handsome church building lot in the city. It is valued at \$4,000, and is given on the condition that the congregation will erect a church that will cost at least \$25,000. Mr. Sankey some years ago gave the Young Men's Christian Association, in Newcastle, a \$50,000 building.

WE commend the following as an instance of the Indian's method of moral suasion. A man took a keg of whiskey to an Indian camp at False Creek, B. C., in the hope of being able to dispose of it. The Indians did not feel complimented by the visit, however, and they took the man and forced him to sit upon the keg three days and three nights. Then the end of the keg was knocked out, and the liquor spilt.

THE New York *Observer* says:—"Cardinal Gibbons warns the Pope that Peter's Pence will suffer if he does not recognize the Knights of Labour. The American Board of Foreign Missions has had similar intimations from both sides in the controversy regarding its treatment of the New Theology. We are very happy to learn that as yet its receipts are undiminished by the agitation. They ought to be increased, for discussion awakens interest, and naturally leads to greater recognition of the grandeur of the work."

MR. MOODY'S birthday testimonial has produced about \$40,000. The intention of it was to endow his two schools for the education of young men and women for Christian work. Those having the matter in charge report that several have sent in \$100, a few of \$500 to \$1,000, and some of even larger sums; a large number of contributions has been received ranging from \$1 to \$100. Many indicate that they will yet be heard from favourably, knowing that gifts are receivable at any time during the year. It was thought that at least \$100,000 might be secured.

ONE of the causes of the French Malagasy War was the refusal of the Queen of Madagascar to wink at the foreign slave trade. That trade has now been re-opened between the west coast of the island and the French colony of Réunion. Many thousands of the poor natives of Madagascar were carried off to Réunion, and not one has ever been known to return. The slaves cost the French pirates—they are nothing less—about \$25 each, and they are sold for six or seven times as much. The French flag might well blush at its dishonour.

THE New York *Sun* states with a degree of boldness that seems reckless if there can possibly be a doubt in the case, that \$50,000 was raised in New York and Brooklyn from liquor dealers for the purchase of votes in Albany for defeating the High License Bill, and that the money was kept by the lobby agents of the liquor men instead of being paid out for votes. The *Sun* says that six Republican members, enough to defeat the bill, had agreed to take \$3,000, but the lobby men wanted them cheaper, and so kept all the fund. But the *Sun* isn't a Republican journal.

PROFESSOR DE MORGAN, the famous English mathematician, was not suspected during his life of having any religious faith, and his sharp irony was directed against the Churches. But his will began with a solemn committal of his soul to Jesus Christ, "of whom I believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead, and whom I have not confessed with my mouth in the sense ordinarily attached to these words, because in my time such confession has been the only way up in the world." Strange that a heart belief like that expressed led to no open confession. Belief in Christ implies and requires obedience to His will.

THE *Quebec Gazette* contains the following: Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its present session, for an act to incorporate the Society of Jesus. This, it is surmised, is a step preliminary to claiming the estates held by the order before its suppression. Jesuits, like all other exiles, have never been refused asylum where British freedom prevails, but that is no reason why special privileges denied them in most Catholic countries should be conferred upon them in Canada, more especially as they systematically seek the suppression of free institutions wherever they secure foothold.

THE Supreme Court of Georgia has decided, in a case involving the right of compensation to the owners of a brewery for damages to property resulting from prohibition, that the State is not liable. Part of the decision is as follows: The Local Option legislation of this State being constitutional, as a valid exercise of the police power, it follows that the incidental effect, upon the value of property, such as a brew-