

United States.

In New York city 100,000 children are earning a living. The youngest employed as a bread-winner is four years old, and her services are valued at one dollar a week. A large proportion of the children included in this estimate are cash and errand boys and girls, nurse girls, and of course, factory hands.

At the meeting of the American Home Missionary Society in Saratoga it was voted that the yearly revenue of the Society be enlarged to \$750,000, and that \$500,000 be raised the present year, one fifth of it to constitute an "emergency fund," to be expended in the New West and South.

Intemperance, has steadily decreased in Maine, since the first enactment of the prohibitory law, until now it can be said with truth that there is no equal number of people in the Anglo-Saxon world among whom so small an amount of intoxicating liquor is consumed as among the six hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants of Maine.

A suit has been brought in the city of Brooklyn that involves the question, how much a priest may charge for saying mass! The widow of Peter O'Hara bequeathed to Father Maguire a large sum of money to say masses for the soul of her departed husband. Maguire employed his assistant, Father Kenney, to say one hundred and sixty masses, and died without paying the bill. Kenney has sued the estate of his superior for \$16,000. So the charge is \$100 per mass.

The Southern Presbyterian Church exhibits a very healthy growth for the past year. Its statistical statement shows that there are 13 synods, 67 presbyteries, 169 candidates, 45 licentiates, 1,070 ministers, 2,660 churches, and 127,017 communicants. There is a gain of one presbytery, 39 candidates, 5 licentiates, and 30 churches, and a loss of 11 ministers, and an increase of 4,211 communicants. The contributions aggregate \$1,268,416, showing a large increase over any former year.

"It is a fact worthy of notice and a fact to be pondered, that among the Mormons there are few Scotchmen. We have it from one whose testimony can be trusted that there are no Scotch Mormons in Salt Lake City or in Northern Utah, and but a very few, and these from the mining districts, in South Utah. Mormonism sends no missionaries to the land of

Knox, Chalmers, and Livingstone. Why? Because the people know the Bible too well. The Word of God has clothed them in armour which the arrows of the Mormon deceiver have not been able to penetrate."—*Advance*.

Asia.

A letter from India says that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the United Presbyterian Mission in that country. The increase in membership has been over fifty per cent. More than two hundred have been baptized in the district of Sealkot alone.

There are twenty self-supporting Protestant churches in China, and nearly 400 which are partially so.

The Statistical Tables of Protestant Missions in India, show a far larger increase in the last ten years than was expected. The Native Christian adherents in India proper have risen from 224,258 to 417,372; or, including Ceylon and Burmah, from 313,363 to 523,590. The increase in India proper is 86 per cent.

Hon. W. E. Baxter, a member of the English Parliament, who travelled through India, says that "nothing so much impedes the progress of Christianity in that country as the proceedings of certain Highchurch dignitaries, who so thoroughly mistake the doctrines of our most holy faith, and misrepresent the teachings of their Divine Master, as to treat clergymen of other denominations as beyond the pale and very much on a level with the heathen."

Dr. T. L. Cuyler says in the *Examiner*: "The cardinal blunder that has been too often made is that the church of Christ is bound to furnish amusements to her young people, and that they are to be constantly bribed, like spoiled children, with confectioneries and convivialities. No time need be spent in exposing the folly of a course which depraves spiritual character, dishonors the church, and ends in disappointment and disgust. Everything that makes the useful portion of the spiritual household self-indulgent and worldly-minded is directly damaging. Why transplant a young man out of the world into the church if he carries the old soil with him, and yields the same old fruit? In these days the church is quite too much tempted to go 'one mile' into worldliness, without teaching the next generation how to go into it 'train,'"