

## Britain.

The British National Lifeboat Institution saved about 600 lives last year.

The strength of the Free church of Scotland is now 1,009 charges and 314,604 members—a net increase of 577 over last year.

The Established Church of Scotland has now 1,275 parish churches, and 110 chapels, unendowed churches, and 530,292 communicants

Lord Shaftesbury believes that if the places of public amusement were to be opened in England on the Lord's day, it would throw the temperance movement back twenty-five years

The disestablishment movement is receiving a great impetus in Wales. Conferences of the Nonconformists have been held at Cardiff and Swansea, and an open air meeting of Churchmen has been held at Abergynolwyn.

Dr. Kennedy of Dingwall has issued an appeal for funds to defend the men who are to be tried at Edinburgh for their protest against the breach of the Sabbath laws, and the desecration of the Lord's Day by the railway company at Stromo Ferry.

For the first time during a score of years the membership returns of the Society of Friends do not show any increase. The number is the same this year as last, about 15,100 for Great Britain. The deaths have been unusually heavy.

## Asia.

Evidences multiply every year, says the *Indian Witness*, that the Holy Spirit is moving upon the great deep of Hindu and Mohammedan thought in India.

The *Indian Witness*, of Calcutta, think<sup>d</sup> there is something wrong with the spiritual nerves which cannot endure the methods of the Salvation Army and yet are soothed by a quartette choir.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work in the native churches of Yokohama, Japan, and there has never been such earnest and united supplications as is now to be seen on every hand.

## United States.

The Mormons have this year sent out 360 Missionaries.

A few weeks ago, in Arkansas, a condemned man stood in the presence of the gallows to which he was going for a crime of unusual atrocity. In that hour of solemn waiting he said:—"I have been a fast disciple of Bob Ingersoll. His doctrines have failed as a rule of life, and they will not at all serve as a basis of hope in death. Ingersoll's doctrines have brought me here."

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIANS. The following statistics of a year ago concerning the different branches of the Presbyterian Church in this country are worth having before the eye at the season of the meetings of their highest judicatories:

	Churches	Ministers	Mem'rs.
Northern,	5,744	5,143	592,128
Southern,	2,010	1,081	123,803
Cumberland,	2,587	1,422	115,749
United,		826	719
Synod of the Reformed			
Presbyterian Church,	122	108	10'661
General Synod of the			
Ref. Presby. Church,		50	
Associate Ref. Synod			
of the South,	101	84	6,140
Ref. Church U. S. A.			
(German).	1,432	767	133,435
Reformed Church in			
America (Dutch)	509	545	80,167
Totals,	13,331	9,919	1,146,659

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