

British and Foreign.

THE reports recently presented at the annual meeting of Mr. Spurgeon's church (the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London), showed a total membership of 5,275. The additions for the year were 307.

EPISCOPACY, says a British contemporary, does not thrive on Scottish soil any better now than it ever did. It has been making huge exertions to possess the land, but judging from the statistics for the past year, the progress is backward. The membership for 1887-88 was 82,932, against 84,782 for the previous year, a decrease of 1,850.

ONE of the largest congregations in the world is on the island of Hawaii. It numbers 4,500 members. Over 90,000 Feejians gather regularly for Christian worship. Madagascar, with its Queen and 200,000 of her subjects, is ranged on the side of the Cross. In the Friendly Islands there are 30,000 Christians, who contribute \$15,000 a year to religious objects.

DR. DONALD FRASER, of London, has announced to his congregation that if the Articles of the Faith are accepted by the Synod, he will teach them at Sunday morning service, thus taking the congregation, in twenty-four discourses, over the whole ground of the important doctrine. Dr. Fraser has been appointed one of the honorary chaplains of the Highland Society of London.

THE English Presbyterian Synod meets in Regent Square church on the 29th inst., when the opening sermon will be delivered by the retiring Moderator, Principal Dykes. The committee of the college in London will ask the Synod to require from all candidates for the entrance examinations, the production of a medical certificate of fitness to enter on a course of study for the ministry.

IN the New Zealand General Assembly, Rev. R. Somerville moved an overture seeking relief from a rigid subscription of the Confession of Faith. After an exciting debate the overture was rejected, and a motion carried declaring that the modified formula gave all the relief that was necessary in the present circumstances. This was carried by twenty-six votes, twenty-four voting for a motion recognizing the importance of the subject, but declining in the meantime to take action in the matter.

A MEETING was held recently in the Reformed Presbyterian church, College-street South, Belfast, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Miss Cunningham, who is going out to resume missionary work in Syria. During her lengthened furlough she has acquired considerable medical and surgical knowledge. Miss Cunningham will start schools and mission work for the women and children of the place at Suadeah, anciently known as Seleucia, and one of the first places visited by Paul and Barnabas.

IN the state of New York, 162 men are devoting their whole time as secretaries, examiners, gymnasium instructors, and librarians to the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations. During the past year thirteen new associations have been founded and buildings completed or begun to the value of \$500,000. Gymnasiums are increasing in number and importance as a branch of the work. Nearly all are in charge of consecrated Christian men, who, at the same time, are either competent instructors or doctors of medicine.

THE daughter of the late Rev. Henry H. Garnett is now in England collecting funds for new school buildings to be erected at Brewsterville, Liberia, where she has a large school for girls, in which everything, from cookery to piano playing, is taught. It is a remarkable coincidence that on the site of this very town, one of Liberia's largest settlements, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Garnett Barboza was a petty chief, living in a grass hut, when one day his peaceful village was invaded by slave hunters and he was carried across the sea to end his days in slavery. Mrs. Barboza is reasonably certain that she has relations among the natives who live around Brewsterville.

DR. MONRO GIBSON, preaching in St. John's Wood church recently, from the text, "Take heed how ye hear," remarked that nowadays people read ten times more than they listened to. Even Christian people sometimes exercised no particular care as to what they read or avoided. There were young ladies in London who would not associate with vulgar people, but who would nevertheless take some sensational novel to their private rooms, and allow its author to pour what he liked of his worthless or injurious stuff into their minds, and allow him to talk to them for hours at a time. Let them avoid as a plague all those books and papers which ministered to the depraved taste and pandered to the baser passions.

THE American Bible Society, at its last regular meeting, granted funds to the amount of \$52,554.84, including appropriations to the American Board for work in Spain and Ceylon, to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church for work in Germany, and to the La Plata, the Brazil, the Venezuela, the Cuba and the China Agencies of the Society. Two auxiliaries have been organized in Dakota, two in Iowa,

and one in each of the States of Arkansas, Kansas and Louisiana. The cash receipts in March were \$74,247.82. The total issues from the Bible House for the year ending March 31st, not including those issued in foreign lands, were 1,005,774 volumes. The issues during March were 88,502 volumes.

AT the annual congregational meeting of North Leith Established church, Rev. J. H. McCulloch said he did not think that non-church going was increasing to any great extent. He believed that the solution of the question lay pretty much in the hands of the members of the Church, who would require to pay greater devotion to the discharge of the duties entrusted to them. They might do something in the way of brightening their services and making them more attractive. What was wanted in the present day was not so much preaching in the pulpit as preaching in the pew. If those men and women who did not go to church saw those who did live purer, higher, better lives, then those who made no profession of religion would be attracted towards the Church.

REV. WILLIAM PARK, D.D., senior minister of Airth Established church, Stirlingshire, died at Pollokshields, March 29th, at the age of eighty-four. He was born in East Kilbride, and became a student of the Old College, Glasgow, where he was afterwards librarian for several years. Like his brother, Rev. John Park, D.D., of Cadder, he was a distinguished classical scholar, and won high honours in the course of his college career, the degree of D.D. being afterwards bestowed upon him by his alma mater. When Dr. John Park died in 1831, his brother, in memory of him, gave £1,000 to the bursary fund of Glasgow University. In 1845, Dr. William Park was ordained to Airth, his first and only charge. There he continued to labour until last year, when he retired from active duty.

A DESPATCH from Salem, Mass., of April 5th, says Chief Justice Morton has sent down an order in the Andover controversy, in the case of Egbert G. Smyth, appellant, against the Visitors of the Theological Institution in Phillips Academy in Andover, pending in the Supreme Court. He orders that Julius H. Seelye be required to answer the question put to him, in the hearing before the commissioners, as to how William F. Eustis voted in the case of Egbert Smyth. The following are the grounds given for the decision:—"The Visitors are a private eleemosynary corporation. The privilege which exempts judges, jurors and other public officers from testifying as to matters which take place in their deliberations does not apply to such Visitors. A Visitor is required to testify to matters which took place at the meetings, if the matter is pertinent and material to the issues under investigation. If it is found that one of the Visitors acted corruptly, it would be ground for setting aside the whole proceedings."

IN response to an invitation issued by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bevan, a large number of young men met on Wednesday, at Exeter Hall, to enjoy a social evening and to listen to a special address by Rev. John McNeill, of Regent's Square Presbyterian church. At the conclusion of the lighter part of the evening's engagements, Mr. Bevan, who occupied the chair, briefly addressed his young friends on the dangers and temptations to which they were exposed in London, and assured them that they would always meet with a kindly welcome at Exeter Hall. Rev. J. McNeill, who was very cordially received, said they were accustomed to "straight talks" at Exeter Hall, and ministers when they came there were warned not to preach sermons; but to his mind a sermon and "straight talk" ought to be the same thing. He trusted the young men before him would not go poking about to see the seamy side of life, for it was not safe. They must not think that they were such pure-hearted, innocent lads that they could safely withstand temptation. A little bundle of wickedness stepped out of the train when each of them came to London. A plumber went to look for an escape of gas with a naked light—and he found it, and did not soon forget it. Both in secular life and in Christian life let them do whatever they had to do with all their might. They must not be like the Irishman who said, "Work was not so much an object with him as good wages." London might prove an oyster, but they must be prepared to break all their tools in opening it. He had himself passed some years in railway service, which soon took the conceit out of him, for there were many masters, and he was always in hot water. Work toughened and stiffened and helped to make men. He trusted all would sign the teetotal pledge, in which he included a pledge not to smoke or gamble. The scratching of the pen when they signed that pledge would be heard with joy in heaven and with fear in hell. They would have to grip the oars firmly if they wanted to pull against the tide. But they could only succeed by putting their hand into that of the Almighty Saviour. The will was the hand of the soul and heart. In the long run no soul could fall that trusted in Jesus Christ. In conclusion, Mr. McNeill solemnly reminded his hearers that there was no knowledge and no device in the grave, and that they knew not how soon it might open for some of them.

Special Notices.

ARCHDEACON FARRAM preached before the Queen in the private chapel at Windsor on a recent Sunday morning.

THE evangelical bodies of the United States number 131,477 churches, 90,368 ministers, and 13,877,422 communicants.

DURING the past year the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland has raised for all purposes £96,307, as compared with £100,232 in the previous year.

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THE Lord Mayor of London, it is rumored, will invite the members of the Synod to afternoon tea at the Mansion House during the sittings of the Supreme Court.

THE trustees and faculty of Magee College, Londonderry, acknowledge the receipt of a valuable collection of books from Rev. Dr. Kinncar, of Letterkenny. This is Dr. Kinncar's thirty-second donation to the college.

GOOD NEWS.

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THE pastoral charge of Kilsyth is at present vacant, and they have asked the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey, Free St. Paul's, Glasgow, to accept the pastorate. This is a well-known parish in which Dr. W. C. Burns, the well-known missionary, was a minister.

THE congregation of Eastern United Presbyterian church, Arbroath, in order to mark their respect for their minister, the Rev. Henry Angus, and their gratification at the honour of D.D., have given him a two months' holiday, and presented him with a sum of £200.

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The Society will act upon the said resolution on or after the 23rd day of June next. All creditors of the Society are hereby required to file their claims against the said Society forthwith, whether or not such claims are now due.

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