

—Utah has gone Republican by a small majority, though as it appears, only because of the preference and influence shown for that party by the authorities of the Mormon Church, which holds the balance of power and wields it only to further its own schemes. The cloven foot was revealed during the campaign, when the ruling priesthood issued an order that no "saint" should accept the candidacy for any office without having first gained the permission of the ecclesiastical authorities.

—*The American Missionary* (Congregationalist) for October is a light to the eye, as well as a feast to the heart of a lover of his kind.

—The Presbyterians have been bestirring themselves most vigorously of late to pay off their great missionary debt. In particular the synods of Illinois and Ohio have each been holding a congress of missions, and in New York City, November 15th, was held a great gathering, which was addressed by ex-President Harrison, ex-Secretary of State J. W. Foster, and Rev. F. E. Clark.

—Major W. H. Clapp, who is an army officer, and for several years has been in charge of Indian agencies, holds the red man in high respect and esteem. He declares: "I never saw nor heard of a drunken Indian among the three tribes over whom I have charge," and yet they have abundant opportunity to obtain drink. They do not seem to care for it. The tribes of which I speak are the Arickarees, the Gros Ventres, and the Mandans. The Arickarees have never been at war with the white people, and their boast is that they have never killed a white man. They are very honest, and nothing has ever been taken from stores that have been left open and temporarily without an occupant."

—Recent intelligence is to the effect that William Duncan's New Metlakatla, on Annette Island, which was supposed to be in Alaska, is to be claimed

and held as a part of the Dominion of Canada, and so he and his much-enduring converts are still under the vexatious rulings, to escape which a few years ago they forsook home and all they had.

EUROPE.

—Last year £28,454 was raised and expended in the London Missionary Society's mission-fields abroad, the larger part of this representing direct contributions for the support of church ordinances and the propagation of the Gospel.

—The Chinese Christians of Hankow sent their congratulations to the London Society to which they owed the Gospel, on the occasion of its centenary, in the form of an address and mottoes in four pieces, worked in gold cord and variegated silks on satin scrolls or banners, and these of the largest size ever known to be used.

—A new temperance society, under the supervision of leading medical men, has been formed in France, the members of which propose to study the means of extirpating alcoholism, to exterminate its effects, to propagate a knowledge of the evil in all social centers, to group the greatest possible number of citizens together who wish its disappearance, to raise public opinion against it, to set an example of temperance by abstaining from alcoholic drink, and to teach children the principles of temperance.

—Alas, the poor prisoner of the Vatican, how grievously he is cribbed, cabled, and confined! For, as the *Westminster Gazette* has it: "The Pope's person is sacred and inviolable. Any attempt upon his life is punishable in the same way as an attempt upon that of the king. The Supreme Pontiff is entitled on all Italian territory to sovereign honors. He is allowed to retain his own guards, a sum of \$625,000 is paid for his civil list. He retains inalienable sovereignty over and possession of the Vatican, the Lateran and