

MISCELLANEOUS.

Britain.

According to the *Tablet*, the sum raised by the two Roman Catholic missionary societies in Great Britain and Ireland is only £6,772. The Protestant societies raise £1,152,178.

At Kendal 5,000 persons have joined the Blue Ribbon Army, and the butchers are rejoicing that they are now obliged to order one-sixth more meat than formerly.

The national drink bill of Great Britain for 1882, though smaller than for 1881, is still sufficiently large. The sum of £128,000,000 spent on strong liquors in a single year is an immense amount.

Intemperance among women is increasing in Great Britain. Some years ago it was five intemperate women to ten men, but later statistics make it stand seven women to ten men.

The Rev. T. C. Udall says it can be shown that in some parts of London, no less than ninety-eight per cent of the working class absent themselves from places of worship.

Some earnest friends have determined to purchase another smack in addition to the "Ensign," and place her at the disposal of the Committee of the Thames Church Mission, for evangelistic service among the North Sea Fishermen.

The London "Medical Press," in referring to a serious falling off in the revenue from intoxicating drinks states that since October, 1880, one million people in England have put on the blue ribbon and 464,000 have signed the pledge.

The *Christian World* quotes from the monthly letter of the *Protestant Alliance* some startling figures in regard to the recent increase of Roman Catholicism in Great Britain. From 1851 to 1883 the number of priests in England and Wales increased from 835 to 2,129; the number of bishops from 9 to 17; of churches from 686 to 1,188; of religious houses for men from 17 to 152; of institutions for women from 53 to 341; of colleges from 10 to 23. In Scotland the number of priests has increased from 118 to 308; of churches from 123 to 295. In 1851 there were no religious houses in Scotland, but in 1883 15 for men and 27 for women. The colleges have increased from 1 to 4. In the entire British Empire the number of bishoprics has increased from

93 to 139. There are 28 Roman Catholics in the House of Lords, and 57 in the House of Commons.—*For. Miss.*

United States.

The Jesuit Fathers in the United States are celebrating the 250th anniversary of their arrival in America.

The prospects of Mexican Missionary work were never brighter than now. There are now 1555 Protestants in Zacatecas, with but two missionaries and two ordained preachers. Persecutions are still carried on in that state.

Recently compiled figures show that there are in the United States nine millions of children who are outside of all Sunday school education and influence. It is also stated that these children have no church advantages or other religious privileges to make up for the deprivation of Sunday school tuition.

The Trinity Baptist Church of New York has twelve Chinamen among its members. At the baptism of J. Sing recently, some twenty other Chinamen were present, and several of them soon cut off their cues. One of these converts, Kun Sing, is about to go as a missionary to his countrymen in Canton, China.

New Jersey and New York stand next to the Pacific States in the number of grog-shops in proportion to population. Nevada has one for every 65 inhabitants; Colorado has 1 to 76; California 1 to 100; Oregon, 1 to 170; New Jersey, 1 to 178; and New York, 1 to 192. South Carolina, of all the States of the Union has the least number of liquor shops in proportion to population—1 to 917, while Kansas come next, with one to 876.

The New York Society for the suppression of Vice makes, in its annual report, the startling statement that "of the 441 criminals that were arrested in New York during six months, none of them being over twenty-one years of age, many acknowledged that their first impulse toward crime was derived from reading bad books."

At a hotel in New York, one day not long since, sixty Mormon missionaries were stopping. They have since sailed for Liverpool. They came direct from Utah, and they were some of 150 persons selected by the Mormon Church Conference on April 6th for mission work in different European countries. The great majority of this party will do work in England, Scotland and Wales, and some few in Germany.