

ening Congregationalism where it was weak. The same here: Toronto pastors are doing a little better in this respect than formerly; but, up to this time, as a general rule, the city does not visit the country.

A SUMMARY of the statistics of the Christian churches of the United States is published in the *Independent* of July 26. There are now 138,885 churches 94,457 ministers, and 19,790,323 members in this country. The net gains for the year were 6,434 churches, 4,505 ministers, and 774,861 communicants. Every day saw seventeen churches, twelve ministers and 2,159 communicants added to the force of Christianity in the United States.

THE nine-hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into Russia was celebrated on 26th July. No nation, up to that time, was ever evangelized so quickly as Russia; and the secret was that the missionaries gave the people the Word in their own language. Pity that some new evangelic movement would not sweep away the superstitions and bigotry that have crept into the Russian national church.

JOHN MANDEVILLE has died in prison in Ireland: his death caused—so the evidence before the Coroner's jury showed—by cruel treatment of the prison authorities. His offence was making a political speech; which speech he might have made in England or Canada freely. Unequal laws, and political speech made crime by statute, are antagonistic to the feelings of the age; and will only bring down upon their authors speedy reprobation and defeat.

DR. PARKER IN SCOTLAND.—Following the intimation of his rural mission, Dr. Parker writes:—

"All the arrangements are in the hands of my friend, Rev. Dr. Adamson, of Edinburgh, who is working with splendid energy. I want to avoid all large towns, and to work in such places as Dunbar, Hawick, Gala-shiels, Rothesay, Dunoon, Tillicoultry, etc. I look to Scotland as the centre of a really healthy and useful revival of true Christianity. Scotland is full of excellent educational and religious fuel, which only awaits the application of heaven's torch; then will come an all-warming fire and an all-enlightening glory. In the application of the torch I pray God to give me some humble share."

Some of our friends are deeply interested in the "Temperance Colony" in the North West. It lies near the seat of the Rebellion of 1885; out of the track of the railway at present, but soon to be reached by the iron road. The central village, Saskatoon, has so far advanced, as to issue large posters—one of which found its way to us—announcing its "Third Annual Fair." It is to be held on 3rd October; and premiums on produce, stock, domestic manufactures, etc., to over \$500 are offered. Well done, Saskatoon!

THE Moderate Calvinism of Andrew Fuller would now be regarded as very high doctrine. Dr. Morison is now reckoned a tower of orthodoxy. Forty years after Dr. McLeod Campbell was ejected from the Church of Scotland, he was *fired* and capped by that same Church. The hymns of Thomas Lynch, which were declared by Dr. John Campbell to contain no grain of Gospel, are in every hymnal of the Free Churches, whilst to the memory of F. D. Maurice have been dedicated books by more than one Chairman of the Congregational Union. Indeed, it is not too much to say that our present-day theology has been made, not by college professors, but by men against whom all the darts of orthodoxy have been hurled.—*Christian World*.

A MAN came into a shop in Toronto lately, looking for work. The foreman, a Christian Highlander, could not give him work, but he thought he would like to benefit him spiritually. And first he must learn how he stood with God. But many people don't like to talk about their souls; and very likely the man would be dumb, if he asked him the direct question. So he asked the man very kindly, "If he *had* the Gaelic?" The man said "No." "Oh," said the Gael, "that is a *great* pity! If a man has not the Gaelic—and the grace of God—it is a *great* lack! But I hope you have the *grace of God*, though!" And the two men had a talk on spiritual things.

AT the meeting of the N.S. and N.B. Congregational Union in July, at Yarmouth, N. a Scotia, the following action was taken, in reference to the INDEPENDENT:—

The Rev. J. Shipperley read the Report of the Committee on the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, as follows:—"Whereas, the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT is a welcome