

CLIPPINGS.

United States.

There are over thirty Mormon churches in Colorado, sixty in Idaho, and about seventy in Arizona.

A native high-caste Brahmin was ordained to the ministry at Princeton, N. April 22nd. He is to go to India as missionary.

Washington is well provided with churches. Statistics show 180 with 49,351 members. Of this total membership, about 21,000 are in the coloured churches.

The receipts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in this country during the past year were \$71,666.74, an advance of over \$5,000 on the previous year.

The Foreign Board of the Presbyterian Church contemplate locating a Chinese mission for southern California, with Los Angeles as a centre, where they already have a Chinese church with between forty and fifty members.

Bishop Stuart and four other Mormons, who pleaded guilty to polygamous practices, were each fined \$300 and sentenced to four months in prison, on Saturday, recently in Blackfoot, Idaho. These are the first convictions in the territory.

There are over thirty Jewish synagogues in New York. Some of them, like the Temple on Fifth Ave., are among the most imposing edifices in the city, but great numbers of their congregations meet in hired rooms. The total Hebrew population is about 100,000.

The conscience fund of the United States Treasury continues to swell. During the two months of the new administration eight persons with consciences have rendered up their big and little thefts, varying in size from five to nine hundred dollars and amounting in all to \$2,233.80. The last contribution was by a Washingtonian and the amount refunded was \$500.

Dr. Arthur Mitchell, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church said in a speech made in New York last week, that the Board had received during the last year over \$700,000, which was over \$7,000 more than in any previous year. Nevertheless, the year ended with a debt of about fifty thousand dollars.

Very reliable authority places the number of evangelical preachers in this country at 76,760, the congregations at 126,109, and the communicants at 10,561,648. Of various miscellaneous sects the preachers number 38,791, the congregations 10,783, and the adherents 7,169,655. The Roman Catholics report 6,225 priests, 7,663 congregations, and 6,800,000 souls, including their entire population. They are very far from possessing the land, though they love to have people think so. These statistics are for 1884.

Britain.

The Wesleyans in England have decided to start a mission fund for work in the worst rookeries of London, and to raise a fund of \$125,000.

At the last annual meeting of the Tabernacle congregation, Mr. Spurgeon's, of London, the report showed the total membership to be 5,399, the same as last year. The baptisms during the year numbered 310.

The enemies of the Welsh Sunday closing act persist in declaring that it is a failure. Let the facts speak. One of these is that in Wrexham alone thirteen breweries have been closed.

The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland has only 558 congregations, with a membership of 178,195 members, composed of by no means the wealthy classes, and yet it has contributed, for its various schemes of Christian benevolence £84 243. Last year the entire income of the Church was £397,238.

Professor Henry Drummond, with a party of seven students from Edinburgh, conducted a crowded meeting of men in the circus at Greenock on a recent Sabbath evening. A profound impression was made on the vast audience by the testimonies of the students and the address of the Professor.

At a recent meeting in Westminster Abbey, London, a member of the Universities' mission in Zanzibar stated that they had thirty-five native evangelists, formerly slaves, and among their converts was an earnest Christian youth, formerly page to the Sultan of Zanzibar. The released slaves had printed at their printing-office the whole of the New Testament and a large portion of the Old in the Swahili language, understood throughout the interior.