

journals. In Switzerland Romanism had once all, and now has only two-fifths of the population. In Bavaria the Protestants number nearly a third of the population; in Belgium alone does Romanism show vigor.

Africa.

The number of converts gathered among the Telugus during the last two years is reported at 1,500.

Torn by internal dissensions, and having priests who are for the most part destitute alike of learning and piety, the ancient Nestorian Church is said to be rapidly going to decay.

The Zulu Bible recently printed in New York city and just received in South Africa, cost missionaries thirty-three years of labor in its translation.

The British Government has sent Captain Foot, of the Navy, to occupy the position of the consul in the lake districts of Central Africa. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the mission work carried on in the vicinity of Lake Nyassa, Lake Tanganyika, etc.

A very interesting work is being carried on in Ashantee and on the Gold Coast of Africa by Swiss missionaries. Nine stations, with forty-one out-stations, have already been occupied. The members of the two congregations including children, number nearly 5,000. Two of the missionaries, Messrs. Buck and Huppenbaner, recently visited Coomassie, when a friendly interview was had with the king and although he would not consent to receive a missionary, it is hoped that a good impression has been left upon his mind. The people readily attended the services, which were conducted by Messrs. Buck and Huppenbaner.

'Those of us,' says Dr. King, of Manitoba, 'who have been born and brought up by the banks of the Tweed, or the Forth, or under the shadow of the Grampians, have been pined for the dreary Sabbaths we are supposed to have spent, and for the innocent pleasures from which you were debarred. We, who have nothing but gratitude to cherish for the influences which were around our childhood and youth, can only wonder at the commiseration so unnecessarily bestowed. These are words which thousands of Scotchmen can echo as truly expressive of their own experience.'

Thirty years ago, the number of Protestant native Christians in all India was a few above 100,000. It is now 600,000 who contribute annually for the Gospel among themselves and their heathen fellows \$1,250,000. They have 700 ministers and missionaries of their own race, or more than the whole number of foreign missionaries sent out by forty-six churches and societies. There are two millions of Christians of all kinds in India to-day, and about three quarters of a million in South Africa.

United States.

Vineland, N. J., with a population of 20,000 has not averaged a prisoner a year in the city jail for the past twenty years. Reason, it has not a single liquor saloon.

There is a semi-rebellion among the church choirs of New York on account of a reduction of salaries. Many of the singers have given notice of intention to quit, and others are threatening.

The Kingston Presbytery of the Northern Presbyterian church has just passed resolutions advising members of defunct churches to join the Southern Presbyterian church in their locality. This is regarded as the most decisive step taken toward healing the breach since the war.

Statistics show a gain of some 300,000 to the Roman Catholic population of the United States for the last year. The number of priests among them is reported at 6,835, with seventy bishops and archbishops. Ecclesiastical seminaries have decreased by nine.

There have been nearly nine hundred applications for licenses to sell liquor in Luzerne, Pa., this year. As this would give a saloon for every one hundred and fifty people in the country it looks as if there would be room for a large sized temperance movement there and still leave enough places for the thirsty people to wash the coal dust from their throats.

At a recent conference of the Saints at Salt Lake City, it was reported that if Utah alone there are 127,294 members in the Mormon Church, of whom 23,040 are recent converts; in Arizona there is a membership of 2,264; in Idaho double that number, and not a few in Colorado and other territories. Eighty-one missionaries were recently appointed to go on proselyting tours through Europe and this country, especially into the Southern States. In Switzerland and Germany they have the best success in obtaining recruits.