

pointed to preach at the Vale on the 16th of February, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and to moderate in said call.

A call from the congregation of Antigonish and Cape George, signed by 130 members, and 86 adherents, and addressed to Rev. J. R. Munro was duly sustained, presented to Mr. Munro and accepted. Arrangements were made for his induction at Antigonish on the 9th February, 3.30 o'clock, P. M. The Moderator Mr. Sinclair, was appointed to preside, Mr. Ferry to preach, Mr. McLean to address the minister, and Mr. Forbes the congregation.

A call from the congregation of James Church, Charlottetown, addressed to Mr. Carruthers of Picton, was also upon the table. It was agreed to pursue the usual course and to appoint Mr. Cumming to exchange with Mr. Carruthers on February 8th, to give intimation of the call, and to cite the congregation of Knox Church to appear for their interests at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

United States.

The Bethany Church of San Francisco has now ninety-one Chinese members.

Georgia has a law imposing a penalty of \$300 for railroads running excursion trains on Sunday, and recently a railroad was bound over to the court for trial on account of an alleged violation of this law.

At the recent conference of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City the sacraments were administered to about 15,000 people. They had come from the country, many from long distances, like pilgrims in the East.

The Mormons are laboring with great assiduity to secure a strong foothold in Arizona. In Tucson they are supplying teachers for the public schools and among the Indians wherever possible.

Judge Zane, at Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, November 31, sentenced Rudger Clawson, who was convicted a week before of polygamy, to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$800.

On a banner across the rear of the platform at a popular meeting held during the session of the Northern Assembly at Saratoga, was inscribed: "Presbyterian Sabbath School Officers and Teachers, 81, 746; Scholars, 643, 722. Total, 725, 468; Gain since 1877 277,611."

Free of the United States have been attempting their constitution. This can be done by a popular vote by a two thirds majority, and of course can be undone only in the same way. Kansas, Iowa, and now Maine, have made it part of their permanent constitution that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within their borders. This does not look as if these States had found prohibition impossible or a failure. It is a new step in advance, and will certainly strengthen the hands of those elsewhere who are trying to keep the newly settled districts clear of the blight of pauperism and crime so far as these can be traced to preventible causes.

Britain.

One Sunday night not long ago 22,000 children were counted in public houses in Manchester alone.

In 1800 Romanists constituted one-third of the population of Great Britain and Ireland; in 1884 less than one-seventh. In the English speaking countries of the world there are 11,000,000 Roman Catholics and 88,000,000 Protestants.

Britain's drink bill of £130,000,000 is now regarded by politicians without comment. Mr. John Slugg M. P. for Manchester, says this expenditure not only does not produce trade, but produces that which in every respect is antagonistic to trade.

It is a matter of devout thanksgiving, that although for the last one hundred and twenty-five years a ship has left England annually for the Moravian Missions in the Arctic regions, not a single vessel or passenger has been lost by storm, iceberg, or wreck.

The 'Mission Fleet' now includes the 'John Williams' in the South Seas; the 'Ellangowan' and the 'Maori' at New Guinea; the 'Good News' and the 'Morning Star,' of the London Society on Lake Tanganyika; the 'Peace' of the Baptist Society on the Congo; the 'Day Spring' of our own Church at New Hebrides; the 'Henry Wright' on the south coast of Africa; the 'Illala' on Lake Nyassa; the 'John Brown' of the Mendi Mission of the Moravians; the 'Morning Star' of the American Board in the Pacific Seas; the 'David Williams' at Old Calabar.