

## The World Field.

Glasgow has 275 Presbyterian churches.

In Great Britain there are 2924 Baptist churches.

The number of Indian Church members in the United States is 28,663.

The French have been seeking to subdue the natives of Raiatea, South Pacific.

Mr. Gladstone says that Continental Protestantism is very broad, very cold, and inactive.

An exchange says that there are more than 17,000 prisons in the United States and nearly as many lunatic asylums.

The latest returns give the number of communicants in the Episcopal Church in England at 1,840,351.

The extraordinary popularity of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons continues, though 11 years have passed since the same began.

Anglican Roman Catholics are said to have had much to do with the rejection of Anglican orders by the Pope.

On the Loyalty Islands there are 10,000 Protestants and 13,000 Roman Catholics, and French officials are more favorable now to Protestantism.

Roman Catholics teach that, in case of necessity, when there is danger of an infant dying, any man or woman, even an infidel or heretic, may administer baptism.

Deaths by suicide last year in the U. S. A., 6,520; murders, 10,632! Something left, surely, for the twentieth century to do.—*Golden Rule*.

Belgium's revenue from the drink habit has grown in forty years from 4,000,000 dollars to 33,000,000 francs, crime increasing 200 per cent.

The Spanish Government expends \$8,000,000 a year for the church, and only \$200,000 for education in public schools, the communities being expected to do the rest.

Ballington Booth makes the announcement that he shall ordain all his officers, and that in the future, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the first monthly meeting of the "Volunteers."

In the North of Ireland, where popery has not blighted the intellect and blasted the energies of the people, you can discover the true worth of an Irishman.—*Primitive Catholic*.

The Congregational Union statistics show 4,607 churches and mission stations in England and Wales, 187 churches in Scotland, and 27 in Ireland, with 96 evangelistic stations.

At the beginning of this century the Bible could be studied by only one-fifth of the earth's population. Now it is translated into languages that make it accessible to nine-tenths of the world's inhabitants.

The largest church in great Britain is the Metropolitan Tabernacle, (Spurgeon's), which has a membership of 4,708. There are 28 Sunday schools connected with it, which have 718 teachers and 8,800 scholars.

The Christian Endeavor, of San Francisco, states that three millions of people in the United States labor every Sabbath, as on other days, and that the "majority of church-members are either indifferent to this fact, and to the interests of Sunday reform, or are, as is too often the case, themselves Sabbath desecrators."

A missionary of Tung-Cho thinks that thousands of the Chinese will be brought to Christ because they have no clocks! They come to the hospital to be treated in great numbers, and, not knowing the time, come often an hour or more before the hospital is open, and while they are waiting, the Bible-women talk with them.—*Golden Rule*.

According to a statement from Teheran, the fortune left by the late Shah, Nasr-ed-Din, amounts to a milliard of francs, or £40,000,000 sterling. The gold and silver treasures alone valued at 40,000,000 francs (£16,000,000). It is said that the new Shah intends to devote £4,000,000 of his inherited wealth to public and civilizing purposes.

The Wesleyans have forty-two missionaries in the foreign field who are ladies, the London Missionary Society sixty-five, the Baptists thirty-five, the Presbyterians twenty-one, and the Moravians twelve. The Church Missionary Society has 192 lady missionaries, and the Church of England Zenana Society 180. The Zenana Bible and Medical Society employs seventy-eight ladies."

No missionary work in India is more imperative than work among the educated classes. There are in India no fewer than 30,000 college students, besides at least 70,000 students in the two highest classes of the high schools, as well as tens of thousands of young men who have spent some time in college. Moreover, this large proportion of students is a proportion that is constantly increasing.—*Ex*.