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CHURCH NEWS. BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

IT is said that three-fourths of the Highland ministers are now total ab-

THE receipts at the recent bazaar in aid of Donegall l'ass church, Belfast, reached nearly £900.

THE General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church was attended by 465 ministers and 295 ruling elders, a total of 760 members.

PROF. HARPER'S summer Hebrew school, whose sessions are held at Morgan Park, has opened with over sixty in attendance, Prof. H. P. Smith, of Lane, lectures on the Old Testament text; Prof. W. H. Green, of Princeton, on history of Old Testament interpretation and kindred topics.

THE decrease in the membership and congregational attendance in the Irish Presbyterian Church, which has been reported for several years past, seems to be stayed. The statistics of the present year show an increase of one hundred and seventy-nine members. Other evidences of growth are not wanting.

AFTER a pastorate of sixteen years, on the 17th ult., Dr. Kuttedge, of Third Presbyterian Church, Chicago, preached his farewell sermon. As mentioned some time ago, he goes to

A SINGULAR complaint is made by the clergymen of St. Louis, to wit, that they are delayed in the return from funerals by the carriage drivers stopping at the beer houses to get their beer, and draw-ing up in procession in front of the saloons, and so near that the inmates of the carriages can hear the clink of glasses within.

REV. A. A. CAMPBELL, Crathie, recently conducted service at Balmoral in presence of the Queen and court. None of the royal family attended church. It is reported that a private chapel is to be built during the summer within the grounds for use when it is inconvenient for the Queen to attend Crathle church.

At the conference of the Irish Methodists at Dublin, it was resolved after a four hours' debate, by 137 to 22, to uphold the action of the committee on privileges in opposing Mr. Gladstone's home rule scheme, as it threatened seriously to impair, if not to destroy, the legislative union between Great Britain and Ireland.

BUDDAILISM in Japan has been virtually disestablished since 1874. While there were 393,087 Buddhist temples in 1714, there are now but 57,824. Few new temples are built and many are going to ruin. One of the most distin-guished temples in the country is now in auch need of repairs that a call has been made to raise a fund of \$17,000 in shares of 300 yen each for this purpose.

A CONVENTION of representatives of the Psalm-singing Churches is to be held in Holland during the coming autuinn. The Churches in Iteland, Scotland and America, who bear the name of Reform-

Prussia has so increased during the past a gain within four years of more than So per cent.

REV. ERSKINE N. WHITE, D.D., for several years the pastor of West Twenty-third Street church, New York, has accepted the secretaryship of the Board of Church Erection, made vacant by the death of the lamented Dr. Wilson. Dr. White's executive ability is well known, and his acceptance of this position is a guarantee to the Church that the work of the board will be judiciously and in the future, since the British Society efficiently conducted.

We learn that the number of appli-cants for admission to Princeton College is much greater than it has been in any previous year of its history. It is now 180, of which 148 are for entrance in September next, and the local examinations, good for twenty or thirty more, have not yet been heard from. There have not yet been heard from. There will be another examination in September. And Princeton does not include base-ball and boating in its turriculum.

THE sense of Dublin University has conferred the degree of LL.D. on Profs. Kennedy of Cambridge, Jowett of Oxford, and John Tyrdall, F.R.S. Dr. Craig objected to its being given to the last named on the ground that he did not believe in Christianity, but Dr. Knox, the proposer, said the board simply dealt with the question from a scientific point of view, having no scientific point of view, having no regard whatever to Prof. Tyndall's reli-

gious or non-religious opinions. DR. STOCKER, of Berlin, writes and prints one sermon each week. When he began this work four years ago only 600 copies were distributed, the circulation being confined to the German capital; but now 110,000 are distributed capital; but now 110,000 are distributed every week, being sent to all parts of Germany and to her colonies, while 5,000 go to America. They are said to be simple, practical gospel earmons, gladly received by the thousands who do not attend church because of their works and are deling much good.

a pamphlet on the Irish Question in which he says we stand on the brink of an abyss, where a single step forward will percipitate us on the partition of our empire, giving such a shock to the fabric of our power as will be felt to the very ends of the earth. Protestant pastors and schoolmasters will require to leave Ireland in haste if home rule is passed, and the papal hierarchy will be the real and sole rulers of Ireland.

THE New Haven Journal makes the following statement as to the members of the present Congress; Of the 408 senators, members and territorial delegates who compose Congress 72 are Methodists, 63 Baptists, 41 Episcopal-ians, 37 Presbyterians, 36 Catholics, 13 Unitarians, 8 Lutherans, 10 Christians (Campbellites), and 2 Quakers, making a sotal of 283 who are actively connected with some church organization. This leaves 125 who either never belonged to any Church or have drifted out of such associations.

THE Egypt Exploration Fund's year closes on July 31st, and Rev. W. C. Winslow (429 Beacon Street, Boston) announces that it will be some \$500 behind unless contributions quicken and increase. But \$2,500 a year are asked for these invaluable labours, largely for Biblical elucidation, and the sum is too perty for there to be the least excuse for New York. He leaves the church with I not being forthcoming. Besides, to each over 2.300 members, united thoroughly donor of five collars comes a large illustrated memoir of the season, reports, work.

A SINGULAR complaint is made by the

THE American Sunday School Union offers a premium of one thousand dollars for the best book, written for the society, upon the Christian Obligations of Property and Labour. Each writer will be expected to suggest an appropriate title to his work; and will be allowed the widest prescipable foredor. allowed the widest practicable freedom in the form and style of treatment, and in the phases of the subject emphasized. The society, however, expects writers to present the Christian principles underlying the general subject, free from the prejudice and bias of current controversies. The book must be popular in character, of a "high order of merit," and consist of not less than sixty thousand nor more than one hundred thousand. and words. Further particulars can be secured by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to the American Sunday School Union, 1122 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Probably both the theme and the prize will prove attractive.

On June 1st an event of remarkable interest took place in Cairo, being no-thing less than the unrolling in the presence of the Khedive and a distinguished company, of the mummy of the greatest of the Egyptian kings, Rameses II., the Sesostris of the Greeks, who carried his victorious army into Asia about hiteen hundred years before Christ, and that of his-son, Rameses III. The head of the great monarch appeared elongated, and rather small. The top of the head was quite bald, as might be expected in a man who reigned sixty-seven years, and died at the age of nearly a hundred. There was a white hair on the temple. The forehead is low ed Presbyterian have appointed deputa-tions, and while the convention will not to the nose; the nose long and thin; probably be large, it will be very deter-mined in support of the principles for which the Psalm-singing churchesstand. few teeth are seen, well worn. The ex-THE number of students of theology in pression is not very intelligent, somewhat animal, but strong, obstinate, and four years that the Church is threatened with a certain air of majesty. The with a plethora of pastors. The number breast is large, the shoulders high, the in the nine universities for the winter arms crossed over the breast, the hands in the nine universities for the winter arms crossed over the breast, the hands semester of 1885-6 was 2,553. Of these no fewer than 726 were at Berlin, and the thin feet. The body is that of an old the thin feet. 582 at Halle. In 1881 2 there were man; but of an old man vigorous and on y 1,394 theological students, showing robust.

THE Danish Bible Society during the past year disposed of 4,711 copies of the Bible. At the suggestion of this society, the minister of Cultus, Scavenurs, has appointed a commission to prepare a revision of the Danish translation of the New Testament, and, under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Seeland, some portions have already been revised. The work of this society will become more important than ever proposes to withdraw from Denmark as it has withdrawn from Sweden. For many years the British Society has been doing a great work in the distribution of Bibles in Denmark, far more, in fact then the nation will be done. fact, than the native society has done. In Sweden the withdrawal of the So-ciety has had the effect of increasing the activity of the bome society to a wonderful degree, and the same effect is hoped for in the case of Denmark. The British Society has been doing a wonderful work in non-English countries. According to the latest reports this society disposed of 11,700 Bibles and 16,000 Paulters and other portions and 16,000 Psalters and other portions of the Bible in Denmark in 1885. The sales of their Bibles in Denmark increased in five years from 6,000 copies to 12,000. The total number of Bibles disposed of by them there in their ten years was 94,554 copies. For France equally good statistics are exhibited. For eighty years this society has been labouring there, and has spent in all 3,758,931 francs in publishing French Bibles, and has spent 10,655,346 francs in spreading them over the country. Between fifty and sixty colporteurs are constantly in the employ of the society constantly in the employ of the society in France, and each year dispose of about 100,000 to 120,000 copies of Holy

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