

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

At large public meetings in Lima and Callao, petitions have been adopted praying the Government of Peru to expel the Jesuits.

One of the most important questions to be decided at the U. S. Episcopal Convention which meets in October is the adoption of the revised prayer book.

According to the estimate of the Dean of Westminster one-fifth of the whole population of England and Wales are in Sunday schools—that is, there are 600,000 teachers and 5,200,000 scholars.

It is alleged that although government allows £1,000 a year for the religious improvement of the Highlands and Islands there is not a single Gaelic-speaking student-missionary in any town in Scotland.

At the recent visitation of Second Ballynahinch congregation the presbytery of Down, Ireland, expressed the pleasure it afforded them to meet with the senior pastor, Rev. David Edgar, after a ministry of over fifty-six years.

There has been an increase of £525 on the Free Church of Scotland Suspension Fund during the last three months, but it arises entirely from donations and legacies, there being a decrease of £331 on the collections by associations.

The Goodell Professorship of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy has been endowed in the Central Turkey College at Aintab. It is named in honour of the beloved missionary William Goodell, and will be held by a native Armenian, Rev. Hohannes Krekorian.

The Waldensian Church has declined to relinquish its name and to unite with a modern evangelical and Protestant secession from the Church of Rome led by Father Gavarzi, and known as the "Free Church," under the name of "The Evangelical Church of Italy."

At a meeting in the council room of the Evangelical Alliance in London, at the request of the Secretary of the Turkish Missions, Rev. Dr. Laning, of Cairo, said that toleration was more largely enjoyed in Egypt than in Turkey proper, for Egypt was at least one hundred years in advance of Turkey.

If the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches of the United States were united there would be a Church extending to every part of the country, comprising 8,479 churches, 6,621 ministers and 803,551 members—a mighty Christian host indeed. The income of these Presbyterian bodies amounts to very nearly twelve million dollars.

PRINCIPAL CAIRNS conducted the jubilee services in Hope street church, Lanark, Scotland. On arriving in the town some drunken militiamen were fighting at the head of the High street, and no policeman being visible Dr. Cairns made his way to the centre of the crowd and separated the combatants.

Of the eighteen or twenty members of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. connected with the Chinese mission of the Third Presbyterian church, Chicago, nine are already engaged in studies preparatory to missionary work among their countrymen, and more are to follow. It does seem—but every reader, says the *Interior*, can do the commenting himself.

FOURTEENTH Street church, corner Fourteenth street and Second avenue, New York, has been renovating and beautifying its edifice during the absence of its pastor, Rev. P. H. Marling, D.D. It is now in very fine order. This church is situated among a population largely and increasingly German; and Germans in New York are largely non-church-goers.

A Scotch bishop lately sent a circular letter to all the English bishops complaining that one of their number lately preached in a Presbyterian church in his diocese without asking the bishop's permission. Happy for Scotland, says the *Christian at Work*, if no worse complaint lies at her door than that one man preaches Christ's Gospel without asking the permission of another.

THE statistics of the Reformed church of the United States for 1886 are as follows: district synods, 7; classes, 52; ministers, 788; congregations, 1,465; members, 176,937; unconfirmed members, 108,079; Sunday schools, 1,374; Sunday school scholars, 116,873; students for the ministry, 173; contributions, benevolent purposes, 113,955.50; congregational purposes, 5746,122.39.

THE income of the Board of Foreign Missions (United States, North) during the past year from all sources, including contributions from women's societies and special gifts for the debt, was \$745,164.46 and the obligations were \$803,017.74, including the debt carried over from the preceding year of \$57,651.72, leaving a debt still resting upon the board of \$57,833.28.

REV. DR. DONALD FRASER, says in the *Monthly Journal* of his church, that more than one-half of their accessions come from other than Presbyterian churches, and the majority of these from the Church of England. Of the Presbyterians who come from Scotland, he says that the most true to the faith of their fathers are female domestics. Young Scotsmen of the same class are not so loyal.

PROTESTANTIST has done a good thing in Rome by establishing public schools in a city where not one existed before the temporal power of the Pope was broken. These schools are now attended by 45,000 children. Their success has compelled the Catholic authorities to engage in the same unusual line of business, much against their pre-

dilections. They now have thirty parochial schools—and wish they were not compelled to have any.

DR. M. S. S. JOHNSTONE, of Minnigaff, has been presented with a congratulatory address by his presbytery on completing his fiftieth year as minister of the parish and receiving the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh university. The Earl of Galloway presented a second address from the congregation, and Dr. Johnstone received another from the Kirk sessions of Greenock, Cadzow, and Torphichen, in which parishes his sons are ministers.

REV. JAMES W. WHICHAM, Ballinlough, ex-moderator, has published a Presbyterian map of Ireland, showing where charges are established. In the margins are statistical tables of the religious populations of the world, of Ireland, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, etc. There are medallions of Calvin, Knox, Dr. Cooke, and Dr. Edgar, shields with the devices of all the Protestant churches in the world and illustrations of their colleges, and momentous scenes in Irish church history.

DR. MONRO GIBSON says he had always thought that, in order to see the largest development of Sunday school enterprise, the Englishman had to cross the Atlantic; but he doubts it now, for he does not know where else than in the town of Stockport could be found a school with over 5,000 names on its register, exclusive of a staff of 458 teachers. This school is now a hundred years old, and it is computed that from the beginning as many as 100,000 scholars have passed through it. It has always been a union school, and for a great part of the time had all the field to itself in Stockport.

BURDETTE says in the Brooklyn *Eagle*: "Rev. Sam Jones is lecturing on 'How to be Saved.' As near as we can get at it his prescription is, 'Get out of the Church.' The church is bad, terribly bad. There's no doubt of it; it's in an awful state. It's a wonder that any Christian belongs to it. Still he has to go somewhere, and there is, even in the heart of the humblest church-member, a faint hope that here and there, in retired corners of heaven, may be found some saints who used to belong to some church, and who don't make much noise in heaven, and can't talk enough, slang to write a revival sermon."

DR. PHILIP SCHIAFF proposes to introduce into his professorial work at New York what he conceives to be one of the most useful institutions connected with the Berlin and other universities in Germany. This is what are called the seminaries conducted by the different professors once a week for special exercises in exegesis, history, and systematic theology. Attendance is free, and they are frequented by the more advanced and industrious students who wish to pursue special studies and investigations. At Berlin Lüse chose last session the recently discovered "Teaching of the Twelve" for the subject of his seminar exercises.

BISHOP WORDSWORTH in his charge at the annual synod of Perth on "The Study, Use, and Value of the Book of Common Prayer," criticised the inscription on the memorial to Jenny Geddes in St. Giles'. It is a bad omen for a nation, he said, when, in bestowing public marks of distinction, it confuses the first principles of right and wrong and crowns with honour what ought to be branded with infamy and disgrace. Instead of saying she "struck the first blow for freedom of conscience, which ended in the establishment of civil and religious liberty," it would have been more true to say that "it was the first act which led to the consummation whereby it was made penal to use the Book of Common Prayer."

The minutes of the last General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church present the following statistical summary: Ordained ministers, 1,547; licentiates, 231; candidates, 281; congregations, 2,546; elders, 10,441; deacons, 3,412; church members, 136,564; as, against 126,911 last year; during the last year 14,356 persons were received into the church on profession, and 4,078 by letter; 9,171 adults, and 14,356 infants were baptized. The Sunday schools have 74,576 members, and contributed \$20,139 for various benevolent purposes. The aggregate contributions of all the churches reached the sum of \$553,033. The total value of the property of the Church is set down at \$2,420,300.

THE following appeal to the Presbyterian churches of the United States has been sent from Charleston, S. C., with request to publish: Dear brethren in the Lord,—In our extremity and helplessness we feel constrained to make a general appeal for aid. Ours is the oldest organization in South Carolina. It has met with many financial and other reverses, but has been enabled graciously to survive them all. Within the past five years, at great self-sacrifice, it has spent about eight thousand dollars for repairs. The earthquake has totally wrecked our beautiful and venerable house of worship, and our people are impoverished. Unless assistance is given speedily our organization must pass out of existence. Contributions should be sent to Geo. Paul, Treasurer, or to Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian church of Charleston, S. C.

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