

## British and Foreign.

There are 727 churches in Scotland using unfermented wine.

Practically every third man in the British Army in India is a total abstainer.

The number of telephones in Stockholm, Sweden, is 23,000, whilst its population is only 300,000.

Next March the Berlin Academy of Sciences will celebrate the two hundredth year of its existence.

The grandson of the first woman in Zululand to become a Christian, was recently ordained a missionary.

A list of Andrew Carnegie's known benefactions in America and Britain shows the princely total of \$5,005,000.

The Methodist and Presbyterian missions of Japan have formed a plan of co-operation in Sunday school publications.

The New Hebrides training institution, on Tangoa, Santo, has sent out its first graduates to labor among the heathen.

Lord Rosebery has been elected Rector of Glasgow University, by 829 votes, to 515 votes cast for Lord Kelvin.

The English Parliament recently passed a bill compelling shopkeepers to provide seats for their women clerks.

The population of South Africa is 34,000,000; of these 32,000,000 who have never heard the gospel. There are 3-0 missionaries.

Dr. John Watson ("Lan Maclaren") has succeeded in raising the whole of the necessary money to open the Cambridge Westminster College free of all debt.

The highest spot inhabited by human beings on the earth is the Buddhist cloister of Hanle, Tibet, where twenty one monks live at an altitude of 16,000 feet.

The Religious Tract Society in China has circulated over 13,000,000 copies of Christian books and tracts. During the last ten years the circulation was nearly 11,000,000 copies.

The Czar submitted to an operation of skull trepanning at Darmstadt recently. It is said that the operation relieved him considerably of his suffering from cerebral pressure.

Bright spots are developing themselves in Italy in connection with Protestant missions. One mission at Spezia takes a special interest in soldiers and sailors. King Humbert has expressed his approval of the good work.

There is a Scottish Association at Kimberley, South Africa, which has done good work in the past in encouraging the study of Scottish history and literature on the diamond field, and which will do still more when the present trouble is over.

Mrs. Gladstone spent the summer at Hawarden, and took a long drive in the vicinity of the Castle each day. Mrs. Gladstone is still able to take an interest in the two charitable homes which she has founded in Hawarden Park. One is an orphanage, and the other a home of rest for elderly, infirm women.

John Calvin and John Knox were strongly opposed to erecting statues or monuments to commemorate the departed. Such things savored too much of popery and papal images in their estimation, and their followers in this country and elsewhere imbibed their views. But of late years they have been diligent in hunting up relics of these fathers, and John Knox is to have a monument at Edinburgh. The grave of Calvin at Geneva will doubtless also be commemorated ere long with a suitable monument. When we visited his grave more than 20 years ago, there was nothing but a flat stone slab to mark it, with the simple letters J. C. engraved on it.

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