

Mr. Sankey is soon to make a tour of the Southern States. He returns to England in May for a series of meetings through Great Britain.

Saint Gaudens is to execute a large relief in bronze of Dr. McCoah. It will be presented at their decennial by the class of 1879 to Princeton College.

Near Canton, on the 7th of January, two Buddhist priests for insubordination were bound, carried into the crematory of the monastery, and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators burned to death.

A few years ago, some brilliant French sceptics declared there would not be a Bible published at the close of this century. And yet a new copy of the Word of God is sent forth from the press every time the clock ticks.

It is announced that an active persecution is being directed against the Lutherans in the Baltic provinces of Russia, for opposing the efforts made to bring them under the power of the corrupt and superstitious Russo-Greek Church.

The temperance women of England have been getting up a jubilee memorial to the Queen in the shape of a petition that the bar rooms be closed on Sunday. It now weighs several hundred pounds, and contains three-quarters of a million signatures.

A revival has been going on simultaneously in different parts of Japan. As a result, the increase in all the churches of Tokio cannot be much less than a thousand. Yokohama has also enjoyed a rich blessing, and reaped a glorious harvest. Many of the cities and towns of the empire are now wonderfully stirred up.

The Rev. P. Milne, missionary in the New Hebrides, located at Nguna, and supported by the Presbyterian Church of Otago, writes: "My districts comprise seven small islands with a population of between two and three thousand. Of these nearly one thousand have renounced heathenism and are attending church and school. The most marked and rapid progress has been made on Emai which I began to visit about two years ago. It was then wholly heathen, but I have now five schools there with an aggregate attendance of about four hundred."

The total cash receipts of the American Bible Society in the year ending March 31st were \$613,373 22. The issues from the Bible House in March were 106,605 volumes. The whole number of volumes issued from the Bible House during the year, not including those issued in foreign lands, were, 1,032,672.

The good tidings come from Syria that the late attempt of the Turkish authorities to force new and intolerant restrictions upon the cause of Christian education has been earnestly resisted by the diplomatic representatives of the different Powers, that it has utterly failed and has finally been withdrawn.

The friends of the Sabbath won a decided victory in Victoria, Australia, last winter. The railway commissioners advertised special trains on all railways on Christmas day, New Year's day, both Sundays. The Christian people, led by the Presbyterians, promptly waited, by a large deputation, on the Premier, and the desecration was stopped.

Baptists are the only Protestant body which has the privilege of carrying on missions in Russia with the sanction of the government, but they are not allowed to baptize members of the Greek Church. There are in Russia thirty-four Baptist Churches, forty-one pastors and evangelists, eighty-two Sunday-schools, and 12,371 church members; 850 were baptized last year.

In the hall of Sistine chapel in Rome, are four frescoes, commemorating the horrors of the Massacre of the Huguenots on St. Bartholomew's eve. Pope Gregory XIII. ordered the perpetuation on the walls of his palace of the memory of this crime, the anniversary of which drew tears from the eyes of even Voltaire. "The residence of the pope is the only place in the world where murder is publicly glorified."

"Make a little fence of trust

All about to-day,

Fill it full of loving work,

And within it stay,

Look not through the sheltering bar,

Anxious for the morrow:

God will help whatever comes,

Be it joy or sorrow."