

RELIGIOUS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

A call from St. John's church, Stellarton, to the Rev. James Murray, has been accepted.

Reports from the Presbyterian churches throughout the province show that they are in a prosperous condition.

At the annual sale of the pews at the Rev. Dr. Talmage's church, recently held, the sum of \$33,456 was realized.

The Presbyterian church at Gairloch, Pictou County, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, will shortly have as their pastor the Rev. John Fowlie.

The income of the Free Church in Scotland last year was £95,256; of the United Presbyterian Church, £43,164; of the Established Church, £46,481; and of the Irish Presbyterian Church, £19,458.

Rev. H. S. Jenyan and Alexander McLachlin, two of last year's graduates from the Union Seminary, New York, have just sailed on their way to Tarsus, where they are to superintend St. Paul's Institute, a newly founded Christian training school. A few days before their departure a farewell meeting was held in Dr. Crosby's church, New York.

BAPTIST.

There are two Chinese Baptist churches in the Pacific slope, one in San Francisco, and the other in Portland, the latter being much the largest.

The Baptist church at Windsor is being enlarged and greatly improved. When completed it will be a credit to the denomination.

The London Tabernacle, of which the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon is pastor, has in connection with it 37 mission stations, 131 local preachers, and 22 Sunday and ragged schools, in which there are 584 teachers, and 7,731 scholars. Nearly 100 stations, which were started in connection with the Tabernacle, have developed into self-supporting churches. The total membership at the Tabernacle is 5,315.

METHODIST.

Miss Hart, a daughter of the Rev. T. D. Hart, of Berwick, has gone to British Columbia as an assistant to Miss Knight in the Crosby Girls' Home.

As a result of the special services in connection with the Methodist churches of St. John, many conversions are reported. In Owen Square church alone, one hundred have professed salvation.

Rev. David Savago is holding special services at Lunenburg, assisted by the Rev. W. Brown of Charles St. church.

From the latest church statistics it appears that in connection with the several branches of Methodism in the United States there are 40,321 churches; 27,542 ministers; 37,379 local preachers, and 4,601,416 communicants. This is the largest Protestant denomination in that country.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

There has been a proposition that the consecration of Rev. Dr. Courtney should take place in St. George's Church, as having the most suitable chancel and altar in the city. But this would not be in good taste. The new Bishop could not well be consecrated in any place save in his own cathedral. It has also been suggested that the chair be removed from St. Luke's to St. Paul's. If the Bishop is as wise as he is represented to be, his first step will be to remove his *Cathedra* from St. Luke's to the Bishop's Chapel, where he would be quite independent of everybody, would be his own master, could have what services he pleased, and could invite any clergymen, and at any time. The building is small, but would be amply sufficient for all ordinary occasions.

Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., has had \$50,000 bequeathed to it for the foundation of another professorship. Whom will the friends of King's College do the like?

The Anglican bishops throughout the world number about 210. A large proportion of them are expected to assemble at the Lambeth Conference in July next.

The Cathedral of Southwell, lately restored, is to be re-opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is said that there will be some changes in the staff of King's College after June.

CATHOLIC.

According to a careful estimate made for the year 1886, in many cases from church statistics which have been accurately compiled, the numbers of Roman Catholics in the English speaking countries of the world, Great Britain and the United States, are as follows:—England, 1,754,000; Scotland, 425,600; Ireland, 3,969,500; total in British Isles proper, 6,150,100; British Colonies in Asia, 1,961,700; Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, and Jamaica, 2,471,200; Australia, New Zealand, and other British Colonies, 2,516,800; total in British Empire, 13,399,600; total number Roman Catholics in United States, 10,624,400; total in Great Britain and United States, 24,024,000. In Great Britain there are nine Catholic Privy Councillors; forty Catholic Peers of the Realm; fifty-one Catholic Baronets, and twenty Catholic Lords, with courtesy titles. There is one noble lord who is a priest, devoting himself exclusively to missionary duties.

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