

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

DR. ALISON, Edinburgh, says it has been ascertained that there are 120 Jewish families in Edinburgh and 500 in Glasgow.

THE Protestants in Italy have 300 churches, and it is estimated that 10,000 members have been converted from Romanism.

THERE are 2,073 juvenile societies connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with an aggregate membership of 97,964.

AN obelisk of beautiful design is being erected over the grave of the late lamented Mrs. Williamson in China.

A COURSE of monthly sermons will be preached by well-known ministers of the church of Scotland in Crown Court church, London, during the winter months.

THE example set by Mr. Omta at Glasgow is being followed in New York, where a map in about to be published giving the location of every saloon in the city.

THERE are twenty-three Welsh Congregational churches in New York and fifty-four in Pennsylvania, where the preaching is mostly or entirely in the Welsh language.

DR. WM. WILSON of Edinburgh is delivering in Aberdeen the Chalmers lectures on "The leadership of Christ over His church and its independent spiritual jurisdiction."

THERE of the four lord provosts of Scotland are office-bearers in the Free Church—Sir Thomas Clark of Edinburgh, Mr. Henderson of Devonah at Aberdeen, and Mr. Martin of Perth.

THE evangelists, Sam Small and Sam Jones, will commence an evangelistic tour across the continent, commencing with a series of meetings in the Methodist churches of Boston early in January.

WHEN the negroes were freed in the United States they numbered four millions; now they have increased to eight millions. Their rate of increase exceeds that of the whites by 14 per cent.

THE first woman to occupy an Evangelical pulpit in Maine is the wife of Rev. S. P. Pearson, of Portland, who is to supply her husband's pulpit for several months during his absence abroad.

THE longest existing pastorate in the United States is said to be that of Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James Episcopal church, Philadelphia, who has held his present charge for nearly fifty-five years.

THE Free Church of Scotland is going to send an ordained minister, Dr. Tiberius, to join the medical missionary, Dr. Tiberius, who went there recently. A considerable bequest has led the committee to ask volunteers to apply.

THE minutes of New York Methodist Protestant Conference show a net gain in membership the past year of two hundred and forty-five. This is encouraging for one of the oldest conferences, which has little undeveloped territory.

THE Prudential Committee of the American Board has telegraphed to Rev. Robert Hume that they have decided not to return him to his mission field until the end of one year at least. There is considerable feeling in New Haven over the decision.

DURING the past six years, in Southern Dakota, a Presbyterian church has been organized for every month, and a church building erected for every other month. Five colleges and academy halls have been built, and four mansees. In the ninety churches are more than three thousand members.

THE Jewish *Intelligencer* states that at the last "Trinity Ordination" in England five Hebrew Christians were ordained to the ministry of the Church of England, all of whom have been brought to a knowledge of Christ by the missionaries of the London Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews.

IN 1813 Protestantism in France did not count 150 pastors, and had not a single establishment of charity, education, or evangelization. That Church has now 900 pastors, 37 homes for orphans, 42 retreats for the aged, a convalescent reformatory for prisoners, besides asylums for the blind, deaf and dumb.

MR. MOODY had a large audience at his first meeting with the students of Harvard. There was point and pungency in the bearings of his sermon on college life. He has got another donation of \$50,000 for his educational work, the giver being Mr. D. M. Weston, a large-hearted Congregationalist of Boston.

DR. MONRO GIBSON, London, recently proposed to hold a class for his young people at the close of his weekly prayer meeting to study ancient monuments recently recovered and their bearing upon revelation. He did not anticipate a large meeting, but it was proved so interesting that the "class" might be called a congregation.

AN interesting statement has just been published regarding the progress of Methodism in London, during the last hundred years. In 1792, there were in the London district three circuits, eleven ministers and 3,514 church members. In 1886 there are in the same area 93 circuits, 185 circuit ministers, 27 departmental ministers, 65 supernumeraries, and 36,000 church members.

THE following figures taken from the returns just published, show the numerical strength of the Baptist church in the

Australian colonies: Tasmania, eight churches, 404 members; Queensland, 13 churches, 1854 members; South Australia, 53 churches, 3,789 members; New Zealand, 23 churches, 2,583 members; New South Wales, 22 churches, 1,178 members, and Victoria, 39 churches, 4,405 members.

THE General Synod of the Reformed Church at its last session made an appeal for young men as students for the ministry. While the church was yet calling upon the Lord of the Harvest, He was answering. Within six weeks the Board of Education of that Church has taken under its care twenty-six young men. Of these seven are in the Seminary at New Brunswick, six are in Rutgers College, four are in Hope College, and seven are in grammar schools, making a total of sixty-seven on the rolls.

THE 12th day of August, 1887, will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the Colonial Episcopate in the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Charles Inglis, D. D., first Bishop of Nova Scotia, to whom was entrusted the Episcopal oversight of the whole British possessions in North America. The event is to be suitably celebrated. During the last forty years especially, a marvellous growth has marked that Episcopate, the Church of England possessing to-day no less than 82 colonial and missionary bishops.

THE American Women's Christian Temperance Union has established a department for work among Mormons, in addition to the forty already existing, with Mrs. Angie P. Newman, of Nebraska, at its head. It was through the influence of Mrs. Newman that Congress, at its last session, appropriated \$50,000 for the establishment of an "Industrial Home" in Utah, for women who wish to abandon polygamy. A missionary is to be sent out by this department to do work among the Mormon women, many of whom would gladly escape from that life if an opportunity was presented.

DR. SOMERVILLE made an interesting statement at Glasgow presbytery regarding his visitation of the Highlands. He has now overtaken about one half of the work, and has been delighted with his warm reception and the ability of the ministers to interpret his addresses. There is no country in the world, he says, where the people so flock to hear the Gospel and to attend communion services. He wished, however, that they would more readily accept Christ instead of being scared away by thinking they were unworthy to lay hold of the great salvation. He also desired that young people would make a fearless confession of Christ.

MR. BANNERMAN testified his overture in Perth presbytery urging the discontinuance of Aberdeen Hall. The Gaelic students for many years all went to Edinburgh or Glasgow, and only a few stragglers found their way to Aberdeen. After thirty years' trial it had been found a weakness to the church. By 6 to 3 Dundee presbytery resolved not to transmit an overture on the subject, and by 10 to 4 the overture was not accepted by Dumfries presbytery. At Arbroath a proposal by Mr. Lilley that the Aberdeen college be equipped for missionary purposes was rejected by the casting vote of the moderator. Prof. Lindsay, in nominating Mr. Patrick of Kirkcaldy as a suitable Aberdeen professor, said he had a lot of go in him and they wanted some go in Aberdeen college. There was great laughter at this, which was renewed when Mr. Scrymgeour said "It's no go."

STALL's Lutheran Year Book, just published, gives the following summary of the Lutheran Church in America for 1886: The Church in the United States and Canada at present embraces 58 synods, 3990 ministers, 7,573 congregations, and 930,830 communicants. Of these, the General Synod is composed of 23 district synods, 910 ministers, 1,449 congregations, and 138,958 communicants. The General Council embraces 11 district synods, 993 ministers, 1,835 congregations, and 258,408 communicants. The United Synod in the South: 8 district synods, 180 ministers, 360 congregations, and 59,683 communicants. The Synodical Conference: 4 district synods, 1,094 ministers; 2,006 congregations, and 297,631 communicants. There are 12 Independent Synods, with 313 ministers, 1,923 congregations, and 206,120 communicants. During the year 46 ministers have died. Of church property damaged or destroyed, there were two churches burned, ten destroyed, or injured by cyclones, five by lightning, four by earthquake to the amount of \$15,000, two parsonages burned, and one college damaged by lightning. There are 10 Theological Seminaries, having about 600 students; 260 Colleges, having 2,627 students, 724 of whom are preparing for the ministry; 27 Classical Seminaries, with 2,103 students, 190 of whom are preparing for the ministry; and 12 Young Ladies Seminaries, with 589 students. Of Orphan's Homes, Asylums, Immigrant Missions, etc., there are 47. The Church has its Foreign Missionary Society, Children's Foreign Missionary Society, Board of Home Missions, Church Extension, Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, Lutheran Publication Society, German Publication Board, Board of Education, Historical Society, Ministers' Insurance League, etc.

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