

The English Presbyterian Church consists of 271 congregations, and the membership for 1880 was 75,199, as compared with 54,259 in 1879. The Sabbath school teachers number 6,139, and the scholars 61,782. The total sum raised for the Sustentation Fund last year was £37,426 and for Synodical Funds (including missions and college), £28,097.

#### UNITED STATES.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States, North, expended last year for Foreign Missions, \$591,640. The receipts for the same period were \$592,290.

It is a significant fact that the Bess, emer Steel works of Pittsburg, Pa., has ordered discontinuance of all work on the Sabbath day in any part of the great establishment. This decision has not been reached by a sudden impulse, but after a full consideration of the whole subject continued for some months, and in the belief that the best result, pecuniary as well as moral, may be attained by a cessation of labor on the Sabbath. Hereafter in these great works there will be silence on the Lord's day.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, North, met recently at Springfield Ill.

At an early stage of its proceedings it passed a rule limiting all speakers to ten minutes, and the rule was inflexibly adhered to. It spoiled some eloquent periods but it expedited business, and made condensation an absolute necessity. The Secretaries of the Boards, we believe, were allowed more time than this for the exposition of the work done by their organizations. But the hammer fell with unflinching regularity, and no dodging or farming out of time to another speaker was permitted.

One of the most encouraging facts connected with Missions, is the great increase of the native ministry as compared with that of missionaries sent from Christian lands. While the number of ordained missionaries of the Presbyterian Board U. S. has in ten years increased only 19, the number of native preachers and helpers had risen from 41 to 3000.

The May number of the *Missionary Herald* (Boston) states that while the number of ordained missionaries employed by the American Board has since 1840 increased only 18 per cent, the native agency has during the same period increased about 1400 per cent, or from 122 to 1717.

As pointing toward a day when the Christian church in lands now heathen must be entirely a self-propagating institution, these facts are very significant and cheering.

#### INDIA.

A Christian church has lately been built in India from the ruins of a heathen temple.

The census of Calcutta shows that there are 30,400 professing Christians in that city. Of this number 11,095 are Roman Catholics; 8,678 belong to the Church of England and 1,869 to the Church of Scotland; 857 are Baptists; 758 Methodists; 692 Independents, etc. Only 29 are classed as Unitarians and Theists, and 49 as Agnostics.

The *Indian Mirror*, a native newspaper, says: "Foreigners can hardly realize the extent to which the English language is spoken and written among the educated classes in India. When educated Hindus meet they talk English and when they write to each other they show a preference for English." And with the English language will go the religious influences which it bears with it.

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