

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### United States.

The fifty millions of population of the United States have a Protestant minister for every 728 persons, and a Sabbath-school teacher for every 56.

The General Association of California has erected a monument in San Francisco over the grave of Rev. J. L. Stephens, the missionary martyr, who was murdered at Ahualulco, Mexico, in 1874.

Very direct and unhesitating is the deliverance of a Presbytery in South Carolina which, when asked what course to pursue toward a member of the church who is fully able and yet pays nothing to the support of the church, replied by saying that discipline is the remedy in such a case.

**TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.**—South Carolina has been quietly passing some pretty stringent prohibition laws, and is disposed to stand by them. The last Legislature of that State passed a law "absolutely prohibiting the sale of all liquors outside of incorporated towns and villages. In the present Legislature, now in session, an amendment to this law was offered, exempting from this prohibition domestic wines and alcoholic liquors in original packages, containing not less than ten gallons. The amendment was lost by a strong majority. This was accepted as a victory for temperance."

### South America.

A pathetic complaint was made by a South American Indian. A missionary visited them, but he could not stay with them. When he bade them farewell they were very sorry, and when he told them he could not return to them unless his English friends sent him they said, "You should tell them they should send us another minister. Nobody tells us what we must do." Alas! how many poor neglected heathen may utter the same lament and say, "Nobody tells us what we must do."

### Britain.

The Disestablishment party in Scotland seems to be gaining ground. In England also those in favor of the disestablishment of the Episcopal Church are carrying on an active agitation.

In his late charge, Bishop Ryle expressed his strong disapproval of the extravagant decoration of churches at harvest festivals. "God's house," he says, "is not meant to be an exhibition of flowers, corn, fruit, evergreens and ferns, but a place for prayer, praise and the preaching of the Word."

Speaking at a temperance meeting at Halifax, Eng., Mr. Hutchinson, M. P., said before very long an attempt would be made, with great power and a very considerable number of the House of Commons at its back, to bring about Sunday closing in England. Mr. Caine, M. P., also spoke, saying he did not see why, if the temperance electors throughout the country chose, a local option measure should not be passed.

Here is a finger put upon the peril of moderate drinking:—"Dr. Andrew Clarke, a high medical authority, remarks in the *Lancet* that 'having observed one of the greatest hospitals in London, he had come to the deliberate conclusion that seven cases out of ten were owing to drink; not so much to drunkenness, but to the constant undermining process.'

Mr. James Marshall, formerly of the island of Trinidad, who died recently near Glasgow, Scotland, bequeathed a portion of his estate, which will probably amount to \$150,000, to the Foreign Mission Fund of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

### Europe.

Dr. Somerville, the Scotch evangelist, is going to hold evangelistic services this winter in Germany.

Dr. Christlieb considers the religious outlook in Germany encouraging. Genuine revivals of religion are quietly in progress in various quarters. Numbers of German young men, who formerly spent Sunday afternoon playing at tennis and frequenting beer gardens, now meet to read the Scriptures, to sing, and to pray to God.

The dispersed religious Orders in France are beginning to show their despair of a change by selling their empty establishments. The Italian Barnabite Monastery in Paris has been demolished, and the Jesuits' College is advertised for sale.