

The mighty impulse given to the human mind by the invention of printing has been shewn by the fact that, since that discovery, three million printed books have been issued. The British Museum authorities propose to issue a complete catalogue of these books, at the rate of five volumes every year. The whole work will comprise two hundred volumes and will require forty years for its completion. It is very doubtful if the publication of such an enormous catalogue will serve any good purpose at all commensurate with the expense. It will serve, however, to illustrate one Bible utterance—"Of making many books there is no end."

On that very spot on the banks of the Thames where King Henry and the Bishop of London caused the first edition of Tyndall's New Testament to be burned, now stands the great Bible house of the British and Foreign Bible Society, from which the Word of God is sent forth to almost all parts of the earth. What mighty changes does the Governor amongst the nations work in His providence!

The *Religious Intelligencer* has fallen into a mistake in relation to the action of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church at its late meeting in Pittsburgh. It was not decided to permit the use of instrumental music in the worship of the Church, but only to send down the question in *overture* to the Presbyteries to report upon at a future meeting. Such was the decision that was reached by a vote of 131 to 22.

By a majority of 146 in a house of 180, the second reading of the Bill for closing public houses on the Sabbath in Wales was carried. The opposition was feeble. The Bill was supported by Mr. Gladstone.

At a recent Sabbath School celebration in Brooklyn, a speaker in vehement tones asked—"Where are our young men?" This question was suggested by the absence of young men from the celebration. The chaplain of the Penitentiary was in the audience, and when the question was asked, he rose up and replied—"I'll tell you where they are. I preached to four hundred of them yesterday in the Penitentiary."

The London *Religious Tract Society* recently held its eighty-second annual meeting. During the past year 627 new publications have been issued, of which 137 were tracts. The work of the society extends to all parts of the world, and the tracts and other publications are printed in about 150 different languages.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada commenced its sessions on the 7th June in Kingston, Ontario. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. D. Macrae, D. D., St. John. The Rev. Dr. McVicar was chosen to the Moderatorship by a large majority.

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