

Religious Intelligence.

Presbyterian.

Rev. Chauncey D. Murray has been installed pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, New York, formerly under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. McCarty.

Rev. George W. Thompson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and pastor of the large and flourishing church of upper Tuscarora, after a brief and painful illness, was called home to his reward on the 28th of January.

Presbyterianism in New Orleans.—A correspondent of the Presbyterian writes from that city:

The condition of Presbyterianism here is melancholy. Of six churches, only three are open, and they are thinly attended.

Rev. Dr. Steadman, of the First Presbyterian Church, in Memphis, has been ordered South from that city for disloyalty.

The New Presbyterian Church in Denver city, Colorado Territory, was dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath, the 17th of January.

Foreign Items.—Rev. Dr. Guthrie, who is incapacitated, by ill health, from his regular duties, has lately visited the Welsh Calvinists of Bangor, and made an address, in which he spoke of the reasons for feeling at home among them.

He had that day read their confession of faith; and he found they were identically the same with those of the Free Church of Scotland.

Union of Synods in Australia.—The union movement inaugurated, a year ago, last November, by the Synod of Australia, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, by which body overtures were made to the Free Church Synod of E. Australia, and to the United Presbyterian Churches of Sydney, for a union into a single synod, has been happily consummated.

English Presbyterian Ministers Threatened with Ejectment.—A correspondent of the Weekly Review, January 16th, makes some very singular statements as to a movement on the part of the National Church of Scotland, by legal proceedings, to obtain possession of the church property of English Presbyterians which, they allege, belongs to the Established Church. He says:

From public rumor, it would appear that the most energetic measures are being adopted—deputations have visited various districts of England, meetings have been held, and missives have been dispatched—all indicating that a concerted and systematic attempt is to be made to secure all the ecclesiastical property now enjoyed by the Presbyterian Church in England which can be possibly reached by a legal interpretation of the title deeds.

the home he has endeavored and the sanctuary he has adorned to worship the God of his fathers sub Jove frigid.

A correspondent, in the Review of the 23rd, expresses doubts as to the correctness of these statements, and says the removal of the Moderator, Dr. McLean, was not effected by the members of the National Church; says it is a simple, but sad illustration of the old adage—"New lairds, new laws."

End of the Cardross Case.—The world-famous Cardross case is at length ended. Mr. McMillan, formerly minister of the Free Church, and pastor in the picturesque parish of Cardross, declared, January 8th, that, old, infirm, and poor, he desires to close his life at peace with all, and withdraws from the contest.

The Irish Presbyterian Church consists of five Synods, thirty-seven Presbyteries, (including the missionary one of India 547 congregations, and 586 ministers.

At Carlisle, England, on the 5th of January, there was a joint meeting of the Cumberland Presbytery of the English Presbyterian Church and of the Carlisle Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church.

Episcopal.—Bishop Odenheimer, of N. J., had a very enthusiastic reception at the recent anniversary of the Episcopal Church held in Montreal, in which he by invitation participated.

The Bishop was enthusiastically applauded upon appearing on the platform of the large and densely crowded building where the anniversary were held. He was introduced to the audience in a most dignified and friendly manner, by the Lord Bishop (Fullford) of that Diocese, and, at the conclusion of Bishop Odenheimer's address, General Sir Fenwick Williams (the hero of Kears, who commands the forces in Canada) moved a resolution of thanks to our American Bishop, in a speech replete with expressions of the warmest international good feeling, and a desire, not only for the restoration of the Union and peace in our land, but also for the perpetuity of the most amicable relations between England and the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Smith, it is officially announced, has retired from the Chair of Systematic Divinity at Gambier, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Henry Tallidge.—We learn, says the Recorder, that Christ Church, New Orleans, has been lately sold, under a decree of General Banks, for taxes.

We need better support for those who are in the field. It is a shame which should scold our cheeks to blistering, that we deal with our missionaries as we do.

Mr. Oscar B. Thayer, late a Methodist minister in charge of the church in Dixon, Ill., has publicly announced his withdrawal from the Methodist Communion, and has applied to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church.

FOREIGN ITEMS.—Grace Church, Rome Italy.—Says the Christian Times: A meeting

of the citizens of the United States, resident and sojourning in Rome, was held at the apartment of the United States Minister, General Rufus King, on the evening of Dec. 28, for the purpose of electing a Rector and a Vestry for the ensuing year.

Baptist.—Prof. William Gammell, LL. D., following the example of Professors Caswell and Chase, has resigned his connection with Brown University. Prof. Gammell became a member of the Faculty of Brown in 1832 as a tutor, and in 1835 was appointed Professor of Rhetoric, which continued to be his position until 1850, when he was elected to the chair of History and Political Economy.

Baptist Statistics.—In the minutes of the 36th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention there are represented 17 associations and 33 churches unassociated, embracing a membership of 41,438 in all; churches, 418; baptized during the year 2,356. The receipts into the Treasury of the Convention were \$4,932.30, and the expenditures \$4,426.41.

Baptist Missions.—Up to Jan. 31, 1864, the receipts into the Treasury from all sources, including contributions to the Jubilee Fund, were about \$48,000, against about 43,000 for the same period last year.

Methodist.—The N. Y. Christian Advocate knows of but three M. E. Churches out of fifty-three in that city and Brooklyn free from debt, and thinks \$250,000 a low estimate of the amount of indebtedness.

German Reformed.—The Messenger says: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary finding that Dr. Nevin could not be obtained to supply the place of Dr. Schaff during his two years' absence from the Seminary, after mature deliberation, the Board unanimously invited the Rev. Thos. G. Apple, of Greencastle, Pa., to accept of the position.

Miscellaneous.—Churches in Chicago.—The Western Episcopalian thus enumerates the churches built, in progress, or repaired during the last year in Chicago:

One of the largest places of worship which have been erected is that by the first Unitarian Society, costing some \$50,000. The architecture is of the Norman style, built of Athens marble, and is massive in its details and proportions.

The audience room is intended to seat comfortably 740 persons. This room is lighted mainly from the roof, through 48 lights in the ceiling. The Romanists also are building another fine church, which, when completed, will cost over \$50,000.

Whereas, It is desirable that, in this university, the important branch of Divinity should be open to all denominations, in order that the students of Christianity may hear the different views on all the important points at issue among Christians; and therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to consult with the corporation and faculty of the Divinity school, to see what methods can be taken to give a truly university character to the theological department, by inviting all Christian denominations in the State to endow professorships therein, to be filled by suitable men among themselves; and this committee is requested to report at the next annual meeting of the Board.

Revivals.—There is a powerful work of grace in the Baptist Church of Pemberton, Me.—Forty-seven persons presented themselves for prayers at one of the meetings, twenty of whom were young men.

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At the ceremony of giving the Cardinal's hat, the hat fell to the ground, and the Prince Imperial took it up, and nearly got it on his own little head before it could be taken from him and placed on the Archbishop.

England.—The Weekly Review, referring to recent statements derogatory to the literary standing and respectability of the present class of candidates for the Episcopal Church, says:—

We might fairly ask, when was there such a supply of learned clergymen as, taken with all their drawbacks, the present system supplies to the Church of England? We are apt to fix our minds on the great lights of the past, and to fancy that all their contemporaries were like them.

Romish Chaplains in British Prisons.—In the course of the discussions now going on in England on this subject, the curious fact was inadvertently brought out, that a large proportion of Romish prisoners refused to see their own priests, and preferred to put themselves under the care of the Protestant chaplains.

Churches in London.—The city of London with a population of nearly three millions of people has 807 evangelical places of worship, or one to 3,500 inhabitants.

Rev. J. G. Oncken, American Baptist Missionary in Europe, at last accounts, was about to proceed to St. Petersburg to see the few Christian converts there—the Russian Directing Senate having reversed a late decision of the District Court of Courland, inflicting punishment on two persons for preaching Baptist sentiments.

Army and Navy.—Seven persons were recently baptized at the Mariners' Bethel, Phila., Rev. Joseph Perry, pastor. Six of them were sailors from the receiving ship Princeton.

The New Archbishop of Dublin.—When Dr. Trench first arrived in Dublin, he called, a perfect stranger, on the celebrated Dr. Lee, Professor of Divinity, at his rooms in the college, and, in a quiet, modest way, said: "I presume, sir, you are the Rev. Dr. Lee?"

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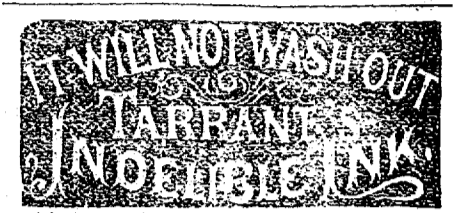
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