## Religious Entelligence.

EPISCOPAL.

THE EPISOOPAL CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA. -The minutes of the Protestant Episcopal Convention in this State inform us that there arc twenty-four ministers; these ministers have under their care one thousand two hundred and forty communicants; one hundred and nineteen persons have been confirmed, and five hundred and six were baptized. The and five hundred and six were captized. The total amount reported as raised from all the churches was \$61,893 42. We are surprised at the statement made by the bishop that the church "has not the numbers it had four Grace Cathedral has increased from one hundred and forty to three hundred and fifty communicants.

#### METHODIST.

METHODISM ABROAD.—Bishop Thompson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this country, arrived in Calcutta on the 28th of October, and was expected to open or or ganize the Mission Conference on the 8th of ganize the Mission Conference on the 8th of December, 1864. A letter from Rev. J. W. Roberts announces the death of Rev. B. R. Wilson, probably the oldest preacher in Africa. He died October 8th, a great less to the Republic of Liberia, and to the Mission. Conference of the Methodist Episcobal Church. PORTLAND, MAINE—Rev. Mr. Blake, the estimable and beloved pastor of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Portland, fell in the street on last Sabbath, the 15th inst., while on his way to preach to

the 15th inst., while on his way to preach to his people, and expired in a very few minutes. The sad dispensation of Providence spread solemnity over the city, and the pastors of the various denominations made touching allusions to the event in their afternoon services, and in their evening prayer-meetings. Rev. Mr. B. was a proninent minister in his denomination in this State, and was greatly beloved wherever he

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—EAST TENNESSEE. Rev. W. C. Dailey writes to the New York Rev. W. C. Dailey writes to the New York Methodist:—"We have some twenty-five ministers employed, three of whom have charge of districts. Some of these men are devoting all their time to the work. But our Methodist preachers are still "targets" for the disloyal. To get a support, many of them are obliged to labor with their own hands five days out of seven; this they are compelled to do or to starve. We number our members by the thousand. I cannot say certainly how by the thousand. I cannot say certainly how many, but we are increasing all the time, building up our church mostly from the loyal material we get from the Church South; but we get a few from other churches, and a great many from the world.'

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

The precious revival at Chester, four miles north of Richmond, Indiana, has resulted in the conversion of many of the best citizens of that place and the surrounding country, so that there is now a society of nearly fifty where a few months ago we had no church or church membership. - Rev. A. Curm, of Richmond, a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized the Sunday-school near two years since, and, wet or dry, cold or hot, for near two years past he has faithfully watched over it every Sabbath, and preached to the people every other Sabbath. He got up a subscription for a new chapel, gave them a hundred dollars to help to build and become personally responsible for the balance, if it was not raised at the dedication. The money was raised, the house dedicated, and then for three weeks he went every night to the protracted meeting that has just closed and, with assistance only a few nights, he followed up the efforts thus made, and the result is a good society and many souls saved. Why cannot all our local preachers go and do likewise?—Christian Advocate.

### THE CHURCH CATHOLIC.

PASTOR HEADSTROM AND HIS BETHEL Ship, in New York.—The pastor, her captain, never thinks her complement of men made out so long as an unconverted man remains. He took in ten persons on probation on a late Sabbath morning, and still there come bowing at God's altar in that ship many who have spent much time in ridiculing her as a mean craft and as answering no good end, but coming themselves to be wounded in her, they make hearty confession of their former foolish views.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN XENIA, OHIO.—A socrespondent of the United Presbyteriam, Pittsburgh, gives an account of the delightful united of churches in Xenia, in observing the Week of Prayer, the meetings passing from church to church. Comparing it with former observances of the season, each church by itself, and speaking of the declining interest under that system, the writer says:—"Now we have union; and as a consequence, the audiences increase in number and the spirit rises, until the last evening; note: standing the inclemency of the weather the First United Presbyterian Church; (Day)Harper's,) the largest in the place, was crowded to overflowing—every seat occupied and the aisles literally packed, and many who went had to leave for want of room: And then the spirit-to appreciate it fully it was necessary to be there: there were United Prespyterians, and Methodists, and Old School Presbyterians, and Baptists, and German Reformed, and Lutherare, and Re-formed Presbyterians—members from seven different denominations, and yet their hearts were one, their prayers one, and their efforts one; and when they talked together of the one; and when they talked together of the necessity of an increased unity of sentiment among all the followers of Christ, there was not a jar, nor a discordant note. Never did we realize so fully the beauty and the grandeur of David's language when he says: Behold of Pavia s language when he says: Behold law good and how pleasant a thing it is for been good and how pleasant a thing it is for been good and how pleasant a thing it is for the lovely strain was caught up by every voice in that audience and rose up in increasing volume until the walls of the house seemed vocal with song, we all felt that it was good to be together there.

A Soldier's Experience.—In a late session of the Euler Street, N. V. Daily

session of the Fulton Street, N. Y., Daily Prayer Meeting, a soldier recently released by an exchange from the Andersonville, Ga., prison, said:—"I am here, I verily believe, in answer to prayer. You know I was formerly in the habit of almost daily attending this meeting. Often I took part in the services of the hour. When I went away, I asked you to pray for me. I have been kept in answer to prayer. I am confident of this. Esknow that 13,000 out of the 40,000 of my fellow prisoners were buried while I was at Andersonville. Twice I endeavored to escape, and succeeded in getting out. I was tracked with blood hounds. I hid myself away in the grass. I knew they were after me. I knew it was impossible for me to escape their search. I prayed to Daniel's God that he would shut their mouths, and not allow them to hirt me. Both came up to me as I lay in the grass. One of them rubbed his nose over my face; but neither offered to bite me. I was sayed; and I was always confident that it was in answer to prayer. I have been in the thickest of several fights, and I know that many rebel muskers have been leveled against me; and yes not a single bullet has hit me. I believe Lowe to God, as answering prayer, that my life has been spared. I have felt assured in every battle that no harm would come nigh me. It does me good to come in here, and hear your prayers for the soldiers. No matter how bad soldiers may be, there are none so bad that they do not feel grateful for your prayers. I have seen many a sol-

dier's eyes fill with tears when I have told them how you pray for them. Oh, keep on praying! How much they need your prayers! Pray continually for these men, who jeopardize their lives to defend your homes and your firesides. They need the prayers of all who know to pray."

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