METHODIST.

THE FUTURE OF THE NON-EPISCOPAL CHUCHES.—Rev. H. Matteson, who stands prominent in the organization known as the Independent Methodists, urges through the Independent Methodists, urges through the tilence is making fearful ravages. "The Western Methodist Protestant, the fusion of all the Methodist bodies outside of the regular Methodist Episcopal Church. As they in great numbers, and I have for several days all now unite in discarding the Episcopal had my hands full in administering medifeature of that church, he proposes, as the basis of church government, what his own branch has already adopted, the independency of each individual church—in other words, an intense congregationalism. This is filled every Sabbath with an attentive automorphished, the state to a future minor diagram of the state accomplished, the step to a future union dience. A few who have been under instruction for years are beginning to break away short one. With the distinctive Methodism from heathen superstition and vanities. We aid aside, and with the facile laws of construction of Calvinism admissible under Congregational rules, we see no barrier but that of mere name remaining. The old Methodist Episcopal Church would, of course, be gratified by such a result, as it would disembarras them of organized schisms, and leave them once more the sole possessors of the prestige

of the name of Methodism.

East Tennessee. —In a report of the proceedings of Kentucky Annual Conference, we find it said, in relation to East Tennessee, that, had the reports all come in, the num ber of preachers and members there, who have returned to the old fold, would reach four thousand, and that upon a peaceful occupation of the territory, it will soon be increased to ten thousand. This is the feeling in East Tennessee, and, when the proper time comes, the Methodists of North Georgia will generally unite. With the concurrence of the Bishops, a Conference will probably be organized at Knoxville on the 25th of May ensuing. Rev. W. H. Rogers, P. E. at Athens, Tennessee, writes that after visiting during the last eight months almost every society in that region within the lines of the Union army, it is his opinion that over three-fourths of the members of the Holston Conterner, in the bounds of East Tennessee, are at heart with the W. E. Church and as soon signed by the Tagnings, who do not appear to respect the conversion of an aged Manchu, at Peking, a man of respectable but depressed family. The oldest pupil in the school, a applied for baptism, and would probably soon be received as a church member." We regret to notice that at some of the mission stations in China there has been serious alarm occaat heart with the M. E. Church, and as soon as the country is cleared of the enemy, will unite with it. They have not the least sympathy with the church, South, and will not hear arman preach that has. They ask for loyal minist rs to fill their pulpits and pas-torates; andeare hungry for the word of life, having been without it for the past three

BAPTIST.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.—Two new pastors have entered upon service in the neighborhood of Philadelphia—Rev. W. W. Case at Chestnut Hill, and Rev. D. Spencer at Roxborough. Upon Richmond church in the French Creek Association, God is again pouring out his Spirit. ing out his Spirit. Eleven have recently been baptized, and many are inquiring. Several have also been baptized in Davisville, and also in Cumberland street, Broad street, and Second church, Philadelphia.

REVIVALS AND BAPTISMS.—Within the. last few weeks, forty have been baptized in Haddonfield, N. J., and several in Camden, N. J. In Cumberland, Md., several have been led to the faith in Christ. Revival influences are reported to have been enjoyed by some of the churches in Baltimore since the opening of the year, particularly in the High Street, Seventh, and Broadway churches. In Illinois, revivals are reported from Winchester, Carlinville, Carthage, and Lamville. An important mission has been commenced in Cairo. Webster City, Iowa, and Flushing, Mich., have enjoyed a spiritual refreshing; also the Second church in St. Louis, Mo. The second church in Wilmington, Del., has received an accession of forty by baptism.

MR. Spurgeon.—The present membership of the Tabernacle, London, of which Mr. Spurgeon is pastor, is 2960. The number of thinks, should at once be increased. dmissions during Mr. Spurgeon's pastorate, peluding removals for all causes, is 3500. Of hese, 47 have become Christian ministers, 7 ity missionaries, and 3 Bible-women. The reports a somewhat serious case of persecutive missionaries are considered for the missionaries and 3 Bible-women. The reports a somewhat serious case of persecutive missionaries are considered for the missionaries. number of students in his Theological College, is this year larger than ever before. The running expenses for 1865, are put_at \$25,000, part of which is supplied from Dr. Spurgeon's own salary, but the most of it from Lord's Day free-will offerings made in contribution boxes placed within the church.

LUTHERAN.

REVIVAL IN NEWVILLE, PA.—The Lutheran Observer has an account of an extensive revival in the Lutheran congregation in Newville, in connection with daily meetings continued from the week of prayer, for more than a month folling. The earlier stages of the meeting we. haracterized by only a moderate amount of interest. As time went on the audiences became large, and the prayers of the church importunate. Inquirers began to present themselves; their number from day to day; souls were born anew, and the hopeful conversions, at the time of writing the notice, amounted to more than fifty, of whom forty-four, including several heads of families, had already joined themselves to the church by public profession of Christ.

MISSIONARY.

INDIA.—Rev. J. J. Jones, of the Church Missionary Society, in Ceylon, reports a movement in the matter of liberality as commenced among the native converts at the suggestion of one of their own number. Each, according to his ability, is setting apart a portion of his land, making it over to the Society, towards the maintenance of a teacher among themselves. The land already promised is worth at least 50%, and Mr. Jones has no doubt others will in time give sufficient for the support of a native pastor. Another circumstance, says Mr. J., I regard as even more important and encouraging. Two of the men baptised in December, 1863, Abraham and Paul, asked me to sanction their going out together to preach in the villages around. I replied, I should be most thankful if they would do so, and that I would willingly give them a small sum to meet expenses in travelling. All such help was declined. They said they needed nothing, they only wished to go, with my permission, devoting to the work of preaching the Gospel to others the time they would redeem from

the cultivation of their fields. REV. WM. DIXON, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, recently appointed missionary to Surat, writes as follows soon after his ar-rival out:—"For myself, however, I frankly rival out:—"For myself, however, I frankly confess that I did not by any means expect to find the field so promising. I had looked to encounter the aversion of the unconverted natives; I find them friendly. I had looked to see them pass by on the other side when the gospel of salvation would be declared; I nd them throng eagerly around the preacher. had looked to see them zealously defend heir own system, and attempt to depreciate Christianity; I find them shrink from the ormer, and, by their silence, admit the imssibility of the latter.

WEST AFRICA.—Bishop Crowther, lately relained by his white brethren in England, as made his first Episcopal visitation in internal Leone and adjacent heathen territory. one station he confirmed twenty-one can-

THE ZULUS. -Mr. Tyler writes to the Board from Esidumbini, Nov. 25, that a pes-tilence is making fearful ravages. "The from heathen superstition and vanities. We have seen some dark days at Esidumbini, but

FROM MADAGASCAR, Mr. Ellis, of the London Missionary Society's Mission, writes:—"It is my privilege to be able, amidst some discouragements, to witness the progressive triumphs of the Gospel in this part of Madagascar. No exciting and extensive awakening on the subject of religion takes place REVIVALS continue to be reported from all | nothing like what are deemed revivals in quarters. The Methodist papers have accounts of their progress in nearly every loyal steady, quiet, and slightly fluctuating increase Sate, and reported conversions foot up to of believers to my own church and congregation, as well as to others with which I am best acquainted. Besides this, there has been peculiarly encouraging intelligence of the work of the Divine Spirit at Fianarantsoa, in the South, and the extreme limits of Imerina, in the West; as well as evidence of patience and cheerful confidence among the believers at Ambohimanga, in the North.'

sioned by the Taepings, who do not appear to be entirely put down. At Amoy, Chang-Chew, and Chioh-be the people were seized with a panic, and all work was arrested. It is gratifying, however, to know that, although he heathen temples and idols were destroyed the mission chapels were spared, and that all the Christians were kept in safety. Rev. H. L. McKenzie, of the English Pres-

byterian Mission, at Swatow, writes as follows, Oct. 24th:—"I rejoice to say that we enjoy good opportunities of preaching the gospel in the villages around, far and near. In our visit (I was accompanied by two of the native assistants) to the large village of Chung Lim, about five or six miles distant, on Friday last, we were, on the whole, well received, and had several good opportunities of preaching. In that same village, about three and a half years ago, Mr. Burns and the native brethren were assaulted and driven out of it by an angry mob.'

TURKEY.—Missionaries in Turkey state that now, in the absence of Sir H. Bulwer, the whole influence of the British Embassy is thrown into the right scale in regard to reli-gious questions. Mr. Stuart, the Charge d'-Affaires, has the esteem and respect of all, and manifests the same readiness to defend religious liberty which characterized the pre-decessors of Sir Henry.

From Western Turkey, Mr. Herrick writing to the American Board, announces that Ahmed Agha, returned from his exile, is again abiding in peace, with his family, at Constantinople; while the recent events, which for a time seemed so unpropitious, now appear likely to have the effect of strengthening rather than weakening the cause of Protestant Christianity throughout the country. The laboring force in the Turkish department of the mission, would be kish department of the mission work, he

tion by the people of Magnesia, with prompt and correct action by government officials, so that the result is likely to be good.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.—The report from the London Missionary Society says:—"In no section of the mission field are the increasing power and extending progress of the Gospel more striking and impressive than among the various tribes of the South Pacific Islands. In the social and moral transformation of thousands and tens of thousands of these islanders from savages and murderers to loving husbands, tender fathers, and peace ful neighbors, we find living illustrations of prophetic imagery: 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle-tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.' Every successive year brings fresh tidings of these marvelous achievements of redeeming power

and grace. "In no missionary field has the apostolic counsel to Timothy been more diligently carried out than by our brethren in Polynesia: 'The things which thou hast heard of me, the same commit thou to faithful men, who may be able to teach others also.' The happy results are now seen in the successful labors of Native Evangelists, by whom the Gospel has been carried to distant islands, and to tribes sitting in darkness and the shadow of death; and, but for the courage and constancy, the Christian teaching and holy example of these humble and devoted servants of the Lord Jesus, thousands and tens of thousands who now rejoice in the light and liberty of Christ would have sat beneath death's dark shadow until the present hour. In the institution in the Island of Tahaa there are now twenty-six students: in the institution of Rarotonga, eighteen; in Samoa, eighty-eight. Total, one hundred and thirty-

The French Emperor has answered courteously to a memorial from Protestant friends of missions in the regions lately invaded by the naval forces of France, saying that he has sent a reproof to the author of the proceedings on Loyalty Islands and promising equal liberty to Protestants and Catholics in their missionary labors.

NEW HEBRIDES .- Letters from the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces have been received and appear in full in the Home and Foreign Record for March. They are up to Oct. 11th. The Record says:—"The New Hebrides Mission has had its dark days, and our pages within the last few years have carried many a message of sorrow. But now it would appear as if the many prayers of the church have been heard, that the clouds were passing away and a brighter day was beginning to dawn. Now that the Dayspring has arrived we have reason for gratitude, that an agency so impor-tant has been added to the New Hebrides mission. At the latest dates she had made two trips among the islands, one of inquiry as to the most suitable place for the location of the missionaries, the second for the settlement Messrs Morrison and Gordon. She was then engaged on her third voyage and expected to make another before leaving for

Sydney in December."
Dillon's Bay in Erromauga, and the Island After many vexations delays, he of Fate which has been partially evangelized church so contrary in doctrine and practice to aces. After many vertical descriptions and practice to ceeded in obtaining an interview with one by native teachers, have been occupied as new itself, is a most marvellous inconsistency, the heathen kings, with a view to the in- mission stations by these persevering breth. And yet it is well known that leading minds

troduction of the Gospel. He also ordained Mr. Coombe as a deacon, October 10th.

The Zulus.—Mr. Tyler writes to the Life during the recent attack of the French, tor some time." and were not allowed to land.

> FRIENDLY ISLANDS.—VAVAU.—The reviv ing influences of the Holy Spirit continue to be felt here. There has been an increase to the church of 84 members, and upwards of 150 are upon trial. The efforts of Popery cause much trouble to the missionaries. The Superior of the French Mission has come to Vavau, and the Papists have again commenced their systematic Sabbath-breaking, by assembling on the afternoon of the Lord's Day to sing songs and to play games. This is not permitted by law, but they have it done on the Catholic Mission premises, as a part of their religion, professedly to keep the people out of mischief. By this means, however, they induce none to join them except a few of the worst and most ignorant, and an instance has lately occurred where a priest was signally confounded in an argument about baptismal regeneration by a Christian native.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN JAPAN. - Rev. S. R. Brown, missionary of the Reformed Dutch Church, writes to Lucius Hart, Esq., of New York, under date of Yokohama, Dec. 17th, as follows:-

"You probably have heard of the little American Church organized here, and that I am its acting pastor. The Lord has blessed this little vine. Since last December there has scarcely been a communion season at which we have not received some one or more accessions to our church. Most of them have been from the men-of-war in port. One merchant ship furnished three. Within a few days past I have reason to believe two souls have found their way to Jesus. I am looking every day for the arrival of books and Bibles for use in this needy field. I have given away every Bible and tract I could get. The love of money and of pleasure, sensual and devilish, absorbs the mind and energy of most men here. I should be afraid to tell you how many grog shops have sprung up all over the place. They are a crying nuisance. Worse places, too, are opened, if worse can be, to entrap the silly creatures whose god is their belly, and who glory in their shame. I hope the Lord did not direct our ships here for naught, and that on the great day, if not before, there will be seen fruits of this grace, that have sprung up here.'

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.—The Free Church Record states that "there has scarcely been a month, for some time past, in which tidings have not reached us respecting fresh accessions to the Church of Christ, in connection with our Indian and African mis sion. Surely this is matter of sincere thankfulness to God, and of abundant encouragement to persevere in a work which the Lord of the harvest is honoring with such signal tokens of his approbation.

A Protestant Church edifice, to cost \$200,000, is in process of erection at Naples. \$30,000 are yet wanting to make up the required amount.—The recent appropriations made by the New York Councils toward purely Romish institutions in the city, such as colleges, asylums, etc., amount in all to \$55,000.—The well-known "Father Chiniquy," of Kankakee, Ill., has gone to England, appealing for help in his work, on the plea that "it is impossible to expect any thing in America." We suppose the real difficulty is a want of hearty confidence in the man.— The Young Men's Christian Association of Boston has effected the organization of a new Temperance Society, and more vigorous efforts are to be made to save young men from ruin. — An English lady, Mrs. Thistlewaite, is preaching and exhorting at religious meetings in Paris. One of her principal objects is the benefit of the English stable boys in Paris, a numerous class, whose religious and moral wants are scarcely less than those of the heathen.—In the R. C. Parish Church in Montreal, imposing ceremonies have recently been held to honor the memory of French Canadians who have been killed in the war of the American rebellion. —Rev. E. Currie and wife, and Dr. Barnett expect to sail for Egypt in May, as missionaries of the O. S. Pres. Board of Foreign Missions.

—The sum of about \$300,000 has been KID GLOVES. paid over by the trustees of the widow of John Scott, Esq., in different proportions, to several benevolent societies connected with the English Church, the British and Foreign Bible Society, however, coming in for a share.

Rev. Evan M. Johnson, D.D., Rector of St. John's (Episcopal) Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and the oldest settled clergyman of

THE LATE "GREEK CHURCH" SER-

19th inst., aged 72 years.

that denomination in the State, died on the

VICE IN NEW YORK. Most of the non-Episcopal religious papers in New York—the Observer and Evangelist, at considerable length, and with just and forcible eprobation—have shown up the high church affiliations of New York Episcopacy, in making the priests and services of the Russo Greek Church welcome to fraternal privileges which would have been denied to many of the most eminent divines and Christians of our own land. The case is this -- We copy from well-compressed version of the affair in the Presbyterian Banner:—"A few weeks ago a priest of the Russo-Greek Church, upon invitation of Bishop Potter, of the Diocese of New York, performed the full services of that church within the walls of old Trinity, and arrangements have been made for the regular services of the Greek Church to be di pensec in a chapel belonging to the Corporation of Trinity. Dr. Dix, the Rector of Trinity, and his assistants, are represented as taking a deep interest in this movement. Their right to do so we will not dispute, but how church which excludes all fellowship with other Protestant churches, can enter into such close and cordial fellowship with a church retaining so many errors condemned by the Episcopal Church, surpasses comprehension. The creed as used by the Episcopal Church, acknowledges that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, but the Greek Church denies that the Holy Shost proceeds from the Son. The Episcopal Church only admits two Sacraments; but the Greek Church claims seven. The Episcopal Church repudiates transubstantiation out the Greek Church holds to it. The Episcopal Church does not admit of prayers dead, but the Greek Church does. The Greek Church also prays to the Virgin Mary, and teaches the meritoriousness of fasting and good works. In the Greek Church the bishops must be unmarried; priests may marry before taking orders, but not afterwards. These are but a few of the contrasts between the two churches. Yet here we have the most exclusive of Protestant denominations, passing by all other Protest antism to grasp the hand of a church retaining many of the peculiarities most opposed to the very principles upon which Protestant sm takes its stand. As might have been expected, Romanists are in high glee over this strange affiliation. Upon no principles of correct reasoning can the consistency of this procedure with the pretensions of Episcopacy be defended. No one doubts the right of the Greek Church to establish its form of worship in this country. But that Episcopacy should exclude all Protestantism

outside of itself, from its intimate fellowship,

and at the same time take to its bosom a

MARRIAGES. OGELSBY-DALZELL. On the 6th of October, 1864, by the Rev. John McMilian, Ellswood B. Oglesby, of Allegheny City, to Lizzie J., eldest daughter of the late W. J. Dalzell, of Pittsburgh.

DEATHS.

McMILLAN.—In Xenia, March 18th, of whooping cough, Alexander, infant son of James C. and Mary E. McMillah, aged 3 months. "He gathers the lambs into his bosom."

Special Antices.

Columbia, will meet in the Fourth Church, Washington, D. C., the 4th of April. 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. W. McLAIN, Stated Clerk.

As Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery stands adjourned to meet in Beverly Presbyterian Church, Tuesday [11th April, 7½ o'clock, P. M. Opening sermon by Rev. Joseph G. Williamson, Moderator, T. J. SHEPHERD, Stated Clerk.

RS Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.— The eighty-eighth meeting in behalf of this Society, will be held in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Eighteenth and Christian streets, on Sabbath evening, April 2d, at 7½ o'clock. Several addresses will be made. The public are invited.

183 The Annual Meeting of the Milwau-kee Presbytery, will be held in the First Presby-terian Church of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of May hext, (May 2d) at 7 o'clock P. M. Statistical Reports and Collections for the Assembly and Presby-terial Funds will be called for at that Meeting. G. W. ELLIOTT, Stated Clerk.

Third Presbytery of Philadelphia.—
The Stated Meeting will be held in the Green Hill Church, on Tuesday, April 4th, at 3 o'clock P. M. The sermen of the Moderator (Rev. Dr. March), at a quarter before 8 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records to be presented for examination. Standing Committees on Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Publication, and Ministerial Relief Fund, will present their Annual Reports.

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