

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

THE FIRST FRUITS.—We have before us the wonderful revivals in some of the rural districts of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The last Presbyterian has the account of the communion Sabbath, 8th inst., in Rev. Mr. Umsted's church at Fagg's Manor. One hundred and fifty-seven new communicants came to the table. It was a season of indescribably tender interest. The account adds: "The work has not ended; many others, not yet recalled, are deeply exercised about their soul's salvation. Persons have been operated upon in the community who have not attended our meetings. The Spirit of God seemed, and still seems, to be diffused through the atmosphere. The judgment day only will reveal the number brought under the influence of this great awakening. In several other churches the good work is going on, and we are looking for a great outpouring within our bounds. May we not expect the windows of heaven to be opened over this whole land?"

The same paper has a note from Rev. Mr. Rittenhouse, of the Middle Otsego Church, which speaks of an accession of eighty-six on profession, on the preceding Sabbath. The writer says: "The history of this revival is briefly this—We laid hold upon God's promises; we asked and we received; we sought and we found. The Lord has been faithful to his promise, and to his name be all the glory."

MORE OF THE PREVALENT TONE.—In the account of the late meeting of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, (O. S.) we find the following:—"According to usual order, a free conversation on the state of religion was held, which proved to be one of marked interest and importance. Encouraging reports were made by many of the pastors of increased attendance upon, and attention to the means of grace, and in some instances of large additions to the communion of the church; but still the conviction generally obtained, that a revival of religion is greatly needed, and should be earnestly sought. A full conference on this subject, occupying nearly one-half of the entire session of the Presbytery, manifests the interest felt therein."

ITEMS.—Rev. R. A. Johnston, after a pastorate of more than twenty years, the oldest in the Transylvania Presby., has taken his dismissal from the church in Paint Lick, Ky.—Yesterday was the day designated by the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, to be observed by its congregations as a day of Special Thanksgiving for God's goodness the past season. It was a congregational service, following the installation of A. B. Simpson over the Knox Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Canada West, the ladies of the congregation presented their new pastor with a handsome pulpit gown and cassock—a gift which, to a Presbyterian minister this side of the lakes, would be of small account.—Rev. James Alexander and wife, missionaries from Boston a few days since, for their field of labor in India.—A revival in progress is reported from the Presbyterian church in Bowling Green, Ky.—The Presbytery of Northumberland, on the 21st inst., installed Rev. H. Graham Finney over the churches of Lycoming, Lycoming Centre, and Linden; Pa.—The Presbytery of Washington, (O. S.) occupying the southwestern part of Pennsylvania, has ordained Mr. Wm. S. Van Cleave as an evangelist, to labor among destitute churches under its care.—The Presbytery of Carlisle installed Rev. B. M. Kerr over the church in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on the 31st inst.—The Synod of Virginia, recently in session in Lynchburg, has recently adopted resolutions in favor of maintaining separate church organization in Virginia.—The members of the Presbytery of Troy, O. S., and the Presbytery of Argyle, Un. Pres., have recently held a united meeting of three days, devoted exclusively to spiritual edification.

CONGREGATIONAL.

BREAKING GROUND IN WASHINGTON.—The National Intelligencer of the 23rd ult. says:—"Last Sabbath the Congregational Society, now formally and effectively organized, held its first service in the Unitarian Church, corner of Sixth and D street. Rev. Charles B. Boynton, D.D., for nearly twenty years a popular and successful preacher and pastor of Cincinnati, officiated morning and afternoon to large audiences. The society, we learn will soon take measures preparatory to building a large and handsome church edifice, commensurate with the growing population of the Capital; and it has the promise of liberal aid from the great Congregational Council, held in June last, in Boston, which gave new energy to Congregationalism throughout the country."

REFORMED DUTCH.

THE SEMINARY.—The inauguration of Rev. Dr. Demarest as Professor of Historical Theology and Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, located in New Brunswick, N. J., took place on the 19th ultimo. It was an event of interest, and the exercises were attended by a numerous and appreciative assembly. The Seminary year opens with an accession of eleven students. Others are expected to apply for admission.

ITEMS.—Rev. Henry E. Decker was, on the 19th ultimo, dismissed from the Church in Piermont, with a view of accepting a call in Michigan.—Arrangements have been made for the installation of Rev. John Steeles over the First R. D. Church in Paterson, N. J., also for the installation of Rev. W. W. Holloway over the Broadway R. D. Church, in the same city.—A late meeting of the Classis of Greene, (N. Y.) being likely to fail on account of the non-appearance of a quorum on the appointed morning, the pastor of the church rode "going and coming, twenty-two miles, and rallied the needed number."—Rev. V. M. Hulbert, late of Yonkers, New York, was installed at White Plains, New York, on the 21st ultimo.—Sermon by Dr. Ganss.—The North Dutch Church in Albany, New York, has recently suffered an active benevolent revival, the work of which was supervised by Rev. W. M. Holmes, who was installed over the R. D. Church, of Hudson, New York, on the 24th ultimo.—Rev. George H. Peck was installed over the First R. D. Church, Jersey City, on the 1st inst.

METHODIST.

ERIE CONFERENCE.—The Statistics of this Conference, covering the northwestern portion of Pennsylvania, and the northeastern of Ohio, give 25,529 church members, a decrease of 370 during the year; 2,284 probationers; a decrease of 92; 367 churches; valued at \$764,800, an increase of 5 churches valued at \$52,100; 121 parsonages, valued at \$132,705, an increase of 10 parsonages and \$38,585. The contributions for the past year were as follows: for Conference claimants \$3,372, an increase of \$827; for Missionary Society \$24,491, an increase of \$6,663; for Tract Society \$878, an increase of \$314; for Bible Society \$6,217, an increase of \$2,422;

and for Sunday School Union \$804, an increase of \$249.

SOUTHERN KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.—We have already noticed the decision made at the late meeting of this Conference at Covington, by a vote of 37 to 25, to abide with the M. E. Church South, and its General Conference until the proper time to move in the matter of reunion with the North. Since then eighteen ministers have withdrawn from the Church, after framing and printing an address to the ministers and members of Southern Methodist. This is a calm document, but severely animadverts upon the Southern Bishops and Church dignitaries for opposing the spirit of unity and fraternity. These withdrawing ministers propose to "seek a communion more in harmony with the spirit of the age and the demands of Christian principle."

ITEMS.—The annual meeting of the "National Local Preachers' Association," a new and important institution of the M. E. Church, commenced its sessions in Wilmington, Del., on last Saturday.—Seventeen young persons were recently received into full membership in the Liberty Street M. E. Church, Pittsburg.—A revival is reported as in process on the Warrenville charge in the Erie Conference.—Rev. Z. S. Weller writes from Hannibal, Mo., that the work of revival is progressing gloriously. He looks for wondrous displays in Missouri generally.—About eighty conversions are reported as the fruits of camp-meeting in Blacksville, West Virginia.—Two Wesleyan missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Ralph Arnold and James Edney, have recently died in St. Kitts, W. I.

BAPTIST.

DEATH OF DR. FRANCIS WAYLAND.—Rev. Dr. Francis Wayland, who was more than twenty-eight years President of Brown University, was prostrated by a paralytic stroke on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, and died on the following Saturday, aged sixty-nine years. Dr. Wayland was born in New York in 1796. After graduating at Union College in 1813, he studied medicine, and was licensed as a physician. Having joined the Baptist Church, he pursued a course of theological studies at Andover, and afterwards, while a tutor at Union College, was for five years minister of the First Baptist Church, in Boston; and after having been for a few months a professor at Union College, was, in December, 1826, chosen President of Brown University, succeeding Dr. Messer. Dr. Wayland held his responsible post for a quarter of a century, resigning in 1855. Since that time he has been occupied in literary and benevolent labors of various kinds, and has also performed some ministerial duty. Among his works may be mentioned "Elements of Moral Science," and "Elements of Political Economy," both extensively used as class-books; "Life of Adoniram Judson," two volumes; and "Intellectual Philosophy." He was a man of large frame and imposing presence, such as well corresponded with his breadth and strength of mind. His life was one of very great and very practical usefulness.

AN ITEM WITH ITS MORAL.—A correspondent of the Chicago Christian Times and Witness, reports the reception by the Mattoon Baptist Association of the newly organized Wabash Point Church, and then adds: "This church was separated during the year from Mattoon, leaving the mother church with almost no financial ability at all. The strong arm is cut off. Thus Mattoon, a place of 3000 or 4000 people, like almost every other important town in Southern Illinois, is doomed to be deprived of Baptist influence and effort, by the short-sighted policy of Baptists themselves. Very many of the most prosperous towns in this part of the State are in a similar predicament. Within three or five miles of them, and in the town itself nothing, or at most a little starveling church, or a few members without courage sufficient to organize. If these would consent to work together, there would be many strong and efficient churches in a region of country comprising thirty-six counties, all south of the Terre Haute and Alton Railroad, where now there is not more than one Baptist Church that is really sustaining a pastor. This state of things is very much to be deplored. We heard an intelligent Baptist minister, who has been fifteen years on this field, say that he only knew of four Baptist pastors in these thirty-six counties who were aiming to give their whole time to the ministry, and who live by ministerial labor."

COLORED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—A correspondent of the Watchman and Reflector writes from Savannah, Ga., Aug. 31st: "I send you a copy of the Minutes of a New Association, which our colored churches have formed. An organization was much needed, and when they suggested constituting one, I approved it, and aided them in the undertaking. I am pleased with the beginning which they have made, and hope in may God's aid, in the ordination of three ministers in Brother Cox's church. They are promising men. The churches composing this Association are the colored churches in Savannah, four in number, the Hilton Head church, the St. Helena church and the Beaufort church."

REVIVAL.—Rev. G. W. Patch, of Marblehead, is enjoying a precious revival among his people. Bro. P. had a successful pastorate of more than fifteen years, and his present experience confirms the truth that a permanent ministry is the most fruitful of good.—Cor. National Baptist.

ITEMS.—Rev. Warren B. Clapp, former pastor of the Baptist Church in Dover, N. H., died in Portland, N. Y., on the 27th ult.—Rev. E. T. Hissox, D.D., has gone, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, to spend a few weeks in Missouri, to counsel and aid pastors and vacant churches in the present emergency.—Mr. Lewis P. Hornberger received ordination in this city, on the 21st ultimo.—Rev. Thomas Roberts, a venerable Baptist minister, died in Middletown, N. J., on the 23d ultimo.—An extensive revival in Gouverneur, N. Y., was reported at the late meeting of the St. Lawrence Association.—The Baptist Church in Coventry, N. Y., reports a season of refreshing.—The Freewill Baptists of Rhode Island, are working industriously to bring their literary school, the Lapham Institute, into a flourishing condition, and with considerable success. They have a handsome and large building, and a good number of students.—Zion Baptist Church, in Portsmouth, Va., a new organization, is enjoying a revival.

EPISCOPAL.

ITEMS.—The New York Episcopal Convention adjourned without taking any notice of the controversy between Bishop Potter and a portion of the clergymen of the diocese, on the question of allowing "heretics" to occupy their pulpits.—Grace Church at Mount Airy, a suburb of this city, hitherto a chapel of Christ Church, Germantown, has been set off as an independent church, with Rev. Alexander Shipp as rector.—Rev. Dr. Quintard, Bishop elect of Tennessee, writes to General Thomas that he never believed in, or voted for, or taught secession. He only recognized the de facto government over him, and he never prayed for the overthrow of the Union arms, "never having, in any of his ministrations, besides temporary labors at various other points. After a service of seven years, he returns to the East to continue his ministerial work there

and he means heartily and cheerfully to keep it.—The Church Intelligencer, of the 25th ult., says:—"A telegram to us, from Bishop Elliott, announces that the House of Southern Bishops will meet in Augusta, as heretofore published. The difficulty and expense of traveling, we presume, are the chief causes."

LUTHERAN.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—A Lutheran Church enterprise for both German and English preaching, has been inaugurated in West Greenville, a thriving town in Mercer co., Pa. The corner-stone of a large church edifice, with fine architectural plans, was laid on the 23rd ult. The services of the occasion were in both languages. Rev. Mr. Ulery, a missionary of the Pittsburg Synod, has charge of the English speaking part of the congregation.

LUTHERANISM IN CANADA.—The Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church met last month in Heidelberg, Waterloo Co., C. W. It was found that the churches generally are growing in numbers, in activity and liberality. A number of charges have not only become self-sustaining, but some of them are nobly contributing to sustain the various benevolent operations of the church. Home Missions claim their particular attention, and this case receives the largest amount of contributions; but Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, and the Orphan cause are also aided more and more from year to year.

ITEMS.—The newly erected college, under the guardianship of the Lutheran church, at Watertown, Wis., was dedicated with religious services, on the 14th ult.—The Lutheran college in Fairfield, Iowa, has commenced its annual session, presided over by the student's association, and presided over by the Lutheran pastor of three united churches in Westmoreland Co., Pa., vacated by the decease of Rev. Father Lawson, was filled by the installation of Rev. J. P. Hentz on the 3rd ult.—Rev. W. O. Wilson was recently installed over the Bethlehem charge, Washington Co., Pa.

THE ARMY.

It must not be forgotten that we have yet an army, still large, though shorn of its late magnificent proportions, and still a very important field for Christian effort. We are happy to record now and then a token of religious influence still abiding with it, in connection with the regular chaplain. A Chattanooga correspondent of the Christian Herald writes that there is quite a religious interest in the Forty-fourth Colored Infantry, and also in the Eighteenth, who are in the same encampment. In the evening the two chaplains invited their men to chapel headquarters, and we held a very pleasant service. He says:—"I have seldom really and thoroughly enjoyed a meeting more than I did that. How sweetly and grandly solemn their singing, outdoors, 'under the stars and beneath the shadows of Lookout Mountain!'"

MISSIONARY.

MISSIONARY FORCE OF THE WORLD.—The whole number of American Evangelist Missionary Societies is 16, having under their charge 2,388 missionaries, native preachers, &c.; 54,000 church members, 22,000 pupils, and receipts amounting to \$1,100,000. In Great Britain there are 20 Missionary Societies; missionaries, native preachers, &c., 5,216; members, 185,090; pupils, 201,000; receipts, \$3,094,000. On the continent of Europe there are 12 Societies, of which six are in Germany. They have 811 missionaries, &c., 79,000 church members, receipts, \$267,000. Total of Protestant Missionary Associations, 58; missionaries and native helpers, 9,418; members, 43,481,000. This includes a few minor missionary efforts, undertaken, as on various Pacific islands, by converts from among the heathen, for the benefit of other and still more degraded tribes.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

PROPOSED REFORM OF THE R. C. CHURCH IN ITALY.—"G. D. F.," the French correspondent of the N. Y. Observer, gives an account of a Society for the Emancipation of the Clergy, which has sprung up in Italy under the lead of Father Prota, an old monk intelligent and courageous, and which already numbers among its members more than a thousand ecclesiastics. Its leading principles are:—

- 1st. The Pope is to be the primate of the Universal Church, and will assemble, as soon as possible, a general council, for the purpose of nullifying and repealing the various Bulls and dispensations of the Gregorian popes, bishops, and bishops shall resume possession of their ancient rights, of which they have been deprived since the pontificate of Gregory VII.
- 2d. The priests of an inferior order and the people will take part freely in the election of curates, bishops, and even of the Pope.
- 3d. Religious worship will be conducted in the various national languages; the Bible will be circulated freely, and will be put in the hands of all.
- 4th. Auricular confession shall be no longer obligatory; each member of the Church shall do, in respect to the just, best, and the sacerdotal jurisdiction shall be conformed to the canonical rules of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.
- 5th. Common priests shall have the right to deliberate and vote in provincial synods.
- 6th. Obligatory celibacy shall be abolished for all the ecclesiastics.
- 7th. Full liberty of conscience shall be recognized by the church, and every measure of coercion shall be completely abandoned.

All very well, but the effort will be lost labor, except as its result will add another to the many demonstrations that there is no mid-way ground between old fossilized Romanism and out-and-out Protestantism.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REVIVAL IN GALLATIEN, KY.—An interesting revival is in progress in this place, in which the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist Churches participate. To each of them there have been a good number of accessions by profession.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—The following missionaries embarked on the 4th inst., on board the ship Leucotches, bound from Boston for India:—The Rev. N. Harris, who is returning to a work in which he was formerly engaged, and the Rev. E. O. Stevens and wife, all three of whom go under the patronage and direction of the American Baptist Missionary Union, to labor in Burma; the Rev. Mr. Alexander and wife, who go under the auspices and direction of the Presbyterian Board; and Mrs. Bachellor, of the Free Will Baptist Association, who goes to join her husband in the mission work at Oussa, Hindostan.

CLERGYMEN LEAVING CALIFORNIA.—The steamer which left on the 2d inst., carried away from this coast, six clergymen.—Rev. J. H. Brodt, Rev. W. F. Snow, Rev. W. B. Brown, Rev. James Cameron, Rev. T. H. Pearce, D.D., and Rev. Mr. Roberts. Several of these have been among the best laborers in this Pacific field. Rev. J. H. Brodt deserves especial and honorable mention. He came to California in the fall of 1854. He had labored steadily in Columbia, Patagonia and Marysville, besides temporary labors at various other points. After a service of seven years, he returns to the East to continue his ministerial work there

Verily, at this rate, California will be well represented in the Pastorates of the Atlantic slope.—San Francisco Pacific.

ITEMS.—Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, of Hartford, having been mustered out of service as chaplain of the 10th Connecticut, is to return immediately to the secretaryship of the American Sunday-school Union for New England.

Rev. Samuel H. Hall, D.D., late pastor of our church in Owego, N. D., has been elected corresponding secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and has entered upon the duties of that office, at No. 80 Wall Street, New York.—Rev. J. C. Holbrook sailed for England on the 7th inst., to represent the American Missionary Association, with reference to the cause of the Freedmen. He expects to be engaged several months in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, and good results are anticipated from his labors. He will also visit the Continent before he returns.

Mrs. Mary Warburton, of Hartford, Conn., is about erecting a chapel in that city, at a probable expense of \$15,000, to be used for the Union Sabbath school, and also a place of preaching for the Germans.

FOREIGN.

WEST BRUNSWICK, ENG.—The Lord Jesus is still owning and blessing the labors of his people in this town in the conversion of sinners. A series of meetings, called "Lamp-light Meetings," are being held by our young converts, who meet together on week evenings beneath one of the town lamps, by the light of which they give out a hymn and offer up prayer to God, after which short and earnest addresses are delivered. The people flock together in large numbers, and listen to the word with deep attention.—Review.

NEW GRENADA.—An American engineer writes to the Am. and For. Christian Union from Buenaventura:—"I can assure you, as a positive fact, that in this State of Cauca, with which I am well acquainted, there is not one single person among the natives, who has ever read or seen the Scriptures, or has an idea that such a book exists. Of churches or Sabbath-schools there are none here, nor any kind of religious books. In fact, here we have a wide field open, and there is room for all Protestant missionaries. The present government is a liberal one, and very much opposed to all Catholic priests, Jesuits, etc., and I dare say that your works would be welcomed by them."

CHINA.—The Evangelical Christendom gives an account of a journey made by an agent of the Scottish National Bible Society, and his brother, a missionary, into the interior of Mongolia, and the success they met with in the sale of copies of the word of God. The books were everywhere bought with the utmost avidity, and at the prices put on them by the vendors. It is probable that nothing more than literary curiosity was at the bottom of this eagerness, but it is impossible to resist the dissemination of so many copies of the Divine Book among that benighted population without a yearning prayer to its Author that the entrance of his word may give light.

DEATH OF REV. ROBERT YOUNG.—We have some readers who will recollect that the particular occasion of the disruption of the church of Scotland, in 1843, and the formation of a protesting free church under the head of Dr. Chalmers, and other leading Presbyterians, was the enforcement by the civil authority of an order upon the Strathgobry Presbytery to install Rev. Robert Young over the Auchterarder parish. The Presbytery, of its own free will, would have denied him an installation. The case was carried through all the courts, and finally decided in the House of Lords, under whose compulsion the installation took place. Mr. Young resigned a few weeks since until removed by

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY IN CHILI.—By the latest arrival, it appears that the "Bill of Interpretation," as it is called, which establishes the most liberal construction of the Constitution in favor of religious freedom, has passed both houses of the Chilean Congress. So that now it is said that "Free worship, which has existed in fact in some of the towns of Chili, more especially in Valparaiso, will have acquired the legal sanction which it lacked; and edifices of all denominations may be put up and protected by law. No greater proof of the advancement of Chili in civilization and knowledge exists than the attitude of the majority of her people, who have assumed in this important question, and it is to be hoped that the good example she has set will be followed by her sister republics of South America."

UNION OF ENGLISH, GREEK AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES.—On Thursday evening the first of a series of services was held in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Munster square, in connection with a movement, which seems to have received much support, amongst the members of the Church of England. So much attention, indeed, has the scheme commanded, that during to-day and Sunday there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion in connection with it in nearly 300 churches in England. At the service last night, the Rev. F. G. Lee, M. A., formerly of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, was the preacher. An address has been issued addressed to all "who, while they lament the divisions amongst Christians, look forward for their healing mainly to a corporate reunion of those three great bodies which claim for themselves the inheritance of the priesthood and the name of Catholic."

ENGLISH, ROMISH, AND GREEK UNION.—A singular religious movement was begun in England a few weeks ago. It is proposed to unite the members of the English, Roman Catholic and Greek Churches in friendly communion, and the public journals report that three hundred churches in England have assented to the measure. From a statement made by Rev. F. G. Hall, formerly of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, we gather the following indications of the character and purpose of this movement:—"An institution has been formed under the title of 'The Association for the Promotion of the Unity of Christendom,' to unite in a bond of intercessory prayer members both of the clergy and laity of the Roman Catholic, Greek and Anglican communions. To all it is said, 'who, while they lament the divisions amongst Christians, look forward for their healing mainly to a corporate reunion of those three great bodies which claim for themselves the inheritance of the priesthood and the name of Catholic, an appeal is made. They are not asked to compromise any principles which they, rightly or wrongly, hold dear; they are simply asked to unite for the promotion of a high and holy end. The names of members are to be kept strictly private, and the only obligation imposed upon those who join the association is the daily use of a short prayer, to which is added, in the case of priests, the offering, at least once in three months, of the Holy Sacrifice.—N. Y. Observer.

ITEMS.—Rev. Mr. Preston, of the Presbyterian Board's mission in China, in an excursion up the North River, noticed, as an indication of the decline of idolatry, that the pagodas are all old, and when one falls into ruins, no new one is built in its place. The clergy in Natal, Bishop Colenso's South African Diocese, in accepting the decision of the home Privy Council, have resolved not to recognize the authority of the semi-indefinite prelate.—In Quatemala, the influence of

Jesuitism with the government is restored.—The Moravian missionary ship, Harmony, the ninth of a series, which, for the last ninety-five years have made an annual voyage from England to Greenland and Labrador, sailed out of the Thames a few weeks since, with five missionaries for those desolate regions.

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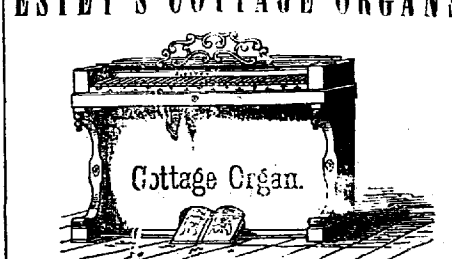
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