

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

More Revivals in New Castle Presbytery.—A revival of great power is now in progress in the churches of White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana, Delaware, under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. L. Vallandigham.

GERMAN REFORMED.

Items.—Letters from the Rev. Dr. F. Schaff, resigning his professorship in the Theological Seminary were received by the Synod of the German Reformed Church at its late meeting.

EPISCOPAL.

The General Convention of the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America," was held in Augusta, Georgia, commencing on the 8th ult.

1. That in the judgment of this council it is perfectly consistent with the good faith which she owes to the bishops and dioceses with which she has been in union since 1861, for any diocese to decide for herself whether she shall any longer continue in union with this council.

2. That it be recommended that wherever the word Confederate occurs in the standards of the church the word United be substituted therefor.

3. That inasmuch as the change recommended in the preceding resolution (being a change in the Prayer Book) cannot legally be completed until the next meeting of this council, that under the circumstances it should in the meantime have the force of law in a diocese with the approbation of its bishop and council.

4. That each diocese now in connection with this council shall be governed by the constitution and canons thereof, until such time as it shall have declared its withdrawal therefrom as hereafter provided for.

5. That whenever any diocese shall determine to withdraw from this ecclesiastical confederation, such withdrawal shall be duly accomplished when an official notice, signed by the bishop and secretary of such diocese, shall have been given to the bishops of the dioceses remaining in connection with this council.

6. That the last of the series of preambles which preface the above resolutions, is as follows:— "And Whereas, The spirit of charity which prevailed in the proceedings of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States at its late session in Philadelphia, has warmly recommended itself to the hearts of this council, therefore," etc.

Virginia and South Carolina were unanimous in the expression of their determination to stand by their present organization. There is some doubt about the positions of Georgia and Alabama.

Coming Up.—On a recent Sabbath morning, Dr. Durbin presented the missionary cause at Rev. Mr. Payne's Methodist Church in Williamsburg, New York, and a collection of \$4300 was taken.

Missionary Aid to the South.—The M. E. Church is fully aroused to its Southern work. We find the following statement in the notice of the annual meeting of that church, held in New York, November 27:— "For missionary purposes, the Southern territory has been divided into five departments, designated as the Interior, Northern, Middle, Southern, and Mississippi departments. The appropriations made to them are very liberal. For the Southern department, embracing Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, a grant of \$40,000 has been made; for the Middle department, comprising Western and Middle Tennessee and Alabama, \$72,000; for the Mississippi department, which contains the States of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, \$89,000; for the Northern department, including Eastern Virginia and North Carolina, \$28,000; for the Interior department, \$20,000; for the education of colored ministers, \$20,000; for a contingent fund to be applied to this field, \$31,000; making a grand total of over \$300,000. Besides this sum, about \$100,000 have been appropriated to aid our Conferences whose fields of labor lie within Southern States."

Items.—Rev. John F. Booth, the energetic and effective young pastor of the M. E. Church of the Tabernacle in New York, died at Greenpoint, L. I., on Sabbath the 26th inst.

Methodist.—Unusual seriousness prevails in many of the churches in Philadelphia. The veteran evangelist, Rev. Jacob Knapp, has been laboring several weeks in the Mariner's church, where about fifty have been baptised. From thence he goes to the Fourth church, of which Dr. Jeffrey is pastor.

Specimen of the Western Work.—An interesting correspondent of the National Baptist says of Rev. J. M. Smith, who resides at Acton, Marion County, Ind.:— "This good brother represents a large class in Indiana who are pastors of several churches to which they preach once or twice a month at most, while the rest of the time these churches have no preaching. Brother Smith is pastor of four churches, and has been greatly blessed in his labors since coming to his present field. Within two years he has been permitted to baptise one hundred and thirty-two converts and to see his churches much strengthened."

What can be Done.—The Young People's Missionary Association of the Baptist Church, Eighteenth and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, James B. Simmons, pastor, have recently held their third anniversary. The following is an imperfect summary of the last year's work: A weekly prayer-meeting has been sustained with an average attendance of 150; a goodly number of neglecters of religious observance have been brought to the door; nearly 5000 pages of temperance tracts given away; a number of rum-sellers visited in their families and conversations held to induce them to abandon their criminal business; \$232 31 disbursed in the prosecution of the year's labors. The pastor of this church, and James H. Eldredge, the President of the Association, have had numerous inquiries as to how it is that so much is accomplished by this organization. The reply is brief. It is simply work, work, work, with a single eye to the glory of God in the salvation of souls.—Nat. Baptist.

Items.—Messrs. Edward Bright & Co., announce that they shall soon commence the publication of an American Baptist Quarterly Review, combining the best ability of the denomination, and equal to any other Review published in the country. The Baptist Theological Seminary in Newton, Massachusetts, is in an unusually flourishing condition. The present number of students is larger than at any former period.—Several large and gracious revivals are reported as in progress in the country churches around Atlanta, Georgia.—A revival is in progress in the Pennington, Pennsylvania, congregation.—A new Baptist church of forty-two members, has been organized in White Deer Valley, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.—Revival influences are increasing in the Lewisburg University.—An interesting work of grace is in progress in Milford, New Jersey.

Work in New York.—In a late session of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, a converted Jew, who was employed as a missionary to his brethren of the Jewish faith in New York, spoke of the kindness with which he had been received among them, and requested prayers for God's blessing upon his efforts, and especially upon the Sabbath School to be established for the children of Jewish parents, and for which he had already obtained the promised attendance of a number. He also requested prayers for the conversion of his nation, that the Holy Spirit would move upon the sons of Abraham, that they may behold the Lamb of God and receive him to their hearts by faith as the true Messiah of the prophets, which was to come.

Roman Catholic.—"Apostolic" Jewelry.—The new crossier of Bishop Conroy, of Albany, New York, is about four feet long, gold gilt, with most elaborate engravings. The episcopal ring is of massive gold, with a large sapphire in the centre, of the purest water, costing alone, uncut, \$1000. This is surrounded by a circle of diamonds, with the episcopal mitre, signia and the arms of the bishopric of Albany.

Progress in the British North American Provinces.—The Halifax Witness astonishes at the rapid progress of the Pictou people towards Rome. They must have a Popish school commissioner, a Popish chapel here; and any Protestant place of worship in the country; Popish sermons are in great demand, and nunneries are so much admired that they will probably soon have one. The Pictou people seem to be following the example set recently in many of the churches of the mother country. Every day shows more plainly that from the church of England to the church of Rome is not a long or difficult step.

Missionary.—Africa.—Rev. Mr. Grout of Umvoti, writes under the date of July 10th:—"Yesterday was one of our bright days; a Sabbath, a communion day, and a day of enlargement. Eight young men, four young women, and one woman of middle age, young women, giving an aggregate of ninety church members! The thirteen were selected from thirty-three individuals who presented themselves. Another circumstance which added interest to the occasion, was that it was their first communion in their new church, which is much larger than the old one and was well filled.

"We still have serious attention to preaching, and others who have not thought best to offer themselves as candidates for church membership are anxiously inquiring for the way of life. I cast my thoughts away across the ocean, and think of dear Christian friends and patrons praying for the conversion of Africans in Africa while they pray and labor for the Freedmen in America. Please say to them, from us, 'Brethren, pray for us.'"

Sabbath-schools on the Continent.—The London Sunday School Union, has recently entered into co-operation with the American and Foreign Christian Union for the establishment of Sabbath-schools in several countries in Northern Europe, and the work is to be vigorously prosecuted. Schools already founded excite the warmest hopes of success.

Need of Revivals.—The Prudential Committee of the American Board, at a meeting November 7th, adopted a Minute expressing the conviction of the Committee:— "That a special manifestation of the Divine favor is greatly needed in all our missionary fields and urging the laborers to adopt all those measures, which seem likely to promote a simultaneous and powerful work of the Holy Spirit. The Committee have resolved to appropriate the sum of \$607,000 for the expenses of the coming year. The Minute was read before the annual week of prayer, in January.

Miscellaneous.—City Missions in New York.—The Board of Directors of the New York City Mission are pushing forward vigorously in their great work. The Rev. Alfred C. Roe, and the Rev. Edward P. Payson, both lately returned from a successful service in the army, have given themselves to the City Missionary cause, and have been assigned to important fields. The number of meetings among the destitute has been increased. The Moravian mission among the Germans in the Eleventh Ward, though only a year old, is already in need of a larger and better place. The Building Fund for permanent mission stations, has received several handsome subscriptions of \$5000 each, and is meeting with favor wherever presented.

Church among Fishermen.—In the month of May, 1864, the Western Seamen's Friend Society commissioned Rev. P. Kitwood (an old sea captain) to labor among the fishermen on the islands of Green Bay. The people on these islands have long been given to white fish and whisky. But since the captain went to the islands the Lord has greatly blessed these men and their families. Many of them are now clothed and in their right minds, and they are a Christian people. On October 22, a commodious and beautiful church was dedicated at Washington Harbor, Washington Island, with appropriate services, conducted by Rev. R. H. Leonard, Secretary of the Society, and Captain Kit-

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