Religious Entelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN. Statistics of the O. S. Branch.—These.

as they appear in the Minutes of the last General Assembly, are as follows :-Synods in connection with the General Astions
Churches dismissed to other denominations
Ministers deceased.
Churches dissolved.
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nounced to appear on the 15th of next October. It is to be called the Richmond Ec-

lectic Magazine. Trouble for Lewes Presbytery.—The Missouri Presbyterian says:—"The Rev. W. C. Handy, of Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Maryland, has directed his name to be enrolled among the signers of the Declaration and Testimony. The Presbytery of Lewes, of which he is a member, we believe is soon to meet. By the 'order' of the late Assem-bly, the Presbytery will be compelled to exclude Mr. Handy, or, by admitting him to his seat, be ipso facto dissolved."

Death of Rev. W. L. McConnell.—It is with much grief that we announce the death of this worthy brother in the ministry, which took place at the residence of his tather-inlaw, Samuel McClurkan, Esq., in Allegheny City, on Tuesday the 17th ult. Mr. McConnell was in manners retiring and unobtrusive, piety fervent and sincere, in friendship faithful and confiding; in social and domestic relations, loving and affectionate, and in ministerial labors abundant according to his strength. -Un. Pres.

United Presbyterians in San Francisco. -Rev. Dr. Cooper, of this city, who was last year sent by the General Assembly of the U. P. Church to inaugurate a church enterprise in San Francisco, has fulfilled his mis sion. On the eve of returning, he writes under date of June 24, to the Christian Instructor:-"It will be to me a source of unspeakable gratification that I shall leave the congregation here in such encouraging cir-cumstances. We had our second communion on the last Sabbath of May, on which occasion there was an accession of thirteen, seven of whom were admitted on profession. They have now a membership of fifty persons. The average attendance of scholars at the Sabbath-school is, I suppose, about sixty. The houses in which our prayer-meetings are held are generally filled to their utmost capacity. The attendance, too, on the preaching of the word is very encouraging. On last Sabbath morning there were but few vacant seats. I see new faces every Sabbath, and I am often introduced to persons who express an interest in the cause. Under these cir-cumstances it does appear to me that the prospects of a good congregation being established here at an early day are very en-

couraging. Henry, Ill. - A correspondent of the North Western Presbyterian writes: - "As the fruit of the late gracious visitation, some fifty new members have been received into the church at the two last communions. Much the larger number day before yesterday. It was st interesting spectacle to see so many standing in the aisle—from the youth of eleven to the man of sixty—and tormally dedicating themselves to God, by entering into covenant with Him and his people."

New Churches Organized.—Rev. Jonathan C. Gibbs, a colored minister laboring under the auspices of the Freedmen's Committee of the O. S. Assembly, has organized colored churches on Edisto, John's, and James' Islands, each church numbering about three hundred members. On John's and Edisto Islands there are good church edifices. The church building on James' Island was burned during the war, and the church was organized under a cluster of fig trees.

Congregational.—By the fire in Portland, Dr. Caruthers lost his house a large part of his library, and all his sermons. His society will rebuild their house of worship, though sixty-eight of the tamilies connected with it are houseless. The Second society, where Mr. Walton recently officiated, it is thought may be disbanded, owing to the large exten: to which its members suffered. Dr. Caruthers, being sick on the night of the fire, was removed three times successively to escape the conflagration. Thirty-two Congregational churches in Kansas report this year a membership of 838. The benevolence of these churches has been remarkable, considering their circumstances. Twenty-four, with an aggregate membership of 680, report \$7,501 raised for ministers' salaries; \$3,775 for church erection; and for religious and benevolent objects they have given \$13,596, or at the rate of \$24 05 per member. Their collections for the American Congregational Union have been \$575 66.— The people of the First Church in New Haven have raised ten thousand dollars, to be invested for the benefit of their retiring pastor, Rev. Dr. Bacon, besides which they propose to pay him an annuity of one thousand dollars. The church at Hamburg, Conn., under the pastoral charge of Rev. E. F. Burr, is enjoying an extensive revival. We find it stated that fifty hopeful conversions have taken -Seventy conversions are thus far reported as the fruits of the recent revival in the Church at New Milford, Conn.—Rev. David Trumbull, pastor of the Union Church, (Congregational,) in Valparaiso, South America, is on a visit to this country. He has ever been a staunch friend of civil and religious liberty in that country, and it was chiefly though his influence that generous aid was sent from Chili during the late war, for American soldiers and sailors.—Under date of Lyonsville, Ill., July 23d, Rev. C. M. Sanders writes to the Beston Recorder. "It may be interesting for you to know that the Congregational Church in this place is being refreshed by the Holy Spirit. Within a few weeks some thirty have, as we hope, found the Saviour; and others are interested. The conversions, thus far, are mostly from among the young people, of which there are many in the congregation. The work seems to be extending now to the children, and there are some indications of good among the older members of the conmen will make note of the fact a gregation. There is no excitement—I think Mr. Parker in his undertaking. I have never seed such a work go on so quietly—it is the Lord's doing; it is marivelons in our eyes. We have much to contend against; the weather is warm, the contend against; the weather is warm, the contend against; the weather is warm, the contend against it is marivelons. It is not contend against it is marivelons in our eyes. We have much to contend against it is marively marked to contend against it is marively marked by the contend against it is marively

six miles. At our communion this month ten united with the church, four by letter and six on profession of their faith.'

Episcopal.—Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Boston, has signified his acceptance of the bish-opric of Maine, to which he was recently elected.—San Francisco has a Cathedral Church in the course of erection. It is 135 feet in length by 63 in breadth, with about 1000 sittings.—The Rev. Dr. F. J. Clere, of Carlisle, Pa., has been called to Calvary Church, Philadelphia, with a special view to his conducting services with deaf mutes. -Jay Cooke has contributed \$25,000 for the endowment of an additional theological professorship at Kenyon College, and has nominated the Rev. Dr. Bronson, rector of the Episcopal church in Sandusky, Ohio, to fill the chair.—The Bishop of London lately consecrated the Church of St. Michael, Shoredatch when the clean attached in stoles of ditch, when the clergy attended in stoles of various colors, and the Bishop directed them "to remove those ribands."—A new and beautiful church edifice in Allentown, Pa., was dedicated on the 3d ult. by Bishop Potter, of New York. The Bishop preached and administered the rite of confirmation.

Methodist.—The Cincinnati Gazette has the particulars of a diabolical outrage comitted in Georgetown, Ky., on the person of Rev. R. G. Gardiner, recently appointed by Bishop Clark as presiding elder of the Colored Mission District. He came to Georgetown on the 20th ult, to perform official duties. On Tuesday evening followometal duties. On Tuesday evening follow-ing, a gang of men, probably returned rebel soldiers, dragged him from the house where he was staying, took him down a hill, and forced him over a stone wall into a very muddy creek, plunging him under the water till he was nearly strangled. The lady of the house. who had followed them out, in vain implored them to spare him. They, however, at last let him go without inflicting a mortal injury. On the previous Sabbath evening, just as Mr. Gardiner had closed a sacramental service, Rev. Mr. Holland, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South with two others, entered the church and closed it finally against the worshippers. There was no disputing his authority, as the building, though really built by the congregation, was entered while they were in their slave status, and they were obliged to vest the ownership in the whites. The corner stone of a new Methodist Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy, N. J., was laid on the 24th ult. by Bishop Janes. The great centennary camp meeting of the New Jersey Conference is in progress near Barnsboro.—At a late session of the Philadelphia Preachers' Association, a proposition for drawing out a large attendance of children at public worship was favorably received. The substance of it is, Give them something to do. Set them to singing before or after the sermon. This will attract not only them, but their parents. We learn that one church has already taken the hint.

Lutheran -A correspondent of the Lutheran Observer is justly indignant that, on the 15th ult., the Lutheran Church in Clearspring, Md., was opened for the in-door part of the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of a Roman Catholic Church in that place. -The recently finished Lutheran Church in Quakertown, a few miles north of this city, was dedicated on the 22d ult. It is in connection with the East Pennsylvania, or Low Church Synod. Rev. J. D. Sheek is pastor.—The Lutheran Church South, in view of the schism of the Pennsylvania Synod from the General Synod, and the approaching organization of a new General Synod by the High Church party, is moving toward a con-nection with it. On the question of embrac-ing the South, Prof. Schmid, one of the editors of the Lutherische Kirchenzeitung, the German organ of the Synod of Ohio, says:
"We must say we like the Southern Gen. Synod, as far as its doctrinal declarations are syndd, as far as its doctained declarations are season as employment,—worked nard for a concerned, a great deal better than the late General Synod of the United States, which was neither fish nor fowl. Should the plan of the Synod of Pennsylvania, to establish a new Lutheran General Synod, be realized, and was then compelled to live on the charity of friends. He made several attempts to resume ministerial labors by a change of cli-(which we wish with all our heart,) the mate, but without success, the efforts only trunk of the old General Synod will find aggravated his diseases. He is a widower itself between two powerful stones, which will grind it pretty thoroughly. The sooner the

Baptist.—The Baptists in this country are viewing with alarm the union tendencies of their denomination in England. We find the following in the National Baptist:-"At the opening of the Victoria Road Non-conformist Church, Leicester, July 18, Hon. and Rev. Baptist W. Noel, D. D., preached a sermon, and was followed the next evening by Rev. J. P. Chown, D. D., of Bradford. Dinner and tea were in the programme of these exercises. We do not think the workings of open communion among Baptists in England will commend the practice to our denomination in this country. The departure from strict communion has brought about propositions for union with pedo baptist churches, and here is the proposed article of faith on the subject of baptism: - 'The divine institution of baptism to be administered to infants, or, if not then administered, to adults on confession of the truths of Christianity, provided that a difference of opinion upon the time and mode of the administration of baptism be in itself no bar to church fellowship.' Asmall society of colored Baptists, but recently organized in Tottenville, Staten Island, and mostly poor, have just raised \$2215, to send as their offering to the Colored Baptist Convention, soon to meet in Richmond, Va.

Miscellaneous.—We learn from The Independent the following interesting fact in regard to the massacre of Protestants at Bar-letta, and the mob incited by the Roman Catholic priests:—"It is that the judge who is try the guilty parties is a Protestant, and was not long ago the minister of one of the Free churches. He is a lawyer, and an exceedingly eloquent man, and has been appointed to the bench in the district in which Barletta lies, where the outrage was committed. It may be anticipated, therefore, that justice will be meted out, and the law of religious liberty and toleration be vindicated, which is the law of the land in this new and vigorous kingdom of Italy."—One of the most remarkable indications of the sentiments of the Italian people with regard to the Church of Rome, is the recent vote of the Italian Chamber of Deputies on the suppression of the convents. In the face of a war which demands the greatest possible unanimity of the people, the Chamber of Deputies had felt sure enough of popular opinion to adopt, almost unanimously, a bill for the suppression of all religious bodies throughout Italy.—The premium of \$100, offered through the American Board for the best essay on Christian activity, has been awarded to Rev. Dr. H. C. Fish, of the First Baptist to Rev. Dr. H. C. Fish, of the First Baptist Church, New York.—The Hartford Post states that landlord Parker, of the Trumbuil House, Hartford, has ousted the bar from his establishment and will henceforth between the property of the states and the states are th temperance hotel; and it hopes temperance men will make note of the fact and sustain

evenings are short, and the people are very busy, yet our meetings are very well attended, some of the people coming three, four and August 6, 20 deaths. St. Louis, Policy." A curious specimen of white loyalty and black stubidity!

FACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE MIN. RELIEF FUND.

"Widow --- is fifty years old. Has been left with six children, most of them de-pendent on her, and she has struggled hard wind, and after much suffering, was cast, with to sustain them. She is a modest, retiring his companions, upon the island of Nukulelae. woman, and not inclined to make known her the kind natives of the island they learned prevented from attending church for want of suitable clothing." The Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee, who carried to this widow the appropriation from the Palita natives of the island they learned that, by the advice of a sea captain, the house, and were waiting for some one to teach them about the true God. Fund, writes:—"I was not aware that the started a school, the language somewhat reuntil I saw it with my own area. until I saw it with my own eyes. The money good success. After his return to Samoa, a was most thankfully received, and I left the missionary was sent to visit the island above

family with gladdened hearts."

2. "The Rev. — is now sixty-three years old, and has labored more than thirty-four years in the ministry. He has been laid aside for more than two years by the infirmities of age, and a constitution literally broken down by long continued and multiplied la-bors connected with the ministry. He has a wife and two children wholly dependent on him, and yet, from feelings of delicacy, declined making application for relief, until urged to do so by a ministerial brother." An appropriation having been sent to him, he wrote to the Secretary as follows: "Lan-guage is too feeble to express our sense of yourself. I have alway loved our branch of forth our young men may devote themselves fully to the work of the ministry, under the conviction that the Church will not suffer them to want when the infirmities of age come upon them."

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That she has been left with six children, four of these dependent on her. Three are daughters; one an invalid at home, the other two inmates of a Lunatic Asylum. "In order to support her family she has been compelled to take in sewing and washing." In her present life of poverty, labor, and sorrow, this poor woman doubtless often thinks of the husband of her youth, whose devotion to the work of the Gospel ministry for thirty years could not exempt her and her children from future want. In acknowledging the reception of the money sent her, she says, Your note and draft were received, and we, as a family, return our humble thanks for the interest manifested in our behalf. May Heaven's richest blessing crown your many efforts for good."

4. Another widow has been left with three children. "The oldest a confirmed invalid; the second, delicate, but is now nearly able to earn his own support. The youngest and oldest of course, are entirely dependent on the mother." Until within a year since she endeavored to sustain her family by teaching, but the cares of the house, and the labors o the school, proved too much for her health, which for years had been feeble. Her expe rience in this matter is thus expressed :—"I taught during the fall and winter, doing my own work, as I usually have done, walked a quarter of a mile to my school-house, cared for my sick child at night, often losing from two to three hours' sleep, and seldom resting all night. It will not seem strange to you that such excessive toil, with great mental anxiety, has worn out a frail woman." She was finally compelled to abandon her school for want of health to continue it. Since then, "a precurious and very inadequate support has been provided for her by the un-

solicited help of friends."

5. The Presbytery of —— in recommending the case of Rev. —, says:—"He is fifty-six years old, been in feeble health for thirteen years, from a complication of disor-ders. Being unable to preach, he went into a secular employment, -worked hard for a with six children, four dependent on him; their ages ranging from five to thirteen years. He has toiled hard to keep his children together, and under his influence." (This suffering brother has since died, leaving his young offspring bereft of both father and mother. Who shall help them?)

6. The application in behalf of Rev. —
states:—"He is seventy years old. He is too feeble to perform pastoral labor, yet uses up what little strength he has in the cause of Christ. He has been forty-two years in the ministry, a most earnest laborer in our Western frontier. In the financial crisis of 1837, and following, he used up his little remaining means, and those of his wife, to save from ruin the feeble churches of Illinois with which he was laboring. He is now entirely dependent upon friends and the benevolent for support. An appropriation having been sent to this worthy brother, he replies as follows:—"On returning home from a visit to my old, native New England, from which I had been absent for forty five years. I found your kind letter with the draft so timely voted me. I thank you for your kindness; and I praise God for having put it into the heart of our Church to make this much needed provision, and hope it will succeed to the extent of the wants it seeks to relieve.

7. Widow — on receiving an appropriation, writes:—"I cannot express the gratitude I teel for this timely and much needed aid. When weary and worn (too much alas! by the duties of the day, I often spend a part of my night in reviewing the past, when my now sainted, husband and myself walked side by side in labor and self-sacrifice. Then when our store was nearly spent, and pledges unfulfilled, my morning verse at the table was often, very often, 'Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and werlly thou shalt he ted.' That promise was verily thou shalt be fed.' That promise was our support then, and this I regard as a part of its fulfilment now. Praying that the blessing of Heaven may ever rest upon you and the donors, I am yours in bonds of Chris-

tian affection. 8. A daughter, in writing for her afflicted. widowed mother, who had received an appro-priation, says:—"The amount came just when we should not have known what to do next without it. Ever since my father's death we have been provided for, as was the prophet by the brook-side, just at the mo ment of our need; not, indeed, without strenuous exertion on our own part, but ever receiving the reward of our exertions at such time, and in such a way, as to make it most clear to our minds that my father's God, has an especial regard to our welfare, and means

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ISLANDS WAITING FOR THE GOSPEL.

sembling his native tongue, and met with good success. After his return to Samoa, a named, and others of the group. He learnt that just before he arrived, a Peruvian ship had carried off two thirds of the people for slaves, they having been lured on board the ship by the promise of teaching them to read the infamous slavers taking advantage of the desire of the natives for instruction. A teacher was left here and another island visited, the first words of whose chief were, We are all in darkness and are just waiting for some one to teach us. They had just destroyed their idols and were ready for instruction. In two weeks thirty were able to read a little. Another island was then visited, and the eyes of the son of the chief sparkled obligation to God, to the Church, and to for joy when he learned there were teachers on board, for he was about going himself to the Church, but feel myself to day bound to the Fejee Islands to obtain teachers, his people having heard what had been doing at the two islands named above, and had deformed the two islands named above, and had detormed the two islands named above.

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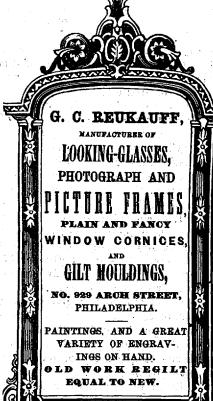
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