

Value of a Church Manual.—A correspondent of the New York Independent, writing from Chicago,

When Jeremiah Porter was about to organize his twenty-four Congregationalists here at Fort Dearborn into a church, looking about for some form, he found that the twenty-fifth person, Philo Carpenter, had brought with him the manual of Dr. Bennett's church, at Troy, New York, and so, by its twenty years following, the vast Congregational material coming in here was made over into Presbyterianism, constituting the social power of the 1st, 2d and 3d Presbyterian churches.

Presbyteries and Classes.—The Central Philadelphia O. S. Presbytery met last week and appointed delegates Dr. Schenck and Elder Harper to the September Convention of the Presbyterian Churches. Rev. R. M. Patterson was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia. At an adjourned meeting of the Reformed Presbytery of Chicago, Rev. David Patton and his congregation (Cochranstown, Pa.) were dismissed to the O. S. church, and Rev. Wm. T. Wylie and his congregation at Newcaste, Pa., were dismissed to the N. S. Presbytery of Pittsburgh. Each of these congregations is to be consolidated with a congregation of the body with which they unite.

Rev. J. McMillan and an elder were delegated to the Philadelphia September Convention. The Presbytery of Beaver, (O. S.), June 25th, 1867, received the Free Presbyterian church of Clarksville, and its pastor, Rev. J. W. Torrance, under its care.

The General Synod of the German Reformed Church has directed the Classes of N. W. Pennsylvania and Western New York to organize themselves into a District Synod. The action of the General Synod in proposing to the classes to omit the word "German" from the Church title meets with general favor. The Classes of Philadelphia voted against the change, but some city churches no longer call themselves German. At a recent meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia, Rev. T. H. Hanna was released from the pastoral care of the Fifth church, at his own request. Mr. Hanna has been called to Chartiers, Penna.

Ministerial.—Rev. C. E. Crispell, D. D., was elected Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Hope College, Michigan, at the late meeting of the Dutch Reformed Synod. The Rev. Thomas McCauley, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education, has accepted a unanimous call to the Presbyterian church of Hackettstown, N. J. Mr. Hicks preached his closing sermon as pastor of the State street Congregational church, Brooklyn, recently, and has accepted a call from the Lee Avenue Dutch church, in the same city. About two years ago, Mr. Hicks left the Methodists to become a Congregationalist. Dr. Willems, who has just left the Lee Avenue church, was formerly a Methodist. He went into the Dutch church in Philadelphia. When he left Philadelphia, the church chose as his successor another Methodist, [Dr. Smith], who would not, even in form, bow down to the standards of the church over which he was to be settled. This result was a split in the congregation, the bulk following the new pastor, who afterwards became a Congregationalist. The Rev. Dr. N. C. Burt, pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian church, Cincinnati, arrived at home, a few days since, after an absence of nearly a year, which was spent in travel in Europe and the East. His health is improved, and he proposes immediately to resume his pastoral labors.

The Rev. Wm. Morris Grimes, of Zanesville Presbytery, has been appointed a chaplain in the Regular Army of the United States. The Rev. Dr. Krebs, of New York, is said to be sinking steadily from softening of the brain. Prof. James Matthews, of Centre College, Ky., has received and accepted an invitation to take charge of the Academy at Logansport, Indiana. The house of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, near Lancaster, Pa., was recently broken into early on Sunday morning and robbed. An iron safe was blown open, and valuables taken from it to the amount of about \$300. The Rev. W. E. McLaren has accepted the call from the Westminster church at Detroit, Michigan. The church is being enlarged to sixty-five by one hundred feet, with a stone front and towers, at a cost of \$16,000.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian.—The London Church News says that "one of the most influential prelates on the English bench, on the part of others of his brethren, has made a complaint to certain Scotch bishops of the recent charge of Bishop Ewing, which so many persons hold to be as dangerous in its tendency and unsound in its character as any of the writings of Bishop Colenso. Two addresses to the Scotch Presbytery on this subject, which were signed by Scotch Episcopal Presbyters, were with reason, though lay influence. But we believe it to be no secret, now that Bishop Ewing has returned to England, that the charge will be formally brought before the Argyle Synod by the Provost of the College of the Holy Spirit at Cambrai." The town of Chelmsford, Mass., has for more than a quarter of a century been under the control of the Unitarians, and those who sympathize with them. Some time ago a lady, belonging to the Episcopal Church, gathered a few poor children around her and commenced a Sunday-school, which grew into a small congregation that had occasional preaching. The Town Hall was obtained for the services. A petition, signed by the Universalists and Unitarians of the town, was presented to the Selectmen, asking that the hall might be closed. The petition was granted, and the feeble congregation was turned into the street. This is the work of man who arrogates to himself the title of Liberal Christian. The Tennessee Convention, an ecclesiastical law has been adopted whereby, in future, all vestrymen, delegates to Conventions and voters at parish meetings, must be communicants. The Diocese has also one colored candidate for orders.—President Short, formerly of Philadelphia, who has had charge of Kenyon College during the last four years, and Rev. Prof. Gardiner, formerly of the Diocese of Maine, who has held a chair in the Theological Seminary of Ohio not quite two years, have resigned.—A Montreal paper, quoted without comment by the Protestant Churchman, thus mixes up the dignitaries present at the late Cathedral consecration in Montreal: "There were present the Most Rev. the Right Bishop of Montreal, Metropolitan; the Right Reverend the Lord Bishops of Illinois, Virginia, Niagara, Ontario, Quebec, Maine, and Vermont." The Church Journal says that on the first Sunday after Trinity, at Grace Church, Providence, Mr. Rufus W. Clark, jr., son of the Rev. Rufus Clark, D.D., pastor of the Dutch Reformed church at Albany, N. Y., and a nephew of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Rhode Island, was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church. At the fiftieth Convention of the Diocese of Ohio the question of a division of that Diocese elicited much attention. The subject was brought up by Judge Spaulding, who presented a petition 31 feet in length in favor of the division. A committee of eight clergymen and seven laymen was appointed to take the matter into consideration, and report at a future convention. Bishop McVaine said that he did not deem immediate division necessary, especially if the health of the Assistant Bishops should be re-established. The salaries of both Bishops were raised to \$5,000 and \$4,000 respectively.—In the Maryland Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a resolution was adopted providing for the division of the Diocese, and the erection of the Eastern Shore into a separate Episcopal See.—Wisconsin is divided into four Conventions, with Deans, and with express reference to a future division into four Sees as speedily as possible, the venerable Bishop having already given his consent.—In Indiana a resolution is carried in favor of the See Episcopal, small Dioceses, and the Provincial System; and the Assistant Bishop declares himself strongly in favor of dividing Indiana into three Dioceses.

The Bishop of Nebraska reports three churches now being erected in Dakota—the only places of public worship in the whole Territory.—A few months since Bishop Davis, of South Carolina, met with a pious young man, whose heart was drawn toward the Christian ministry, and sent him to the Episcopal Theological School at Sparta, N. C. He pursued his studies here zealously for a time, but became restless on certain points of theology. He finally became convinced that he was in the wrong Church, and a few Sabbaths since was admitted to the communion of the Presbyterian Church, and is now a student of theology at Columbia, S. C.—A letter from Rome says that among the notabilities now in that city is a ritualistic clergyman of the Anglican Church, who appears at all the Roman Catholic ceremonies attired in the full dress of a pilgrim or hermit, and assists most devoutly at all the religious functions of the season.—The news from Natal (Colenso's diocese) is interesting. Of the clergy, eleven will recognize Mr. Butler as Bishop, three refuse, and two had not answered—making more than *apparently* certain. Of the laity, 290 communicants will recognize Mr. Butler, 15 will not subscribe in writing, though they are also willing, 25 are neutral, and only one refuses. Some 40 or 50 had not yet been heard from. The Rev. Mr. Butler, since receiving the news from Natal, as to the mind of the clergy and laity, has accepted his election as Bishop, and in very warm and decided terms.

Lutheran.—The Southern Lutherans have decided to adopt the Seminary at Newberry, S. C., as that of the whole Southern Church.—The Pittsburgh Synod having withdrawn from connection with the General Synod, and joined the High Church party, the Allegheny Synod, from which it was originally divided, has resumed its claim to the whole territory, and the Mission Church in Wheeling Virginia, has severed its connection with the Synod of Pittsburgh.—The Low Church party have sustained a severe loss in the death of Rev. Dr. C. P. Krantz, Sr., Professor at Gettysburg; a former pastor of St. Matthew's Church, in this city.

Methodist.—At the meeting of the African M. E. Conference in Troy, the most thorough and rigorous examinations were made as to the pastoral conduct of the preachers, particularly in respect to debt, bigamy, rum and tobacco, showing considerable anxiety for the purity and reputation of the Church. Rev. J. W. Logan, "underground railroad king," was a great favorite. He was an escaped slave, and afterward assisted twenty-five hundred others into liberty. "He did not know what for," he said in his discourse at the State St. Church, "or why forty thousand were colonized in Canada, but now we know. Now we turn to them for teachers of the freedmen, and we can get two, or even three of them for what one white person will cost, and then they can eat and sleep and live with the blacks in their huts, and sympathize with them as no white person can." An Indian, known by the sobriquet "Sunset," was also a general favorite for his pathetic eloquence.—Rev. Jas. Lynch has resigned the editorship of the Christian Recorder, and goes South in the service of the M. E. Church. Rev. Elisha Weaver succeeds him as editor of the organ of the African M. E. Church.—The Evangelical Association (Albright Methodists) of America has fifteen Conferences, with 57,000 members and 2230 probationers, without counting the Oregon and California Conferences. This denomination has doubled its numbers during the last ten years, and has increased 3510 in the past year. There are said to be 20,000 in Pennsylvania, 3004 in New York, and about 3002 in Canada, all gathered in German-speaking churches.—An "Historical Society" of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, has been formed for the purpose of collecting and preserving information relating to the rise and progress of Methodism, also all objects of interest to Methodists.—Rev. John Ruth, chaplain of the Eastern Penitentiary, in his annual report says: "A marked change has been manifested in the spirit and conduct of a large number of the convicts in the Penitentiary." He reports that of the prisoners there are abstinent, 17.13 per cent; moderate drinkers, 50.77 per cent; occasionally intemperate, 19.82 per cent; intemperate, 12.28 per cent. Bad company has led to the ruin of 44.62 per cent; gambling, 29.31; lounging at corners and visiting drinking-houses, has led to the ruin of 32.82; went to Sabbath-school, 26.50; enjoyed good, early training, 17.81.—At the late session of the Primitive Methodist Conference of Canada, it was found, on examination, that two or three of the ministers were in the habit of using tobacco. This elicited a warm expression of disapproval, and it was finally resolved that the practice henceforth should be discontinued, and that no person hereafter should become an official of the Church or a candidate for the ministry who indulged in it.—The London Watchman mentions the safe arrival in England of Bishop Payne, of the African M. E. Church, who has gone abroad to advance the interests of the Wilberforce University.

Congregationalist.—In Connecticut the number of churches is 288; members, 46,774; 15,264 men, 31,510 women; additions during the year, 4,650, of which 3,262 were by profession of faith, and 1,397 by letter; baptisms of adults 1,459, of infants 819; children in Sunday-schools, 44,707; charities, \$226,484, or an average of between four and five dollars from each member.—Rev. Frederick G. Clark, D.D., late of the W. 23d St. Presbyterian Church in New York, was installed June 25th over the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, of which Dr. Lindsay remains senior pastor of the same church. The congregation at Alford, June 21, composed of the Congregational and the Methodist churches in that place, both of which had become unable to maintain public worship separately.—Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., was dismissed by council from the pastoral care of the Berkeley Street Church, Boston, June 25th. His duties as editor of the Congregationalist and Recorder, compelled this step.—In the Brookfield Association Conference the Warren Church reported 85 additions, West Brookfield 85, Brookfield 60, Spencer 85, and Oakham 70.

Baptist.—Rev. J. E. Chesshire, before sailing for Europe, resigned his charge as pastor of the church at the falls of Schuylkill.—Rev. Dr. Andrew Pollard, pastor of the church in Taunton, Mass., has accepted an appointment from the American Baptist Home Mission Society as District Secretary for this district, with his headquarters at 530 Arch Street.—The mission to Sweden continues to prosper. The last Triennial Conference was attended by 117 delegates, representing 112 churches. The Theological Seminary has been organized with a full body of teachers. Baptist places of worship in Stockholm, 4. The progress of the work at all points has been very encouraging. Associations, 10; churches, 183; members, 6879; Sabbath-school pupils, 1710; teachers, 167; churches having places of worship of their own, 29; received by baptism, 877; by letter, 283; restored, 110; died, 58; dismissed, 309; excluded, 223. Net increase, 886.

Romanist.—A Roman Catholic institution in New York has secured a legacy of about \$200,000 from the estate of Isaac Cronise, of Louisville. A Protestant Episcopal institution of the same name claimed the money, and there was a long law suit.—A Roman Catholic church on 42d street, New York, was so badly shattered by lightning, June 18th, that it will have to be rebuilt.—Father Sorrentini, pastor of the Italian congregation in this city, has had a falling out with the congregation because he is vehemently for the Pope, and the side of Victor Emmanuel, and the contention grew so hot that the bishop removed the pastor.

The people then found an Italian priest to their liking, but the bishop refused even to see him, and had the church door closed against him, forbidding the people to go to him in any religious office under penalty of excommunication. A Catholic contemporary says: "The Italian priest remains in the field—some place in Carpenter street. Although an e- tern clergyman, he resists the ordinary, and he is preparing to lay the case before the Holy Father. His compatriots are, of course, backing him up. Without judging his case, he will permit us to express the opinion that he will find himself unrocked forever by a sentence from Rome. A strange priest cannot be heard against a lawful bishop."—A correspondent of the Tribune, writing from Buenos Ayres, says that on Sunday, April 7, at the American church there, five persons came forward publicly and renounced the Roman Catholic Church. Many persons have quietly withdrawn from the Roman Catholic faith, and have connected themselves with the American Church; but no one before last week ever took this step openly.

Universalist.—The School Street (Boston) Universalist society, by a vote of about two to one, have requested their junior pastor, Rev. Rowland Connor, to resign. He has settled a few months since as a prominent actor in what is called the "radical religious movement." The Universalists of Vermont have raised \$50,000 for an academy at Barre, and work on it will be begun at once.

Swedish.—The National Convention of the New Jerusalem, or Swedenborg Churches of the United States began its sessions in Cincinnati, on Friday, May 31st. The President of the Convention, Rev. T. Worcester, of Boston, not being present, on account of sickness, Hon. J. Scammon, of Chicago, one of the Vice-Presidents, took the chair. Maine and New Hampshire report 2 ministers, 2 licentiates, 5 societies, embracing 264 members. Massachusetts: Two ordaining ministers, 12 pastors, 2 licentiates; one minister, Rev. Thomas Worcester, having been pastor of the Boston society for forty-six years. New York: Two ordaining ministers, 2 pastors, 3 licentiates; 6 societies; members, 271; increase during the year, 28. Maryland: Three ministers, 1 licentiate; 7 societies, 219 members. Michigan and Northern Indiana: three societies, 2 ministers, 1 licentiate. By the reports of last year there are in Illinois and Iowa, 7 ministers and 9 societies, with 504 members; in Ohio, 10 societies, 6 ministers; Pennsylvania, 5 societies; besides, there are independent societies; not belonging to any Association, in the following places: Philadelphia, (Rev. B. F. Barrett's), Buffalo, New York, New Orleans, two (German and English), St. Louis, Edenfield, Pa., Port Elgin, C. W. Wellese, C. W. The sect numbers in all over 3000 members.

COLLEGES.—University of City of New York.—The commencement was held June 20. Graduates, 6 A. B., 7 B. S., 2 C. E., 2 P. D., and 6 M. D.; total, 25. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. J. Wight Uie, Chaplain, Church of Scotland, of Alexandria, Egypt; James Baird, of St. John's, N. F.; S. R. Brown, of Yokohama, Japan; Isaac Otis Fillmore, of Knowlesville, N. Y.; that of LL. D. on E. A. Johnson, Professor of Latin Language and Literature in the University; Samuel J. Tilden, Esq., of New York; that of Ph. D. on William J. Knapp, late Professor in the Vassar Female College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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