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## Religious Lntelligence.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

The Second Presbytery of New York has taken action in favor of Reunion, and says: "We as a Presbytery, would respectfully suggest to said Committee, in order to guard against any subsequent misunderstanding, the propriety of bmitting the clause, fair historical sense, dec., and to restrict the doctrinal Basis to the sincere adoption of the Confession of Faith, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures." This Presbytery also claims that the right to examine applicants for admission to Presbyteries is inherent in those bodies, and also "that it is highly desirable, if not essential, to the doctrinal purity and permanent harmony of the Churches contemplated by the said plan of reunion, that all Theological Seminaries, without distinction, should be subjected to some mode of ecclesiastical supervision and control."———Second Thought.——After the Presby-tery of New York (Old School) had expressed doubts in regard to the Basis of the Joint Committee, they took a second action as follows: Resolved, That in the view of this Presbytery, this union between the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, commonly called Old and New School, is, at the present time, highly desirable; and that it is satis-fied by declarations made by the brethren of the Other Branch, as to their cordial acceptance of the Confession of Faith, as containing the system of doctrine contained in the Holy Scriptures. And the Presbytery expresses its preference that the union should be effected on the basis proposed by the late Convention in Philadelphia.——A Third Church was organized in Fort Wayne, with thirty-eight members from the First, late Dr. Lowrie's. Missionary.—The Rev. John Menual and his wife embarked at the port of New York, for the Corisco mission, on the 14th of December. Mr. Menual is a member of the Presbytery of North River. Dr. Hephurn, writing at Yokohama, October 22d. mentions the opinion of the mission that a station should be formed at Yeddo, and another at Osaka or Hiyogo, as soon as new missionaries can come Presbytery of Washington, Pa., as a fruit of the re-vival in progress in that church.

Ministerial.—Rev. Dr. John MacLean resigned the presidency of Princeton (N. J.) College on ac-count of physical infirmities. He has been connected with the College in various capacities for fifty years.—The Rutgers church, New York, of which the late Rev. Dr. Krebs was pastor, have given a unanimous call to the Rev. Nathaniel W. Conkling, of the Arch street Presbyterian church, Philadelphia. He has accepted the call, and been rcleased by the Presbytery in Philadelphia. Foreign.—The English Presbyterian church is

still giving signs of progress. The Weekly Review says: The foundation stone of a new place of worship for the congregation at present assembling at the meeting-house of the Society of Friends at St. Itelen's, near Liverpool, to the pastorate of which Rev. Wm. Miller was lately appointed, was laid December 19th, by Mr. Graham, M. P. for Glasgow. The plan comprises nave and aisles, with vestibule at one end, and a session room, vestry, &c., at the opposite end, and will provide nearly, 400 sittings on the ground floor, with room for 128 more in an end gallery.——A site has been procured for a mission enterprise at Birkenhead, at a cost of \$1.500. ----St. Andrew's Church, Finchroad, is now all but completed, and was opened for public worship Dec. 18th. It is, we believe, near Liverpool The London. Presbytery of the Church met at Croydon, London, Dec. 7th, for the purpose of in-ducting the Rev. A. J. Murray, M. A., late of Jerey, to the pastorate of the above church.

The Irish Presbyterians are exerting them-The frish freshyterians are exercised them-elves to raise the standard of ministerial support and we have an increase through all the north of and we have an increase through all the north of but 10,256 members and probationers. I Assembly's Sustentation Fund. There are 280, inisters, including 27 assistants, whose incomes re from £120 to £20 per annum. It is proposed to uplement at least to £105 each the means of the compression of the form and instructions for measurement, source and we have an increase through all the north of but 10,256 members and probationers. Unitarian.—The church now building for, Dr. Osgood in New York, when complete will cost \$200, this branch of tailoring warrants an invitation to those de-siring good fitting pantaloons to give him a trial. elves to raise the standard of ministerial support amongst themselves. A collection was made in all al Assembly's Sustentation Fund. There are 280, ninisters, including 27 assistants, whose incomes

Convention on Bishop Colenso gives general satisfaction. Its important parts are as follows: "While we accept the spiritual validity of the sentence of deposition pronounced by the metropolitan and Bishops of the South African Church upon Dr. Colenso, we consider it of the utmost importance for removing the existing scandal from the English communion, that there should be pronounced by some competent English Court such a legal sentence on the errors of the said Dr. Colenso as would warrant the Colonial Bisboprics' Council in ceasing to pay his stipend, and would justify an appeal to the Crown to cancel his letters patent. Judging, therefore, that the See is spiritually vacant, and, learning by the evidence brought before them that there are many members of the Church who are unable to accept the ministrations of Dr. Colenso, the Committee deem it to be the duty of the metro-politan and other Bishops of South Africa, to proceed, upon the election of the clergy and laity in Natal, to consecrate one to discharge those spiritual functions of which these members of the Church are now in want." The report, says a cotemporary, was signed by all the members of the Committee, and appeared to give general satisfaction, so much so that contrary to all expectation from outside, it was received without discussion; and it was, we un-derstand, agreed that the reports should be printed and circulated. And thus has ended the Lambeth Conference of 1867. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D., Bishop of Ver-

mont and Senior Rishop, of the Episcopalian church in the United States, died January 9th, aged seventy-six years. 

Congregationalist.—The Congregationalist says:— The net gain of our churches in California this year, is larger than was first supposed—eight new churches and four hundred and eighty eight memibers. At the same rate of increase, the gain of membership in the churches of our name in America would have been 100,000, instead of perhaps, 10,0001 In 1849, six Presbyterian ministers, and three Congregational, commenced work in Califor nia. There are now in the State 43 Presbyterian and 40 Congregational churches. In Northern \$12 to \$50. Illinois, during the past six years, there have been formed twenty-two Congregational; and three Inde pendent, churches. Forty three houses of worship 13 to \$45. have been erected by the Congregationalists, all but \$13 to \$40. eight by missionary churches. Within this period, \$13 to \$45. eight by missionary churches, Within, One, period, nineteen, churches have become self-supporting. Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D., Boston, is henceforth to give his time largely to the editing and manage-ment of the Congregational Review. The Review, as originally, will be issued once in two months. We little butterment durch a Findlan O. who \$20 ro \$60. The little, but earnest church at Findlay, O., who, \$20 To \$60. with their pastor, Rev. J. A. Meeks came out of the \$6 ro \$20. O. S. Presbyterian Church two years ago, dedicated \$6 ro \$20. 0. S. Presbyterian Church two years ago, dedicated their new house, December 15th. The building is 45 by 100, with a tasteful spire 121 feet high. Its total cost was \$15,400, and all indebtedness was can-\$6 ro \$20. \$6 ro \$20. celled by dedication collections of \$5,127.

Lutheran.-A correspondent of the Alta Californian gives an account of the first church-service ever held by an American clergyman in Alaska, 1t occurred on Sunday, October 13th, in the Lutheran church at Sitka, and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rainer, the army chaplain, who accompanied our government expedition to take formal possession of the country. The audience was typical of the mixed \$2 to \$4, population of that region. There were present 11 Americans, 15 Finland Russians, and more numer-\$3 To \$4. ous than both, the dusky natives of the island. Although they understood not a word that was uttered, they seemed to appreciate the event as one of moment in the history of the country.' The dis-course had for its text the words, "Worship God."

Methodist .- The Cincinnati Advocate says the in rease of over 100,000 last year, reported in the M. E. Church, is more denominational than otherwise. From the total increase deduct Bishop Clark's figures, denoting our recovered possessions in the south

The report of the Committee of the Pan-Anglican | study, and an appreciation of truth and learning beyond what are found among Orientals generally. Africa.-Sudden and disastrous uprising against the Mission at Abbeokuta. Rev. J. A. Lamb of the Church Missionary Society, writes October 19th : Last Sun day morning, without any previous notice, or even the rumor or intimation of such a thing, the Abbeokuta bellman went round early, declaring that there was to be no assembly for divine worship that day Soon after companies of people proceeding from a meeting at the Bashorun's went to the different churches and broke them down to the ground, except.1kija, which the chief Ogadife defended. They then broke down the Mission-houses, except Ikija, and plundered everything, not even permitting Mr. Wood, or Mr. Faulkner, or Mr. Allen to go away with the actual clothes they required on their bodies. The correspondent of a contemporary in Alge-ria writes as follows: "Here in Algiers a minister, who speaks Castilian well, it making a great many converts. There are now 1,500 Spanish Protestants, and many more on the road to conversion. The Sigters, who have great educational establishments in the suburbs, have dismissed some young women employed by them as dresimakers, because their fathers were Protestant, and they themselves read the Bible. They also, employ a good many work-pany the British expedition as interpreter. Dr. Krapf states in a latter that he had accepted the of fer, and would join the expedition at Massowah. \$2 To \$60. \$3 To \$60. the Partity Waran Day La Banna

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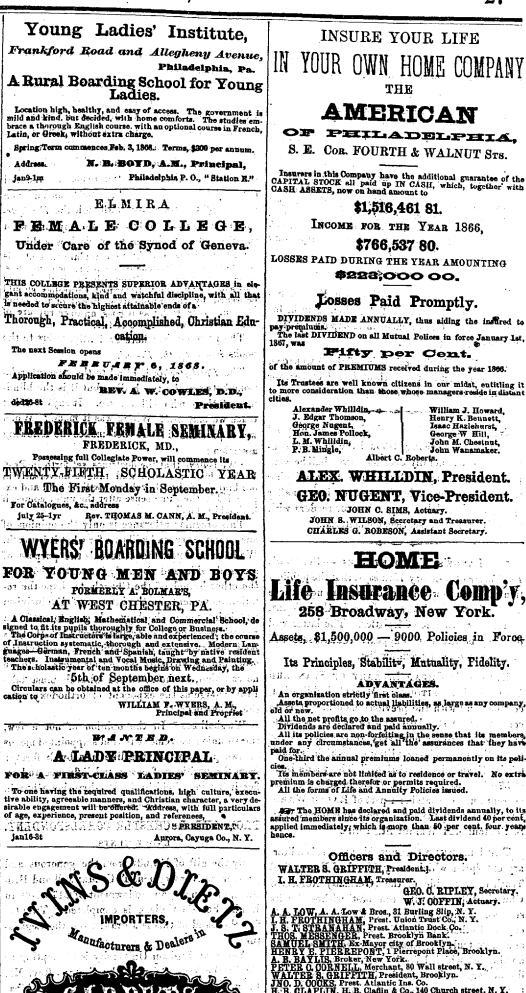
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Proposed General Assembly for India.--A rcular has been addressed to all the Presbyterian reliminary step cannot be taken towards uniting, resbyterians generally in one General Assembly in ndia. The idea was originated at a meeting of the ynod of Northern India, held at Ambala, in Noember, 1865, when it was stated that the different. odies of Presbyterians in India, having no comion organization, lose the advantage of combinaon and co-operation. It is not proposed that such celesiastical union should at all cut the several boes loose as missionaries from their respective, ssionary Boards; but that, with the consent of eir several Assemblies, a General Assembly should organized in India for all ecclesiastical purposes, ad still report to and receive reports from their reective Boards as before.

Episcopalian.-The N. Y. Episcopalian says: gain we are informed of a new organization to be arted at Twenty-first and Christian streets, in the uth-west part of the city. There seems to be great ficulty in arranging the circumstances connected ith the new enterprise in this portion of Phila-phia,—The Protestant Churchman says: The of ground secured for the Church of the Transuration, at Broad and Reed streets, Rev. Robert ul, Rector, is a most eligible and desirable site, on hich will be erected a handsome and commodious apel, costing probably \$10,000.——Bishop McIl-ine's official recognition of the Presbyterian Union in a solution having been called in question as a satter of fact by High Church papers, a phonogra-lic report of the words actually spoken by the good ishop, has been published, from which we quote: It may seem to you, as it does to me. a very rearkable indication of Providence, in this connecon, when I tell you that when the General Conention of the Episcopal Church was in session in is city, about ten years ago-in the year 1856e matter of promoting any measures for bringing bout a better understanding and nearer commuon among the Protestant Churches was very ointedly and directly brought before the House of ishops, and 'earnestly agitated. A committee of we Bishops was appointed at that time, which ommittee should be a standing one, to take advan-ge of any opportunity that might arise, or that od in his providence might appoint, for the purose of promoting a nearer communion, and better b-operation among all Protestant orders. It is re-parkable that I am the only surviving member of hat committee. The rest have gone to the blessed ommunion above. And I rejoice to think that as he end of life approaches and I am very near that end--it is reserved for me to stand in this place and discharge that duty in reference to the place and discharge that duty in reference to the ppening, which I believe to be precisely of that tyle that was then contemplated. Just such an epportunity, when the right hand of fellowship should be extended from one to the other—first in prover and then afterwards in the memory in which prayer, and then afterwards in the manner in which we are now met together. Just the opportunity we by and girls conducted by the American mission-aries at Philippopolis and Eski Zagra that the pF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS, that appointed and greet you, dear brethren, in the name of the Lord teachers, the girls especially. There seem to be a steadiness of character, a capability of patient

vespers. He never reads prayers from his book of worship, but keeps up the old Puritan custom of free devotion. He is Broad Church, and never calls rcular has been addressed to all the Frespyterian issionaries in India, in order to ascertain if some eliminary step cannot be taken towards uniting resbyterians generally in one General Assembly in ddia. The idea was originated at a meeting of the definition of the Godhead, that "God is one absolute personality in three modes of being." Dr. Osgood is one of the most serious and evangelical of the Liberal ministry, and will draw a large congregation to his new fold.

MISSIONARY.

Turkey .- Fuad Pasha, having boasted to Lord Stanley that the Sultan not only did not hinder, but actually encouraged the building and repair of Protestant Churches in his dominions, the correspon-dent of Evangelical Christendom points out seven cases, some of them of long standing and of great importance to the Missionary work in which the necessary and fiscal permission to rebuild has been refused. In one case, that of the Mission at Bey-rout, building has been commenced without permission. The correspondent says: These seven cases are now on hand, and I do not know of a single case this year in which permission has actually been obtained. Most of the Protestant places o worship in Turkey are dwelling houses, temporarily fitted up for the purpose. These are, of course, ill adapted to the wants of growing congregations, and are not regarded as churches at all by the people. -Dr. West of the A. B. C. F. M., writes from Sivas: I find the Bible now in a large majority of the Armenian houses where I am called. In Sivas, I have made it a point for a long time to inquire; so that I do not speak vaguely. This shows what a contrast there is, in this respect, with their condi tion fifteen years ago, when the priest would not permit the reading of the Bible. It is also now used as a text-book, in the modern language, in the Armenian and Greek schools, and the people acknowledge that this has been from missionary influence. I am surprised to see the familiarity of many with the Scriptures. They will quote passage after passage readily, and seem to understand and appreclate the meaning.—Havadoric is one of the out stations to Bitlis, of the American Board's Eastern Turkey Mission. The people are few and poor Yet in addition to the support of the schools, &c., they have done nobly towards building a place of worship, only requiring \$40 towards its completion. They live among the mountains, subject to the ever-annoying, plundering Koords; and the preacher there writes home, that those of the villagers who are shepherds spend what leisure time they can while watching their flocks in reading their Bibles, which they carry about with them, while others, who car ry on their backs to the city of Moosh, three hours distant, the heavy loads of faggots they are taking to market, are seen reading their Testaments by the roadside, while occasionally stopping to rest; so in-terested are they in the Word of God I-The Bulgarian mind is responding most encouragingly to the educational influences brought to bear upon it through Protestant missions. Among the fifteen nationalities in the Robert College the Bulgarians take the lead, both in mental and moral developanticipated, and precisely the sentiments and ex-pressions that were then intended. *I stand herenow* boys and girls conducted by the American missionboys and girls conducted by the American mission-aries at Philippopolis and Eski Zagra that the

