ara Presbytery. Correspondents will address him accordingly. Rev. Benj. F. Millard, of the Brooklyn Bible Society, has accepted the position of Associate Pastor and Financial Agent of the New York Port Society, with an office at 158 Pearl street, near Wall.—Rev. James R. Keiser has accepted a call from the churches at Plessis and Theresa, N. Y.—Rev. Dr. Nelson has arrived at Walnut Hills, O., and entered on his duties as professor in Lane Seminary. Departed this life in Troy, Doniphan county, Kansas, on the 9th of March, at the residence of his brother, Rev. Charles Le Duc, recently of Hastings, Minnesota, where he had spent most of his life since he entered the ministry; and where he was very successful in building up a large and interesting church, and only retired from the work when compelled to do so by disease,-The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association has closed an engagement with Rev. Wm. M. Martin, late of Virginia City, Nev., to act as their chaplain. Mr. Martin's limited engagement with our Home Missions Committee having expired, he will enter upon this work immediately. Dr. Cuyler of Brooklyn is to make a European tour during the coming summer.

Religious Entelligence.

REFORMED CHURCHES.

Ministerial -The Rev. J. Howard Nixon, pastor of the First Church of Indianapolis, sailed for Europe last week, on account of impaired health.-The Rev. Dr. Robert Lee, minister of the old Greyfriars Church at Edinburgh, and one of her Majesty's chaplains for Scotland, died at Torquay, March 14th. His death renders vacant the professorship of Biblical Criticism in Edinburgh University. Dr. Lee was also a dean of the Chapel Royal. He was chiefly known as the leader of the movement for introducing a liturgy into the Presbyterian worship, and the paralytic stroke which brought on his death was caused by his nervous excitement over charges based om these innovations which were to be brought against him in last year's Assembly. His Congrega-

Erastianism in Kentucky.—The Court of Appeals has recently set aside the decision of the General Assembly of the O. S. Church, (which re-affirmed a prior decision of the Synod of Kentucky) by declaring that certain elders in the Walnut Street church, Louisville, are not legal members of the ses-sion thereof although elected by the congregation and duly ordained by competent authority. When it is remembered that elders are not civil, but purely ecclesiastical officers, it will be seen that the Presbytery of Kentucky is justified in declaring that:—"If these decisions be established as law, not only the elders, but the ministers also of the Presbyterian Church are subject to deprivation by civil tribunals and not they only, but the bishops and ministers of the Methodist and Episcopal Churches, the elders and teachers of the Baptist and Christian Churches, and the prelates and priests of the Roman Catholic Church. And as the authority which deprives persons ecclesiastical may also restore to office persons who have been deposed therefrom by the spiritual courts, it is clear that the whole power of Church Government is now assailed in some of its vital prin-

On the other hand the Central Presbyterian (Richmond) which has spent the years of its feeble existence in sneering at a supposed "Erastian" mixture of civil and ecclesiastical interests and authority in the North now simply sneers at this protest, as not likely to convince its political friends the Judges of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Nay, Dr. S. R. Willson, a signer, if not the author, of that great Anti-Erastian document "The Delaration and Testimony" says of the case, in words which sound like an echo of Dean Stanley's plea for the union of Church and State: "If our religious liberties are in peril, it is not any word or act of ours that has brought the danger. Let it be remembered by all, that the overthrow of those liberties in all past time has usually come from the ecclesiastical, not from the secular side. Even the tyranny and persecution of the State has been instigated, invoked, urged on by ecclesiastical persons claiming to act by the authority and in the name of the Head of the Church. And the liberties of the Church have not seldom been found safer under the protection of a Saxon Elector than in the hands of an infallible Vicar of Christ and his Tridentine General Assembly or council. Historically, this we know to be true; the philosophy of the strange fact we do not assume to explain."

Congregationalist.—Wednesday. March 26th, the connection of Rev. Frank Russell with the Plymouth Church, Philadelphia, was dissolved by advice of a council; Rev. Dr. Smiley was dismissed from the pastorate of the Second Church, and Rev. Moseley H. Williams was installed over the same. This church is now to all appearance in a thrifty, This church is now to all appearance in a thrifty, growing state.—Rev. Chauncey Goodrich of New Haven died very suddenly, March 27th, of neuralgia of the heart, at the age of 50. He was the grandson of Noah Webster, and has been largely engaged in editing and revising the various editions of Webster's dictionary.—Rev. Joel H. Lingey, D. D. died at dictionary.—Rev. Joel H. Lingey, D. D. died at the control of the state Greenwich, Conn., March 23d, at the age of 80. He was at one time pastor of the South Church in Hartford, and afterward of Park Street Church, Boston. Thence he went to Ohio, becoming President of Marietta College, and he had occupied his present field since 1847.—Rev. Benj. F. Jackson, of Charleston, 8. C., writesthat his church (Plymouth Congregational) has 225 communicants. The S. S. has increased from 90 in October last to 448 scholars.—A new church is to be organized a Macon, Ga., April 17th,---Rev. J. L. Dudley of the South Church, Middletown, Conn., accepts the call of Plymouth Church, Milwaukee.—On Fast day, a church of twenty-four members was organized under the name of the Union church at Whittenton village, Mass. making the fifth church in Taunton .- A correspon dent of the Cong. and Rec. writing from Philadelphia, says: "Mr. Williams has been preaching for the Second Church, for some months, and has gained their affection and confidence. A Sabbath-school of two hundred pupils is under the care of the Young Peoples' Association of his church. Dr. Smiley is at the head of a Seminary in Salem, N. J. Several Northern preachers have already applied for the pulpit of the Plymouth Church. Were the laymen who come to Philadelphia from your Congregational churches, as ready to fill the pews of our Congregational churches as your preachers seem to be to fill our pulpits, Congregationalism would soon become the power here that it ought to be."-The Plymouth Church, Pittsburgh, having sold their edifice on Hand street, now occupy Mozart Hall, on Seventh street. Under the ministrations of Mr. Ensworth this church is steadily growing.

Items.—The Church membership of the different denominations in Illinois is given as follows: Methodists, 80,000; Baptists, 52,000; Presbyterians (of every name), 30,000; Congregationalists, 16,000; Episcopalians, 5,000; Universalists, 5,000; Unitable 20,000. In the control of rians, 3,000; Campbellites, 10,000; Lutheraus, 6,000. There are various other lesser sects, in all probability numbering 25,000.—"About six millions of dollars are annually paid by the Christian people of the United States in salaries to their ministers. It cost ten millions to keep the dogs who eat the crumbs from their masters' tables." Fifteen millions are expended on the lawyers and ten million on the criminals of this land.

Special Antices.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will meet in the First Presbyterian Church of the city of HARRISBURG, Pa., on Thureday, May 21st, 1868, at 11 o'clock. A. M., and be opeued with a sermon by the Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D.D., the Moderator of the last General Assembly.

The Committee on Commissions will meet in the Lecture Room of the Church from 8 to 19 o'clock. A. M., of the same day.

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Iowa Presbyterian State Convention.—Delegates to the Presbyterian Union State Convention to be held in the North Presbyterian Church of Lowa City, on the First Wednesday of May next, are requested to send their names before the close of the previous week to Dr. II. Murray, in order that provision may be made for their entertainment. On arriving at Iowa City, they will meet the Committee on Entertainment at the Lecture Room of the Church. It is expected that the customary reduction of railroad fare will be made by the various railroad companies throughout the State.

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The Presbytery of Winona will hold its annual meeting in the Presbyterian church at Preston, Minn., on Friday, the löth of May, at 7 o'clock. P. M.

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RED Wing, Minn., April 3d, 1868. Gospel for the People.—Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society. Office 1334 Chestnut Street, 2d Floor, Room 4. The 200th Union Meeting in behalf of this Society will be held in the 4th Presbyterian Church 12th and Lombard on Sabbath evening 19th, at 7½ o'clock. Several addresses will be made. Public invited.

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