

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City.—The First R. P. church observed their communion Sabbath, and received to membership forty-two persons, nearly half of them on profession of their faith in Christ.

Churches.—A new church called the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian, was organized in that suburb of Cincinnati Oct. 13th, with a membership of seventy-eight persons, five of whom were elected elders.

Ministerial.—Rev. James W. Vandjke, a recent graduate of Princeton, with his wife, sailed on the 9th inst. for Bangkok, Siam, to join the Siamese Mission of the Presbyterian church.

The Reformed (Dutch) Board of Foreign Missions.—The statement of the Finance Committee of the Board shows that the treasury is indebted to the amount of \$35,000; that on the last day of November drafts from the missions amounting to \$7,000 will be due, on the 15th \$42,000, on the 30th \$35,000, the total amount necessary to remove the debt and meet the expenses of the remainder of the year 1868 being \$60,000.

Kentucky.—The Western Presbyterian, respecting the late meeting of the Synod of Kentucky, says: "The free conversation on the state of religion in the bounds of Synod revealed, with many causes of discouragement and many occasions of sorrow, not a few grounds of encouragement.

The Testimony and Declaration Synod of Kentucky, at their late meeting, declined to join the Southern Presbyterian Assembly. The question was disposed of by referring the decision to the Presbyteries; leaving them to determine for themselves whether they would send commissioners to the Assembly which meets at Mobile in May next.

The Scotch-Irish giving place to the Germans in Central Pennsylvania.—A correspondent of the Christian Instructor writes from Mercersburg: "Presbyterianism has for several years been on the decline in this region of country. No new Presbyterian congregation of any name is organized, while many have died away, and nearly all the living ones seem to be smitten with an incurable distemper.

The Liberty of the Churches.—A correspondent of The Presbyterian, who has been attending the O. S. Assembly's Minutes, writes: "In 1866 there were 479 churches reporting 'solid columns,' i. e., they reported contributions for at least six out of our seven agencies, the Freedmen's Committee having no separate column.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Foreign Missions (\$90,000), Home Missions (55,000), Freedmen's Mis. (13,400), Education Fund (10,000), Church Extension (10,000), Publication Fund (6,000), San Francisco Mis. (10,000). Total: \$184,400. Average: \$2.85.

Boston Presbyterianism.—The Rev. J. B. Dunn was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Society which worships in the church on the corner of Beach street and Harrison avenue, September 30th. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Hall of New York, and remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Kirk and others.

The O. S. Board.—In response to the call of the Board of Foreign Missions the children of the Church last year, contributed, by extra effort, the round sum of forty-five thousand dollars. The Presbyterian recommends that the children ought to be trained to give regularly to the benevolent operations of the Church, and by so doing the contributions would be increased at least one-fifth, if not more.

Expansive Churches.—The Congregationalist gives the following advice on the subject of building expensive churches: It is sometimes a great mistake for a society, weak in numbers and finances, to attempt to build an expensive church, such as may be wanted after a few years.

Congregationalist.—Of the 241 Orthodox Congregationalist churches in Maine, only 59 have pastors, and 79 have stated supplies.—Three ministers, Rev. E. M. Clark and wife, and Mrs. Simons, sailed from Boston, last week, for the East.—Rev. W. H. H. Murray, of Meriden, Ct., has accepted the call of Park St. church, Boston, and will commence his labors in November. Salary \$3,000, with \$1,000 to meet the expense of moving.—Rev. Wm. A. Bartlett of Brooklyn, has decided not to accept the call to Chicago, from the feeling that his work in Brooklyn is not yet finished.

Methodist.—The General M. E. Missionary Committee appropriated a million dollars in 1866, for missionary purposes at home and abroad. For this year they appropriate but \$857,000. While the large balance in the treasury in November, 1865, has been gradually consumed, the actual contributions have so far fallen off that, at the annual meeting last November they were in debt \$178,525, and since then the debt has nearly doubled. Unless a grand rally is made during the next thirty days the Board will close its next financial year with a debt of \$350,000.

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denmed, relaxes it somewhat, but still requires the consent of the local church authorities before preaching in another's parish.—Memphis papers say that the High-Churchmen of that city, under the leadership of the Rev. J. W. Rogers, have introduced in the church of the Blessed Virgin the ceremonies of Ritualism, an immense congregation witnessing them. Bishop Quintard of Tennessee, who is himself a High-Churchman and fraternized with the most ultra Ritualists while recently in England, has since forbidden such practices in his diocese.—Rev. B. Wistar Morris, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, has been elected Bishop of Oregon and Washington Territory. "This election," says the Protestant Churchman, "adds another vote to the dominant party in the House of Bishops."

Baptist.—Crozer Theological Seminary (Baptist) in the village of Upland, about sixteen miles from Philadelphia, was dedicated on the 2nd inst. The building was erected by Mr. J. P. Crozer for a Normal School, but recently the whole property, including twenty acres of land, was conveyed to the corporation of the Seminary by the four sons of Mr. Crozer. The family have endowed the institution with a fund of \$150,000 for educational purposes, \$25,000 for a library, and \$30,000 for the erection of three houses for Professors. Rev. Henry G. Weston, D. D., is President of the institution.—Of Columbian College, Washington, D. C., a writer in the Western Christian Advocate says: "It has checked, in a great measure, the proselytism of the Roman Church, here, by affording facilities for the education of the youth of this city outside of the Catholic schools. Being the only Protestant educational establishment of high grade, here, it has furnished teachers for our public and private schools; and to-day, as in times past, nearly every Protestant school in the District is controlled by members of the Baptist Church."

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