# Religious Entelligence.

### THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City.—The fourth anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. Alexander Reed, D.D., as pastor of the Central church, (O. S.) occurred on the second Sabbath of December. The four years of his pastorate have been years of growth, and of continuous prosverity. Four hundred and sixty-two persons are in ommunion, and fifteen more were added on the previous Salbath. Two hundred persons have been added to the membership, by far the larger part of them from the world, on profession of faith. The contributions of the church have risen from \$2,565 to more than \$7,500 a year, the church is free from debt, and its yearly revenue is more than \$9,000. The Sabbath school which is divided into three departments, is large and flourishing. There is much activity manifested by the church in every good work, and the success which has followed past efforts, seems to encourage to renewed endeavors.—Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D.D., Secretary of the (O.S.) Assembly's Committee for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, died quite suddenly, Dec. 22d, at his residence in this city. Dr. Janes was a graduate of Harvard College and of Princeton Theological Sem-inary, and had served in the ministry for more than forty years. He was settled over the church in Woodbury, N. J. Then, after a long and successful pastorate in she First church of New Brunswick. N. J., he was installed, more than 25 years ago, over the Sixth church of this city. This charge he resigned to take care of the Fund for Disabled Minsters, a trust which was managed by him with great delicacy and fidelity, as many aged servants of the Master have testified. Dr. Jones was also a member of the Presbyterian Board of Education, and for several years chairman of its Executive Committee.—The liberality of Mr. B H. Jenks, a ruling elder in the church at Bridesburg, has provided the congregation with a house of worship. It has been in course of erection for the last two years and was lutely completed at a cost of more than \$30,000. Mr. Jenks has defrayed nearly the entire expense of this commodious edifice and given it as a ' memoof his honored father.

Ministerial.—Rev. J. A. P. McGraw, formerly of the U. P. church of Monmouth, Ill., has received and accepted a call to the First church (O. S.) of Urbana, Ohio.—Rev. A. T. Rankin, of Buffalo, has or Lonaconing, Allegheny Co., Md.—Rev. Dr. Pressley of the First U. P. church of Allegheny, celebrated the 37th anniversary of his pastorate, Dec. 6th, by dispensing the communion to his people for the 116th time. Of the fifty members who signed his call only seven are living and five were present. Their third house of worship (a beautiful structure) is in course of erection and will soon be ready. More than two thousand have been admitted to membership under his ministry, and several col-onies have been sent out.—Rev. John L. Janeway, D.D., has resigned the pastoral charge of the church

at Flemington, N. J.
Churches. —The Second U. P. church of Xenia, O. has freed itself from debt.—One year ago the young men of the Second (O. S.) church of Pittsburg, (Rev. Dr. Howard's), formed themselves into an associa tion to assist the pastor and elders in Church work. It was duly organized, and various Committees were appointed, to seek out those who attended church nowhere else, to be in attendance for the purpose of seating strangers, to invite the guests at the hotels to attend the services, to visit those who had lately connected themselves, to hold neighborhood prayer meetings, and in short, to do whatever the pastor and elders might deem necessary to the growth and prosperity of the Church. Twelve months have demonstrated that the plan works remarkably! well, and gives promise of yet greater usefulness in the similar association has been formed in the Second U. P. church, Allegheny.—There has been quite a revival of religion in the Whitewater church, Mo. Some thirty have been added to the church by examination, and more are expected; six adults baptized.—A (Dutch) Reformed burch of Harbor, Long Island, twenty-eight made a profession of faith, three Sabbaths ago.—The church of Scotchtown, N. Y., has been visited with a revival of great power. On Sabbath, Dec. 6th, one hundred

and thirty made a profession of faith. Seminaries.—Rev. Mr. Van Vliet, of Dubuque, Iowa, has gathered a German congregation in that city of 180 members, and established a theological. school, where thirty students are preparing for the ministry. The last Assembly (O. S.) appointed a committee to visit this school and examine into its merits and its wants and report at the next Assembly. A part of this committee, says The North Western Presbyterian, has just visited the place and was very much gratified with the condition and management of the school, which seems "deserving of the fostering care of the whole Church."—Judge Whitehead of Morristown, N. J., leaves \$7,200 each to Princeton Seminary, and the O.S. Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions.—It having been reported that the Professors in the North Western Theological Seminary, at Chicago, were neglecting their proper work and giving the students instruc-tions in politics, thirty-one of the thirty-five students have signed a paper in which, although of different political views, they declare "that, while our Professors have shown themselves to be true patriots and in favor of human freedom, and while we believe that they would never consent to submit to the dictation of any man or party, yet they have never brought politics into the class room or their public ministrations; and that we ourselves hold. these different opinions in peace and harmony."

Home Missions .- Secretary Musgrave announces (Dec. 24th,) that the augmentation in the receipts of the O. S. Board of Home Missions has been so great since Nov. 1st that the Executive Co amittee have taken heart again, and voted to restore the old salaries to those Missionaries who have been cut down one fourth, and to make other appropriations as in the previous year, but to decline to make new ap-pointments. May we soon hear as good news from their Foreign Mission Board.

### OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian.—The Church Almanac for 1869 gives the statistics of the denomination: -39 dioceses; 49 bishops; 1,687 priests and deacons; 331 candidates for orders; 2,402 parishes; 194,692 communicants; 194,046 S. S. scholars; 21,711 S. S. teachers; \$4,457,888 28 contributions for all purposes. During the year 108 deacons and 98 priests were ordained; 38 churches were consecrated; 35,702 persons were baptized, (of whom one-tith were adults); 21,958 were confirmed; 9,945 married; and 15,346 buried -In London recently one hundred and four Episcopalians went over to Rome in a single month.—The London ritualists Wales, because the former contributed £100 to the "restoration" of Dr. Lee's church. The Daily News, on the contrary, notes that the Prince recently went through a storm at dight in Scolland to hear Dr. Cumming, and adds: "Nobody apprehends danger when he hears that the Prince is the follower of John Knox. There is always time to pause in the steep and thorny road of Scottiah Calvinism."

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brought into the ministry.—The Church Journal under its new management opposes Ritualism and notes that every High Church paper in America and not a few in England do the same.

Congregationalist.—Fourteen years ago, when Rev. Wm. Brown became pastor of the First Congregational church in Newark, N. J., his was the only church of that order in a region which now has a Conference of twenty churches. Belleville avenue church, Newark, has a chapel scatting 400, which is full First church, Newark, has 500 members. In Orange Valley a new house of worship has just been completed. Tabernacle church, Jersey City, has 240 members and the largest Sunday-school in the State. Baltimore church has added 10 members during the year. The church in Washington has upwards of 200 members. In Philadelphia, the First church is in a section of the city where, of 14,000 souls, only 1,000 attend upon public worship. A chapel coeting \$10,000 has been built for the church. The Second church being too far "down town," needs a new church above Girard avenue. The Central church has a fine chapel costing \$38,000, and hopes soon to commence building its church idifice. Plymouth church, hear Girard College, is in the centre of a rapidly grown. ing section of the city .- Mr. Frederic Hicks, who has been laboring the past six years as a lay-missionary in Central America, chiefly in Panama, after being licensed by the Bennington Association, was ordained to the ministry at the First Congregational church at Bennington Centre, Vt., Dec. 23d. The Congregationalist gives the number of stu-dents preparing for the ministry in the Congregational Seminaries as follows: Andover, 90; Chicago, 58; Bangor, 34; New Haven, 25; Hartford, 22; Oberlin, 16; total 245.—Rev. I. E. Dwinell, D.D., resigned the pastorate of the First church, San Francisco, on Sabbath morning, Nov. 15th, in:

San Francisco, on Sabbath morning, Nov. 15th, in order to accept the professorship offered him in the Pacific Theological Seminary.

Baptist.—The First church are making arrangements to commence early in the spring, the erection of a chapel on the lot recently purchased by the Church Extension Committee, on Broad and Reed Streets. The chapel will cost \$15,000. The Boardman Mission school of the First church is in the term. man Mission-school of the First church is in that section of the city. In the Tenth church Rev. J. S. Kennard, received at Christmas, from one of his deacons. the gift of \$250.—Rev. C. B. Oakley has resigned the charge of the Enon church, and preached his closing sermon. This church is located in an important part of the city, and had they a new house of worship, might soon hope to be come efficient and self-sustaining.—At the call of the First Church at Sharpsburg, Pa., a council met Dec. 22d, 1868, to ordain their pastor-elect, ship in the church, they know nothing. Their Rev. Alfred Caldwell, formerly a city missionary in London, England; then in New Brunswick, N. J., and latterly city missionary in Pittsburg, Pa., for the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Holy Orthodox Greek Church.—The Holy.

Synod-has recently given a formal decision that there is nothing in Sunday-schools which is contrary to the Church laws, or prejudicial to Church Brooklyn, four beautiful building lots, twenty-five order. Consequently Sunday-schools have been opened in many villages for the religious instruction of the peasants. In some parishes in the government of Samera as many as six hundred services and the custom of the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, Esq., has given to the English Church of Brooklyn, four beautiful building lots, twenty-five only condition of the given admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, Esq., has given to the English Church of by one hundred feet each, as his/jubile gift. The only condition of the given to the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, Esq., has given to the English Church of by one hundred feet each, as his/jubile gift. The only condition of the gift is that the construction of the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, Esq., has given to the English Church of by one hundred feet each, as his/jubile gift. The only condition of the gift is that the construction of the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, and the construction of the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, and the construction of the English Church of the construction of the mother-country, and admitted to the communion table."—John A. Garden, and the construction of the constructi ernment of Samara, as many as six hundred or seven hundred peasants have come together. The priest read to them historical parts of the Old Tes tament, and explained passages of the Gospel. They are said to be very attentive and interested.— Probably San Francisco can claim to have the greatest variety of religious worship of any city in the land. Not only has it a Chinese temple, but it has now a Greek church, which began its public services on the last Thursday in August. There are about one thousand members of the Greek church in California, emigrants from Russia. Their number will doubtless be increased from Alaska, where the Greek religion is the only one nominally

Methodist.—Rev. H. H. Mattison, D.D., a very active minister of the Methodist Church, for many years an agent of the American Bible Society, and more recently a Secretary of the American and adults baptized.—A (Dutch) Reformed church of sixty Germans has been 'gathered at Lebanon, O., and Rev. Hen. Francis Muller installed their pastor. As the German element in the community is not very strong, in the course of time the conduct of a sixty German element in the community is not a Japanese student at Rutgers College, New Brubs-very strong, in the course of time the conduct of a very strong, in the course of time the conduct of a wick, New Jersey, was baptized and received into part of the service in the English language may be church membership, in St. James Methodist part of the service in the English language may be expected.—The O. S. church of Portland, Oregon, has paid off a debt of \$4,000.—In the church of Sag pastor. This young Japanese it is said, is the second of his nation who has openly professed the Christian faith .- Rev. J. A. Burlingame, stationed at Sonora, died of consumption Uctober 24th, and was burged on the following day. He was a brother of the Chinese amoussador.—At Mechanics burg, Pa., in a recent regival the young ladies of the Irving Female College have all been converted.— A revival of religion has been in progress for several weeks at Emory and Henry College, Virginia. There have been about eixty conversions. Out of one hundred and eighty stadents force hundred dred are professors of religion.-The United Brethren have a church in this city, numbering some hundred members in "two appointments." the result of a recent revival twelve were added, four by immersion .- Sanctuary M. E. Church, after being thoroughly repaired and remodelled, was re-opened on Christmas day, Bishop Simpson preaching in the morning.—The corner-stone of Thirty-eighth street M. E. Church, Rev. H. A. Cleveland, pastor, was laid by Bishop Simpson on Thursday, Dec. 10th. The free-will offerings of the people amounted to a little over sixteen thousand When completed the edifice will cost about \$40,000. It will be of Trenton stone, in Gothic style.—At the North Georgia Conference (Southern) the statistical reports showed an increase of 2,284 white, and a decrease of 2,566 colored members. A colored Conference was to be organized January 6. -In North Carolina (Northern) Conference a dozen new church edifices are in process of erection. There has been a net gain of about one thousand in the membership .- Fifteen hundred Methodist ministers in England have placed their names on the total abstinence list. A year ago The Metho-dist Temperance Magazine was started. Its circulation has constantly increased, even beyond the an ticipations of its friends.—The Newark Daily Advertiser states that substantial dwellings of brick, trimmed with brown stone, costing about \$20,000 each, exclusive of land, are in course of building for the professors, on the grounds of the Drew The-ological Seminary. Dr. Nadal is pleasantly settled in one. The walls of two others are up, and the foundation of the fourth is soon to be laid. From five to ten acres of land will be connected with each of these dwellings. More than fifty students are enrolled for this terms. The library is constantly being enriched by new and rare volumes. The future of this institution is full of promise. - The M. E. Missionary Boards appropriate for Foreign Missions, the present year, \$275,866; proposing to devote \$20,000 of this sum to the opening of new missions in Spain, Italy, Cuba, and Mexico. For American Domestic Missions, \$369,200 are appro-

> African Methodist .- The African M. E. Church, organized in 1846, has now a membership of two hundred and twenty-five thousand, with eight hun-

son of that distinguished divine who has been the name of Jesus. It was the exceptional word. SYSTEMATIO! PERSISTENT! JUDIOIOUS! Men muttered it tremblingly, with one or two exceptions. To the majority it seemed as an unfamiliar name. The vast majority of the prayers that we heard, ended not "for Christ's sake;" in the bendictions pronounced He was well nigh forgotten. Not having His person and His work charly defined, each leared to speak of either, lest he mig't not only be condemned, but might offend a brother. This Church will yet rally against any leanings to fraternity with those who feared to 'offend a brother' more than to offend the Lord. It has never actually recognized them. As Bishop Payne said very shrewedly before the Convention, 'We are both mutually attracted. You are attracted by our needs; we by your generosity.' That is not unlike Father Henson (the origin, according to Mrs. Stowe, of 'Uncle Tom'), whose arms were broken by a cruel overseer with a tence-rail, so that both are permanently bent. He says this was a good providence, in order that when one band is offered for shaking, the other is in just the position to receive donations. Bishop Paine's mutual attractions mean salutations for more."

The African M. E. Zion Church is negotiating for union with the M. E. Church (North) Resolutions adverse to the union were passed by their late Tennesee Conference, because of othe states ment made in open Conference that the preachers of the Methodist E. Church in that region are hostile to the colored people of the Zion Church. Such reports are probably a part of the courtesies extended by the M. E. Church (South) to their Northern brethren.

Lutheran.—The vast immigration from Germany is doing for Lutheranism in this country what the Irish immigration has done for Roman Catholicism. While the united strength of the two schools of Presbyterianism will be a membership of 407,889, the Lutherans have a membership numbering but 56,029 less that aggregate. The immigration from Germany is mainly composed of Prussian Protestants, and is rapidly increasing; and, ere long, the denomination will be inferior in numerical strength only to the Roman Catholics, Methodists, and Baptists. They greatly need a more numerous body of clergy; having but 1,748 ministers, while Presbyterians have 4,172. The Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary last year graduated eleven theological students, and eight the previous year.—Last year, the emigration from Germany to this country amounted to 124,803; being more than from Ireland. Most of these are Protestants; but they do not accept the American idea children they expect, as a matter of course, when they have been duly instructed in the catechism, and have arrived at a sufficient age to have a theoretical understanding of the truth, will be confirmed after the custom of the mother-country, and ner, Esq., has given to the English Church of Brooklyn, four beautiful building lots, twenty-five by one bundred feet each, as his jubiles gift. The only condition of the gift is, that the congregation shall erect a church within a specified number of years.

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