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THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City.—The Central Presbyterian of Richmond. Va., which seems to have a monopoly of such information, says: "Rev. Dr. H. A. Boardman of Philadelphia, is spending the winter at St. Paul, Minuesota. For a time after his arrival there, early in October, his health was much improved; but during the unfavorable weather which soon followed—the most unfavorable, it is said, ever known there—it was thrown back. It was therefore thought hest to await the genuine winter climate of that region, so dry and invigorating to delicate lungs. It has already been of great service to him; and their sincere prayers will be united with those of his tamily, his pastoral charge and his numerous friends, that his health may be soon entirely restored."— The new chapel which has been built by the Second Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, on the lot corner of Twenty first and Walnut Streets, was opened for divine service on Sabbath morning, January 17. The chapel is for temporary use, but is pleasantly fitted up, and will hold between three and four hundred persons. The foundations of the new church, which will be on the front part of the same lot, will he laid during the spring of this year, and the congregation expect to erect a large and elegant church thereon.—The installation of Rev. Matthew Newkirk, as pastor of the North Tenthi Street church, took place on Sabbath evening, the 17th inst. The Rev. Dr. Musgrave, and Rev. Messrs. D. A. Cunningham and Mutchmore took part in the services.

Ministerial.—The death of Rev. D. Kirknatrick. D.D., a member of the Presbytery of Blairsville, is announced. He was principal, for a number of years, of a famous Academy in Milton, I'a., where many youths were educated for places of usefulness and prominence. He died in a good od age, honored and beloved.—Rev. R. D. Harper, D.D., late pastor of a U. P. church in Xenia, Ohio, and leader of the liberal wing of the U. P. Assembly, has been unanimously elected by the regents of the Alabama University, at Tuscaloosa, as President of the in-stitution. Dr. Harper now holds the position of Superintendent of Education for Alabama, under the Freedmen's Bureau, having received the appointment from General Howard.—Rev. Robert A. Davison has received a unanimous call from the First church of West Chester, New York.—An interesting service took place, January 7, at the Reformed (Dutch) church of Fifth Avenue, N. Y., on occasion of the departure of two missionaries of the Reformed Church, who were to leave the city on the 10th, in the Alaska,—Rev. J. A. Davids, for Amoy, China, and Rev. Henry Stout, for Nagasaki, Japan. They are both recent graduates of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.—Rev. Orr Lawson has taken charge of the church of Sunbury, Pa.

Churches .- In Brookfield, Ct., the nucleus of a Reformed church is rapidly forming, being the se-cond in the State. Though not yet organized, they have a house of worship and tunds have been raised for repairs and turniture. The congregations surprise all. Though surrounded by other churches it is steadily making progress.—The chapel in 34th Street, Rev. J. J. Lampe, pastor, connected with the Brick church, of New York, has entered upon the second year of its existence, under favorable auspices. During the past year 101 converts have been received on profession of their faith, and mine by letter.—On the 23d of December last the Presby bytery of Raritan organized the Kirkpatrick Method of Church. [If all the "New Churchmen," (somorial church at Ringoes, New Jersey, with fifty-two members and installed three elders.—Twenty nominations, it is believed the number would astwo members and installed three elders.—Twenty Iowa City, Iowa, was stolen by an apostate clergyman and carried to Salt Lake City. Rev. Mr. Os-mond, the present pagetor of the church, has receiv-ed a letter from Brigham Young, expressing will-ingness to give up the bell and aid its return to the

"The Presbytery of Santa Fe." the first in the Territory of New Mexico, was organized last month, the last O. S. Assembly having given the proper authorization. A parochial school established by Presbytery, and a committee was appointed to obtain a charter for a college, this school to be the Preparatory Department of the same. On the subject of reunion the new Presbytery disapprove of the basis sent down by the last Assembly, but voted for reunion on the basis of the Standards. The narrative states that the only church now in the Prevalvery, that of Santa Region and S the mission in Santa Fe, was taken under care of bytery, that of Santa Fe, is in a flourishing condition. The Free school promises well for Americans and New Mexicans, Romanists and Protestants in the city. The missionary to the Navajos is on his way to begin his work.

"The Presbytery of Shantung" met at Chefqo, Oct. 15 and 16. Fifteen members were added during the year to the church in Tungchow, and ten in Chefoo, and cheering accounts were given of the progress of the mission schools in both places. The native church at Tungchow have showed their zeal the fruit of their faith in Christ-by-supporting one of their own number as a missionary in a village some thirty miles from the city. Essays, were read on Family Worship, and on the ceremo, nies and customs connected with marriage, showing a large amount of thought, and of acquaintance with the Gospel. Preabytery passed a resolution declaring their willingness to unite Old and New Schools, on the Basis of the Standards simply, but declining to vote on the Basis approved and sent down by the General Assembly. It was impossible for the native elders to vote intelligently or independently on the question; and as the whole question has arisen since the youngest member of Presbytery left America, it seemed almost impossible that they should fairly understand or appreciate the true state of the question. [It appears they were not too far, or too unpartizan to reject a Basis containing a liberal clause.]

Mission to the Winnebagoes — Rev. J. M. Wilson, commissioned by the O. S. Board of Foreign Missions, as a laborer among the Indians in Nebraska, writes that his mission has rearly five hun" dred Winnebagoes in its day schools. It has also three large Sabbath schools, which are constantly increasing in numbers and influence. Four or five pupils seem seriously concerned for their salvation.

fronted by at least one missionary in San Francisco: where furnaces, factories, etc., once existed, but —our old friend and classmate, Mr. Loomis. He which are now abandoned. The growth of the denast gathered a small congregation, established a nomination in the State, if not rapid, is at least nomination of the state, if not rapid, is at least standard school, and sends out colporteurs with tracts—steady."—There are 39 Churches; 25 Pastors; 37

Seminaries ... The Directors of the U. P. Theolo-Seminaries. Pastors of experience and known ability, have been selected, each one of whom is to deliver a lecture on some particular department of Pastoral Theology. We observe that on March 3, Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D.; will lecture on diffuse Manner of Conducting a Revival." (13)

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OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian .- Home .- Rev. Henry C. Riley has resigned the rectorship of the Spanish Church of Santiago, New York City, to go to Mexico.—Rev. Walton W. Battershall, of Ravenswood, L. I., has become Rector of Christ church, Rochester.—The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, at its last meeting in Philadelphia, refused, by a unanimous vote, to sign the testimonials for Rev. Dr. Doane, recently elected bishop of the new diocese of Albany, N. Y. [We suppose on account of informality and possible serious error in his election.]-Forty-three churches now exist in California, seven of which are in San Francisco. Two of these latter have cost \$100,000 each. There is also a theological seminary and a religious newspaper.— There are two sisterhoods in New York connected with the opposite poles of the denomination. One was originated by Dr. Muhlenberg, in 1845. It is called the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion, and is devoted mainly to the charge of St. Luke's Hospital. It is an independent organization. The sisterhood of St. Mary is under ecclesiastical control. and the Rev. Morgan Dix is the chaplain. It is considerably on the model of Roman Catholic sisterhoods, and has done a good work for fallen woman. -The New Jersey Supreme Court, in giving their decision confirming the verdict in the case of the Rev. Wm. J. Lyud, vs. St. Barnabas Church of Roseville, made public the following points of interest relative to the rights of Episcopal clergy under the law: 1. A minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church has either the possession of the church, or a right in the nature of an easement to enter therein, on all occasions set apart in the parish for divine services, and a substantial interference with such right will lay the ground of an action at law.

2. The English Ecclesiastical law forms the basis of the law, regulating the affairs of this denomina-tion of Christians. 3. In order to vest the pastor with the ordinary rights in the temporalities pertaining to his office, it is not necessary for the congregation to be incorporated, nor that the title to the church should be lodged in such congregation.

Foreign. - The bishops of the English Church have united in a formal reply, written in Latin by the Bishop of St. Andrew's, to the Pope's invitation to the Ecumenical Council in 1869. They acknowledge their early obligations to the Evangelistic zeal of the Bishops of Rome, but reject their claims to su-premacy.—It is rumored in England that the Bishop of Lincoln will decline promotion to the See of London, in which case Dr. Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, will be translated to London.—A ritualistic publisher advertises a little work on "The Sin of the Day," which sin is shown to be communion in the afternoon, or after partaking of a meal !

Congregationalist.—Fifty years ago, says The Congregationalist, it was gravely discussed by an asociation of ministers whether a religious newspaper ought to be countenanced. It was feared that religion would be secularized. A few weeks since a conference of churches, in Maine, earnestly and gravely discussed the question whether a Christian, or in-deed any family, can without serious loss both spiritually and mentally, be without a religious news-paper.—The Second Church in Biddeford, Me., has received twenty-six new members. There have been additions each communion during the past year, making fifty in all.—Rev. E. Y. Garrette of Millbury, Mass., has received a call from the Plymouth Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.-Mr. W. H. Clark, a member of the Congregational church in Woburn, years ago, the bell of the North church, (O.S.), at tonish some people. —A meeting to promote "giv-lowa City, Iowa, was stolen by an apostate clergythe lecture-room of the First Church in New Haven, Jan. 19th, to which all who are interested in the object are invited,...In New York State the denomination numbers 252 churches, and 221 ministers, with 25,273 members. During the year 1,354 have been received on profession, and 623 adult and 617 infant baptisms are reported. About sixteen of these churches have since formed the General Association of New Jersey. There are seven more ministers, 29 more churches, 3,714 more members, nation can boast.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, of the New England Church, New York, sailed for Europe, Dec. 29; and will be absent some five weeks, making a rapid visit to London and Paris.—The Council that convened in Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 15th, to advise concerning the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. I. B. Dwinell, D.D., and the First church of Sacramento, voted unanimously that it was not expedient to dissolve the connection.— The Wittemberg Church of Newton, Iowa, are enjoying a precious revival season. There have already been about fifty conversions, and the work is still going on.

Baptist.—The regular Baptists had a nominal increase during the past year of 64.000, making the total of the denomination in the United States at the present time 1,100,00.—The new and beautiful chapel of the Memorial Church of this city, would have been dedicated Jan. 12, but was unfortunately injured by fire.—Rev. Dr. C. G. Somers, an able and widely known and respected minister, and pastor for many years of the Old South church, in New York, died on Dec. 13th, at his residence in this city. He was a native of England, came early in life to this country, was some time in the employment of John Jacob Astor, studied theology with the late Rev. Dr. Stoughton, of Philadelphia, and has had an active and honored ministry for good. In Salem, Mass., eighty-two have been bapuzed into the fellowship of the Central church within a year. The pastor, Rev. T. H. Pratt, has been much blessed of God in his work. To the revival which commenced soon after his settlement, there has been no reaction.—In Lafayette, N. J., seventeen were baptized on the third Sabbath in December, making one hundred received by baptism, thirty four by letter, and nine by experience, during the year. In It is hoped to soon organize a church among the Omahas, about twenty of whom are ready to unite.

The Chinese in California.—The Independent says:—"It a Chinamen wishes to escape from missionary and Christian influences, his safest couse is to migrate to New York or San Francisco;" and adds, "How long shall it be true?" Dr. Grier of The Presbyterian adds: "This is smart, but hardly true of San Francisco." The Chinamen will be controlled by at least one missionary in San Francisco, where furnaces, factories, etc., once existed, but New Jersey there are five Associations, embracing throughout the State, and goes himself into their ministers, in Maryland and the District of Columbia; the interior, The success has not been as great as could be wished, but it is nevertheless true that the Chinese do not necessarily escape from mistorary influence by coming to San Francisco."

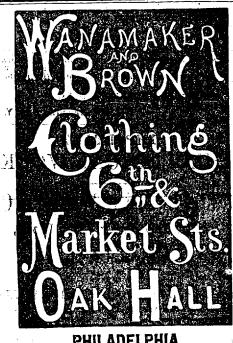
Seminary and senus out corporteurs with tracts steady."—There are 39 Churches; 25 Pastors; 37 ministers, in Maryland and the District of Columbia; baptisms reported, 278; membership in 39 Churches, 5,134.—The Church in Robinsonville, Texas, had been reduced to 7 members. God blessed the labors of a faithful ministry, and now the the labors of a faithful ministry, and now the church numbers 61. Six Methodists, five Presbytegical Seminary in Allegheny have adopted a system of Lectures on Pastoral Theology, which might be worthy of consideration by the suthofities of other seminary in Cincinnati, after a long decrease. isterial Association in Cincinnati, after a long de-bate, after last monthly meeting, imposed a doc-tring basis of membership, expressing belief in the Inspiration of the Bible, the Frinity, the Divinity of Inspiration of the biole, the Frince, the Dividity of Christ, the fall and corruption of human nature, the vicarious atonement, regeneration, justification, etc., etc. Rev. W. T. Moore, for the Disciples or Campete.

bellite denomination) withdrew, on the ground that he would not subscribe to any statement of creed in the language of man, after which the proposed constitution was unanimously adopted.—Mrs. Bartlett, of Rev. Mr. Spurgeon's church, teaches probably the largest Bible class in the world. When organized, eight years ago, three persons were present. At the end of the first month there were fourteen regular members. The interest increased until the average attendance became 700, at which it now stands. More than 700 persons have been received into the church from this remarkable class.—The boys' school at Grand Ligne, Canada, and the girls' school at Langweial are full—the former having thirty-three, and the latter thirty-five scholars. The report also shows that since the commencement of the Mission, between three and four thousand Roman Catholics have been converted, 1,350 of whom have been baptized, and united with the churches connected with the Mission—an average of more than one hundred conversions each year, since the establishment of the Mission by Madame Feller.

Methodist.—The Fair for the "Home for Aged and Infirm Members of the M. E. Church," held recently in Horticultural Hall, realized \$22,000. The ladies of the churches managed it.—The case of Mary Ann Smith, remanded to the custody of the "House of the Good Shepherd" in Newark, by the civil courts, will be remembered. This disposition of the case was effected by the testimony of two young men who swore that she was not leading a virtuous life. The counsel for the girl now mullish the statement that these young men voluntarily confess that they perjured themselves, having been induced to do so for money. The recent judicial decision will probably be reversed and the trial reopened. In the meantime her warm friend Rev. Dr. Mattison is dead.

Romanist.—The Romish hierarchy is to be established in Scotland. "The Most Rev. Jas. Laird Patterson," who is to be created Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, was educated at Trinity College, Oxford, and was formerly a clergyman of the Church of England. Prior to his secession he was curate of St. Thomas' Church, Oxford, of which the Rev. Thomas Chamberlain, M.A., of Christ Church, was, and is now, the rector. It is characteristic that an Anglican pervert was chosen, no Scotch convert from Presbyterianism being at hand.

The Boston *Pilot* advises Catholic parents to protest against the reading of Scriptures by their chil dren at our common schools. - In this city by a very general and emphatic pressure of the priesthood, the Romanist laity of this city within the past year have been compelled to withdraw their children from the public schools, and send them to those taught by 'the religious orders."—Of the two hundred and sixty Popes, not one has ruled for twenty-five years, and as Pio Nono is drawing near that point, the superstitious Romans predict his death as impending.



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