Religious Antelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

Ministerial .-- Rev. Cyrus Byington, one of the most earnest and self-sacrificing ministers of the Presbyterian Church, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Belpre, Ohio, on the 31st ult., aged 76. He spent forty years of his life as a missionary to the Choctaws, where the labors of himself and his coadjutors were greatly blessed. Neat cabins were erected, the children were gathered into schools, churches were established, the ground was cultivat-ed, and all the appliances of Christian civilization were introduced. Mr. Byington was a member of the General Assembly of 1860, which met in Rochester, N. Y. After the establishment of the Southern Presbyterian Church he attached himself to it. For several years he has been in the North superintending the translation of portions of the Scriptures into the Choctaw language, and their publica-tion by the American Bible Society.—Rev. J. G. Archer, pastor of the church in Clearfield, Pa., was killed recently through a sleeping-car being preci-pitated sixty feet down a bank on the Pan-Handle Desilved Dar & R. Willey, D. C. P. J. J. Railroad.-Rev. S. F. Wilson, D.D., of Rock Island, has received a unanimous call from the church of Galesburg, Ill.-Rev. Henry M. McCracken has ac-cepted a call from the First church of Toledo, Ohio, to serve it as stated supply for twelve months at a salary of \$1,200.—Rev. L. J. Halsey, D.D., has engaged to supply the church at Frankford, Ky., for two months, and has reserved his final answer to its call.—Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D.D., has been dis-missed by the Presbytery of Connecticut to accept a call from the church in Portland, Oregon.—Rev. James Sloan, D.D., of Waynesburg, Pa., has been compelled to cease from all active exertions, be-cause of disease of the heart,-Rev. Loyal Young Graham, pastor of Rehoboth, Pa., church, has re-ceived a unanimous call to the church of McKeesport, Pa., with a salary of \$1800; and also to the church of Big Spring, in Newcastle, Pa., with a salary of \$1800 and a parsonage. The First church of Richmond, Virginia, whose pulpit was vacated by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Moore to Nashville, has extended a call to the Rev. Thomas L. Preston,

of Virginia. Churches.—In St. Louis Rev. Dr. Brooks' church have been trying, during 1868, the scriptural plan of contributing upon the first day of the week "ac-cording as God had prospered" each member. \$8,000 have been thus given, mostly in small weekly installments. This sum is over and above the amount paid for the pews, which continue to be rented, though it is announced that the seats are soon to be made free to all .- The O. S. Board of Domestic Missions has established a Mission in the Territory of Arizona. The Rev. Mr. Skinner, formerly of California, has been appointed missionary, and has gone to his distant field.—*The Western Christian Advocate* says: "The new Presbyterian church, Mt. Auburn, is just completed at an expense of \$30,000, with not a dollar of indebtedness on it. The membership of near one hundred is composed of Old and New School Presbyterians and Congregationalists. The sittings are free. The audience and Sunday-school rooms are very fine. In point of talent, piety, energy, and culture the so-ciety is equal to the very best in the city or vicinity.

Reformed Churches in New York .-- The annual report of the City Missions shows that Old School Presbyterians have twenty-four churches, and half as many missions, one for every two churches. One church is "colored," and one German. If the New School falls a little below this number, with its twenty-one churches, it almost re-etores the balance by its fourteen missions. There are three other "branches" of the same family, including fourteen churches nearly equally divided be-tween United Presby erians and Reformed Presby-terians. The Reformed [Dutch] churches are eighteen in number, with seven missions. Of the churches three are German. The Protestant' Epis-copal Church has ninety-five churches, "chapels," and missions. It is not always easy to distinguish among them—the churches having "'rectors,' chapels and some few missions having "ministers." The designations are never local, but from saints. festivals, or sacred terms, such as "Atonement," "Resurrection," and "Transfiguration." Numeri-cally, therefore, the Protestant Episcopal Church has the lead in New York in organizations. This arises from its being a unit in name. The Presbyterians, however, who are under separate names though more a unit in doctrine than their Episcoyal brethren, outnumber them in organizations by filteen. Princeton Seminary.-The Annual Catalogue shows that the number of Professors is five, the same as last year. The number of students is as follows:-Resident Minister, 1; Resident Graduates, 3; Senior Class, 24; Middle Class, 39; Junior Class, 40-total, 107. The McCormick Endowment.-The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Theo-logical Seminary of the North-West has notified Rev. Dr. Willis Lord, Professor of Theology, that he was instructed by the said trustees to pay not part of the interest or income from the \$75,000 already paid in by Mr. M'Cormick and invested. to the incumbent of the Chair of Theology. Dr. Lord. as Professor of Theology, received a portion of this fund last year, with the other professors. The trusund last year, with the other professors. The trus-tees, however, have found out that they have no right to pay any part of it to the Theological Chair, and henceforth they will only do what they have a right to do. The Board of Trus-tees, that has charge of the finances, under the direction of the [Assembly's] Board of [Forty] Directors, is elected by the Directors, and holds of-fice at the option of the Directors. Very few changes have here made from the first in the Board of Trus. have been made from the first in the Board of Trustees, and they are all members of the North Church, as to his church membership, we are not advised .--The Presbuter The French of Illinois.-The school at St. Ann's, Kankakee Co., where Theo. Monod, (now in Paris, and son of the celebrated Dr. Fred. Monod,) labored for years as pastor and teacher, is prospering under the care of his successor, Rev. Hen. E. Lippert. Seventy children are in attendance, and three young men of the school are now studying for the ministry; one of them is in the Theological Seminary at Chicago, and is hard at work in that city among its French population. He has secured a hall in one of the principal streets, and addresses audiences which already average fifty each Sabbath.

young man just of age, with an income of £300,000 | erant-it never revered Mary more than any other per annum, has become a Roman Catholic. The saint—relics it knows but very little of—it condemns Times argues, through a column leader, that it is of the Protestant Church because it has done so much "no consequence."-In the diocese of Illinois there are now 92 Episcopal parishes, or 10 more than the number reported last year, to which belong 5,280 communicants, or 1,320 more than was on the books January 1, 1868. The contributions collected in 1867 amounted to \$111,176, but in 1868 to \$196.904. 1,351 have been baptized, 813 confirmed, and 6,674 children are gathered into the Sunday-schoolseach of these figures indicating a large gain upon those reported last year.—In the diocese of Maine the communicants now number 1,632, ofwhom 187 have been confirmed the past year. There are 1,769 children in the Sunday-school. The contributions of the churches amount to \$66,236.—The executors of the duke of Norfolk (a Roman Catholic) recently put up at auction the advowsons (or patronage) of several church livings. One vicarage worth £600 a year, was knocked down for £3,610, but for the rest there was little or no bidding, as the auc-tioneer could give no guarantee that they would not

be confiscated within five years.

Congregationalist.—Rev. W. H. Fenn of Port-land, gives some statistics which disprove the asser-tion made not long since by the Episcopal Bishop Neely, that Congregationalism is dying out in Maine. Since 1828, the Congregationalists have increased 161 per cent, the Baptists, 52 per cent. and the Free-Will Baptists, 49 per cent. Since 1850, the Congregationalists have increased between 18 and 19 per cent., the Baptists declined 1 per cent. In 1868 the members of the Congregational churches outnumbered the Methodists by 422. The Sabbath-schools exceed theirs by 1269, and the contributions were three times as large. Many feeble churches in Maine are without pastors, and not less than a dozen self-supporting churches are vacant; some of them among the most able in the State. Some get transient supplies; and some are without preaching much of the time.—A very interesting revival is in progress in Lebanon, N. Y., the different denominations sharing in the work. In the Congregational church, some thirty persons have expressed hope, a number of prominent business men being subjects of the work.-Rev. Mr. Willey reports that he has visited twenty thousand families in New Hampshire, the past year, and found only fifteen hundred families without the Bible.—The Boston City Missionary Society reports its annual receipts at \$10,455, leav ing a deficiency of \$818. Twenty-one missionaries have been employed.—Rev. Washington Gladden of North Adams, Mass., has declined an urgent call to one of the Presbyterian churches of Cleveland, much to the gratification of his people. A salary of \$5,000 was offered.—Hartford Theological Sem-inary has been remembered in the will of the late Mrs. Charles Hosmer of that city, in a generous le-gacy of \$50,000. The Advance has recently said that this institution has funds, but "no vocation."

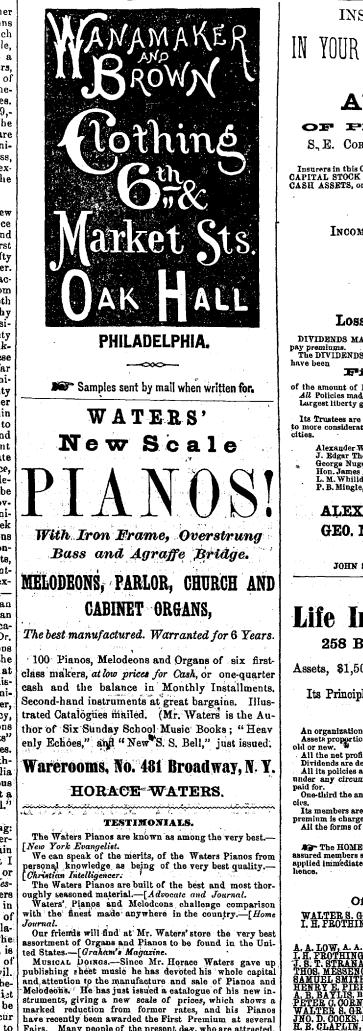
Baptist. - Memorial Church .- Monday evening, Jan. 25th, the members and friends of the Memorial Baptist church of this city, after months of toil, anxiety, and self-sacrificing energy, dedicated to the service of God their unique and beauti.ul chapel, while numbers who came to the feast of dedication could not find entrance.—In the *Eleventh church*, so recently the scene of trouble and dispute, under the udicious and earnest labors of Rev. C. Keyser, the prospects are brightening, and better days and prighter scenes are before them.-In Bridgeton, N. J., the Pearl St. church is enjoying a revival of great power. "More than thirty have come forward for prayer, many of whom are rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. Our own brethren, and some of the friends who were converted at Dutch Neck last winter, are assisting the pastor in preaching."-Matthew Hale Smith, whom a council recently refused to ordain over the Laight St. church in New York, has resigned his position as stated supply, and sailed for Europe.—The most magnificent church in New York is said to be Dr. Corey's on Murraý Hill.—The term "Church of the Disci-ples," or sometimes "Campbellites," from the name of its originator and pioneer, indicates a body of Christians numbering 500,000, members; churches in a dozen States or more ; a quarterly review ; fifin a dozen states or more ; a quarterly review; in-teen monthly magazines, nine newspapers, and six colleges, besides smaller academies; and schools. They have a university with an endowment of \$700-000, and 700 students. They are Trinitarians, and were originally a schiem from the regular Baptist. body, and administer baptism by immersion .--- Earnest efforts are being made to secure funds for the erection of a suitable house of worship for the Baptist church in the city of Paris. The location of the proposed building is in the vicinity of the Hotel des Invalides. The cost of ground and house will be \$20,000, and English friends have raised \$7,000. -In Omaha, Nebraska, the Baptist church was organized June 1st, 1866, by Rev. J. W. Kermott, the present pastor. It was constituted with twelve mem-bers, and now numbers about two hundred, with the largest congregation in the city, the Catholics excepted.

harm-Protestantism is intolerant-for example, look at Ireland under English rule-Luther was a libertine, and so were the mass of the Reformers, &c., &c .- The Catholic Telegraph makes the total of communicants 9,415,200, or a little more than onefourth of the whole population of the United States. Thus about three tourths of our population, or 29,-000,000, make no profession of Christianity. The article goes on to show, that although Catholics are at the head of the list in the number of communicants, yet the different sects, though severally less, are, under their generic name of Protestant, in excess of them, and the non-professing portion of the community are hostile to the Catholic Church.

Nothingarian .- The Liberal Christian of New York says: "The recent meeting of the Conference has called attention anew to the condition and wants of Liberal Christianity in this city. The First Unitarian church was established here about fifty years ago, and the second only a few years later.

Both churches have been ministered to by able, accomplished, eloquent clergymen, some of whom have earned and won a national reputation. Both of these churches are largely composed of wealthy and cultivated families, and have occupied a position and exerted a large influence. The third society dates back about ten years, and is known and talked about all over the country. Yet two of these churches are numerically small, and the other, far from large. It is doubtful whether organized Uni tarianism is stronger here to day than it was twenty years ago. The Universalists are scarcely better off, and have lost rather than gained ground within or, and nave lost rather than gained ground whith fifteen years."—*The Christian Register* is hereafter to be known as the Unitarian organ of "Boston and Chicago," having instituted an editorial department for the latter city.—In a sermon before the late General Convention of Universalists, at Providence, R. I., Rev. Mr. Saxe, of Rochester, N. Y., de clared that the Universalist denomination would be benefitted by "diminishing its quantity and improv-ing its quality."—A Conference of about fifty Uni versalist ministers from New England met last week in convention in Springfield, Mass. The discussions related mostly to Sunday-schools and local mission-ary work. One speaker declared that Universalists, seeing how many church members are full of cantpiety and devoid of good works, go to the other extreme, and seek to do the work without devotion .-Rev. Clay Macauley, late pastor of the Unitarian church in Detroit, was installed over the Unitarian parish at Rochester, N. Y., recently.—At an educa-tional manifold he it dia to the Unitarian ional meeting held by lesding Universalists at Dr. Chapin's courch in New York city, subscriptions amounting to \$10,000, were made in behalf of the St. Lawrence University and Theological School at Canton, N. Y.-Rev. Dr. Peabody is said to be dis-charging the duties of President of Harvard University with marked success. It is hinted, however, that he will fail of an election to the Presidency, because he is more evangelical than suits the notions of the Harvard Trustees .- The "Free Religionists" have opened o hall in Boston for Sunday lectures.

The speakers are to be the reverend Messrs. Froth-ingham, Weiss, Abbott, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, and others. One of the most zealous of the flock, Zion's Herald relates, said that "not a Bible or hum: book model to the most zealous Bible or hymn-book would be allowed in the hall. Jewish - A Cincinnati Jew is reported as saying: 'Of two things I am certain ; of one I am uncertain. I am certain I will die a Jew. I am certain that my grandchildren will die Christians; but I am uncertain whether my sons will die as Jews or as Christians."-On the contrary, The Jewish Messenger, of this city, says: "We assure our readers of a different religion, that there does not exist in the whole camp of Israel the most remote idea of superseding the day sanctified by God and revela-tion, for one originating from human beings. The Jewish Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, is the palladium of our religion and the safeguard of our institutions; its desceration—the greatest evil. It is the bond of union, the connecting link be-tween God and Israel."—The Messender gives a quist rap at unfaithful Israelites in eaving that "it will be found almost invariably that those lews who incur the penalty of the Sunday law are indifferent as to



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OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian .- Rev. Frederick D. Huntington. D.D., of Boston, has been elected Bishop of the diocese of Central New York, and has accepted. Dr. Huntington will be remembered as having been for several years minister of the South Congregational (Unitarian) church in Boston-afterwards Preacher to the University and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in Harvard College, and since his reception into the Episcopal Church, Rector of Emmanuel church, Boston, a parish organized by excitement. The General Synod of New Zealand, which met in October last, after a warm discussion, voted that "it would be better for the peace of the church of New Zealand that Dr. Jenner should resign all claim to the position of Bishop of Dunedin." It was said that Dr. Jenner had distinctly expressed

Methodist -- A preacher in Texas writes to the New Orleans Advocate, that a majority of the laymembers of the Methodist Church South are willing to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, but that the ministers are bitterly opposed, and con-trol the laity.—At the recent session of the Memphis Conference of the M. E. Church South, at Paris, Tenn., Rev. A. Huston and twenty-one other minis-ters of the M. P. Church united with the Church South, with 1,300 laymen.-The Sand Street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, took up their collection for missions, Christmas day, amounting to \$2,230, all from the Sunday-school.—*The Methodist*, speaking of the growth of Methodism in this country, says: "It has been said that American Methodism dedicates a new church every day of the year, and the assertion has seemed to be more boastful than accurate. Yet the statistics of our own Church for 1868 show tees, and they are all memories of the rotation of the rotatio that it is within the truth, for our increase during of Theodore Parker, "have been converted, and are now zealous members of the Methodist Church."-Dr. Elijah White, who was expelled from the Howard St. Methodist church, San Francisco, on the charge of immoral practices, has sued the Rev. Dr. Cox and others for \$25,000 damages for injury to character.—There are, says The Methodist, 8,481 travelling preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of whom 7,130 are effective, 860 superannuated, an 1 491 supernumerary .- The Boston Methodists propose to organize a social union, with a ten dollar admission tee, and a twelve dollar annual tee, -to spend an evening together once a month. The Baptists already have such a union.

Romanist --- Wieconsin has a population of nearly half a million. of whom 300,000 are Romanists. ind not over 50,000 are connected with evangelical churches. Fully one-half the population are for-eigners.—The Madrid correspondent of The London Times says : "Those who look in at the sanctuary of Atocha, or who visit the chapel of the Virgin at Toledo, must be at a loss to find even the faintest himself.—The nomination of Dr. Jenner, a decided trace of Christianity among the paraphernalia of Ritualist, as Bishop of Dunedin, has made a great the worse than pagan idolatry that everywhere meets their eyes."—The Romanists of Boston have recent-ly published, and disseminated by the thousand, in the street cars, hotels, and stores of Boston, a little book called "Plain Talk." On reading it one learns that Romanism has been the light of the world. It freely circulates the Scriptures-it never had any his willingness to resign .- The Marquis of Bute, a thing to do with the Inquisition-it was always tol-

Saturday do not find it not sary to throw them open on Sunday, end they perform such labor as may be indispensable on the Chlistian Sabbath very quietly and unobstrusively!"-Prof. C. E. Stowe, in an article in The Congregationalist writes : "The present aspect of Judaism throughout Chris-tendom is well-nigh astounding. I take regularly three Jewish newspapers,—two in English, and ône in German; and every week they contain articles against Christianity, very determined, and not un-frequently bitter and violent. The Jews are very active, and rapidly growing in wealth and influence. There are ten regularly employed pleaching Rabbis

the observance of their own Satbath. The many

respectable firms whose places of business are clos-

in New York city, and nearly as many synagogues. Cincinnati is not behind New York in this respect, and there are four or five in Boston. Some of their synagogues in New York and Cincipnati are among the most costly and splendid religious edifices in the United States. They are establishing schools of the highest order, and have commenced operations for an American Jewish National University [Maimonides College, in our city] of the highest class; and they already have one or two theological seminaries."-The New York Sun says: "The Jewish congregations of the United States, like the Roman Catholic, draw their pulpit supplies from abroad. The ministers of the former know little or nothing of the English language, and as the Hebrews born here learn and speak English, and do not practise Hebrew or German to such an extent as to become proficient in them, there is a religious coldness shown by the young people toward their teachers. It is a strange anomaly that in this city there are but three English-speaking Jewish ministers who can preach passably in the language, while there are thirty to five hundred and seventy. This makes someting more than three new churches for every two days of the year."—"Boston" reports in *The New York* Hebrew or German. An interest is sought to be awakened upon this subject here, so that native born here for the min-American Jews may be educated here for the ministry.



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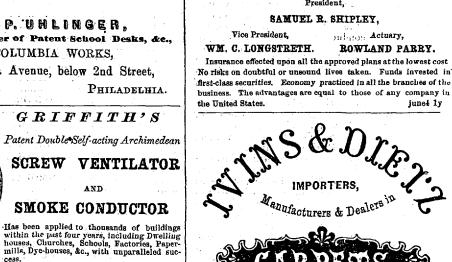
Fairs. Many people of the present day, who are attracted, if not confused, with the flaming advertisements of rival piano houses; probably overlook a modest manufacturer like Mr. Waters; but we happen to know that his instru-ments earned him a good reputation long before Exposi-tions and the "honors" connected there with were ever there is do not a solution of the Mr. thought of; indeed, we have one of Mr. Waters' piano-fortes now in our residence (where it has stood for years,) of which any manufacturer in the world might well be proud. We have always been delighted with it as a sweettoned and powerful instrument, and there is no doubt of its durability; more than this, some of the best amateur players in the city, as several celebrated planists, have per-formed on the said plano, and all prousunced it a superior and first-class instrument. Stronger indersement we could not give.-[Home Journal.

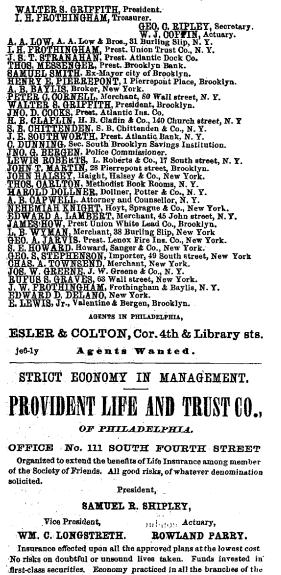


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