

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

The U. P. church of Frankfort is making effort to have its new and elegant building completed by an early day. They have been worshipping in a hall owned by Wm. Baird, Esq., since the completion of the church building. This gentleman has not charged anything for the use of the hall, lighting or heating. There is much interest now manifested in the Trinity church, O. S., (the Rev. John Ewing, pastor,) and in the church at Fort Richmond, of which the Rev. Mr. Kelly is the pastor.

Ministerial.—Dr. Cumming, of London, recently came to Archbishop Manning, that he was most anxious to attend the Ecumenical Council; that he had signed with the whole of the Nicene Creed of 325, but objected to twelve other articles of 1290 years after, and to a thirteenth, added in 1854, so that if the Roman Catholic Church adhered to the original articles, and threw overboard the surplus, he (Dr. C.) should be happy to take part in the council. The Archbishop replied that the first question asked would be, "do you believe that that venerable gentleman in the chair is infallible?" Should he reply to this in the negative, the officers on duty would be directed to turn the heretic out of the room. Whereupon Dr. Cumming thought he shouldn't go, and desisted from the whole affair as neither a free nor a general council, but a mere convocation of Roman Catholics.—Rev. J. M. Grier, D. D., has been pastor of the church at Brandywine Manor, Chester county, Pa., for fifty-three years. His father, Rev. Anthony Grier, was pastor of the same church seventy-seven years, the combined pastorate of father and son extending over eighty years, a fact, so far as we know, quite without a parallel. Dr. Grier still preaches in the church, but has presented his resignation, which the congregation are very reluctant to accept.—Rev. James O. Denniston, January 27th, was received by the Presbytery of Danbury, N. J., from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and was installed pastor of the Mattawan church.—Rev. A. L. Blackford, after an absence of nearly nine years, has arrived in New York, from Rio Janeiro.

Church Extension and Erection.—The Kirkpatrick Memorial church in Ringoes, N. J., was recently formed with fifty-two members.—A church of 27 members was organized, January 5th, at Stewart's Station, Westmoreland county, Pa., of which Rev. Wm. Shaw has been installed pastor.—On the 15th of January, a Committee of the presbytery of West Virginia organized a church, with twenty-six members, at Portland, Preston Co., West Va. Two ruling elders were elected, and installed. Portland, on the line of the B. and O. R. R., is an active, business place, and being at what is known as "the Summit" of the Alleghenies, has, with its surroundings, rare attractions during the summer season.—The U. P. church of Cuba, Mo., has got up its new church edifice; and, although not quite finished, regular services are held in it. The prospects are very encouraging.

Revolutions are reported, (1) in the O. S. church of Dubuque, Iowa, where Rev. J. A. Reed is pastor. Nine have united already; (2) at Goveport, Ohio, where the Week-of-Prayer meetings were prolonged over three weeks; thirteen have been added, eleven from the Sunday school; (3) in Liberty, Ohio, where the Week-of-Prayer meeting continued four weeks; of thirty or forty inquirers, twenty have found Christ, and others are expected to unite with the church; (4) in Marietta, Pa., where thirty-four have come in on profession, six by baptism; (5) in Pequa, Pa., where thirty-five were received on the first Sabbath of the year; (6) in the Second church of Beaver Falls, where thirty-seven were received Jan. 24th, thirteen by examination; (7) in Grace church, St. Louis, which was organized last October, and where fifteen have been received on profession; (8) in the U. P. church of St. Louis, where twelve have united, and others are expected.

The O. S. Boards.—The receipts during the month of December were as follows: Board of Domestic Missions, \$55,117.15; Board of Education, \$7,494.65; Board of Foreign Missions, \$13,987.29; Board of Publication (copyright and distribution), \$11,168.14; Board of Church Extension, \$2,278.82; Fund for Disabled Ministers, \$7,300.12; Committee on Freedmen, \$7,697.54.

Lafayette College.—At the recent meeting of the trustees, it was stated that the additional endowment of \$200,000 was completed, and the Board were thus enabled to raise the salaries of the professors, who now number twenty-one, thus providing amply for all the various departments of instruction, both in the Classical Course, and in the Pardee Scientific Department.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Congregationalist.—The total number of Congregational Churches in the United States is 2,951; ministers, 3,070; church members, 291,042; additions during 1868 by profession, 16,432; by letter, 11,814. The infant baptisms foot up 5,291. The Sunday Schools reported a total membership of 339,205.—The American Educational Society has at present under its care 254 young men preparing for the ministry. Seventy-four have been added since the beginning of the present college year.—The "English Congregational Year Book for 1869," reports a total of 3,442 churches as follows: England, 2,003; Wales, 866; Scotland, 100.—Rev. S. J. Blake, late of Pepperell, Mass., was installed pastor of the South church, in Concord, N. H., Jan. 27th. Sermon by Prof. Park.—A correspondent of The Congregationalist, gives as the results of an experiment made in Brattleboro, Vt., of substituting the Sabbath school for the afternoon preaching service, an increase of fifty per cent. in attendance on the Sabbath school, especially of the adult portion of the congregation; a longer time for the Sabbath school exercises; and the presence and assistance of the pastor in the school. The trial was limited to eight weeks, but the results were so obviously good and only good that a proposal to continue the arrangements as a permanent thing was not opposed by a single vote.—Rev. B. F. Clark, of Chelmsford, Mass., was dismissed at his own request after nearly thirty years of pastoral labor, because the neighboring pastors withdrew all ministerial courtesies from him on account of his advocacy of the License Law. Dr. Blagden of Boston, was Moderator of the Council, which recommended him to the churches as "sound in the faith and sincerely devoted to the work of our Lord." His people differed from him, but would gladly have retained him.—Rev. Daniel Gibbs sued the church of Gilead, Conn., for salary after his dismissal by the Association.—Rev. W. T. Rustis of New Haven, accepts the call of the Memorial church, in Springfield, Mass.—Rev. Henry Powers preached his farewell sermon at Danbury, Conn., Jan. 31st, having been dismissed Jan. 21st, to accept a call to the Elm Place Church in Brooklyn.—There has not yet been a sufficient number of subscriptions and pledges secured to warrant the commencement of the publication of the new Congregational Monthly proposed at Syracuse, N. Y.—New churches have been organized in Little Sioux, Iowa; Burlington, Kansas; Maiden Rock, Wis.; and in Los Angeles, Cal.—A house of worship was dedicated at Chester, Iowa, Jan. 10.

Revolutions are reported (1) at Buxton, Me., when some thirty have been converted, including many reckless and intemperate young men; (2) at Brewer, Me., (a vacancy) when some twenty-five have joined the church; (3) at Holden, Me., (a vacancy) where some twenty have united; (4) at Kenduskeag, Me., (a vacancy) where thirty have been converted; (5) at Old Town, Me., where eighteen have been received; (6) in Hammond St. church of Portland, where twenty-three have been received; (7) in South Freeport, Me., where twenty-five have been converted; (8) at Lebanon, N. H., where all denominations are aroused, and many stores and workshops are closed in the evening; (9) in Alton corner, N. H., where an awakening has occurred through the preaching of Andover students; (10) at Vergennes, Vt., where twenty-seven have joined the church, all but four on profession; at Puttsfield, Mass., where a powerful revival has crowded the Cong. Bap. and M. E. churches, and where only two of thirty-seven unconverted students in the Maplewood Institute for young ladies, remain such; (12) in Winthrop church of East Randolph, where thirty-five or forty have been hopefully converted, twenty have joined the church on profession, and many family altars have been erected; (13) at Ledyard, Conn., where no revival has been enjoyed for thirty years, but where the sisters have gladly united with the pastor in working with such acceptance that many are awakened and an earnest solemnity pervades the whole place; (14) at Virgil, a small town in Cortland county, N. Y., where there has been a union meeting lasting four weeks, of Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodists, and over fifty conversions are numbered; (15) at Groton, N. Y., over one hundred are counted, and (16) at West Groton over thirty and the meetings are still in progress; (17) at Sumner Hill, in Cayuga Co., where there is a good work going on; and, (18) at E. Saginaw, Mich., where union meetings are held every evening, with many inquiring the way of life, and all classes in the community approachable on the subject of personal religion.

Episcopal.—City.—Rev. William Rudder, D. D., formerly rector of St. Paul's church, in New York, and now of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, is elected rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., to succeed Rev. Dr. Hall, now rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, vacated by Dr. Littlejohn.—Rev. A. T. McMurphy has resigned the charge of the Church of Our Saviour, Salem, Ohio, and has accepted that of the House of Prayer, Branchtown, Philadelphia.—The Rev. R. Heber Newton, has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church, and has accepted the appointment of Financial Secretary of the American Church Missionary Society, which position was made vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr. Rising.—The Rev. Dr. Hoffman, of Grace church, on the Heights of Brooklyn, has received a unanimous call to become rector of St. Mark's church.

Home.—A bill was introduced into the New Jersey Legislature, recently, to incorporate the Clergy-men's Mutual Insurance League, consisting of fifteen clergymen of the P. E. Church. The object is to exercise mutual benevolences and mutual insurance for the benefit of the families of deceased members. Such a corporation, which is only another name for a Mutual Insurance Company, may be very beneficial, but to give it much value a large number must unite and contribute to its funds.—Rev. David H. Macurdy, lately rector of the church in Mount Holly, N. J., has received a unanimous call from the vestry of St. Mark's church, Jersey city, N. J.—Rev. Dr. Littlejohn of Brooklyn, was duly ordained Bishop of Long Island, Jan. 27th, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn. Bishop Potter presided, and Bishop Odenheimer, of New Jersey, preached the sermon.—The consecration of Rev. Dr. Doane as Bishop of the diocese of Albany was to take place on Tuesday, Feb. 2.—A parish, under the name of St. Thomas church, Brooklyn, was organized last month in that city, and Rev. Alvah Guion, who started the enterprise a few months ago by holding services in a room, corner of Marcy Avenue and Van Buren street, three miles from Fulton Ferry, was chosen rector.—The Christian Witness and Church Advocate discussing Mr. Hubbard's acquittal in Rhode Island, says: "The issue was not whether it is a breach of the rubric to direct a person not in the Episcopal orders to read the Declaration of Abolition. Nor was it decided whether 'exchanging' with non-Episcopal ministers is 'disorder,' or a breach of the ordination vow. Nor whether it is illegal for an Episcopal clergyman to avail himself, in his public services, of the aid of a non-Episcopal minister. The single issue before the court, was, whether it is a breach of our canon law for a clergyman of Church to avail himself, in divine worship, of the services of persons not ordained clergymen of our own particular Church. If the Court had decided that it is a criminal offence for a clergyman to employ a person in the services unless he has orders from our own Episcopate, it would have placed the stamp of illegality on lay reading; the chanting by chorists of those parts of the service assigned to the minister; addresses by Sunday school superintendents, and other lay preachings; which our bishops have encouraged, and which, in some relations, our canons have expressly sanctioned, applying to them the very term of 'officers.'"

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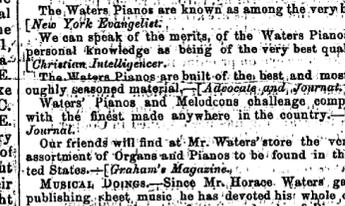
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