

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., pastor of the Reformed church, has accepted a call from the Central church (O. S.), of Brooklyn, the pulpit of which became vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Dr. J. E. Rockwell. Dr. Talmage preached in the Central church in Brooklyn last Lord's day. He declined a call from the Calvary church (N. S.) of Chicago, preferring that from Brooklyn; the salary offered (\$7,000) was the same in both cases. —The Rev. Geo. F. Cain, of Erie, Pa., has received a unanimous call to the First Reformed (Dutch) church of Philadelphia, and the *Banner* says, will probably accept. —A *pro re nata* meeting of the Philadelphia U. P. Presbytery was held in the First Church, March 1st. Rev. L. Marks was permitted to return the call which he had accepted from the North Mission church. A certificate of dismission was granted to Mr. Marks to connect with the Wilmington Presbytery (N. S.). At a communion season in the Fifth U. P. church (Rev. Alex. Calloun, pastor elect), February 21st, sixteen were added to the membership. This congregation is in a promising state. —At a recent congregational meeting of the Princeton church, West Philadelphia, it was unanimously resolved to add \$1,000 to the salary of the pastor, the Rev. J. Addison Henry. It is not nine years since Mr. Henry came directly from the theological seminary, and was installed the first pastor of this church. During this time a heavy debt has been liquidated, the church enlarged and greatly improved, another lot purchased adjoining the present property, regular and large donations made to all the Boards, and the salary of their pastor raised three times. Constant additions, moreover, have been made to the membership, which might have been reasonably expected when "tithe are thus brought into the storehouse." —The Central Presbyterian says: "Rev. Dr. Henry A. Boardman, who went to St. Paul, last fall, in impaired health, has almost completely recovered, and preached recently for the first time in many months."

Churches.—The church of Sewickley, Presbytery of Allegheny City, has recently raised the salary of its pastor, Rev. J. B. Bittenger, D. D., to \$2,000. It also provides a commodious parsonage. The same church has between three and four thousand dollars towards a building for Sabbath-school and lecture purposes. —The Norfolk Virginia states that a contract has been made for the rebuilding of the old church at Hampton, Va., a venerable pile which has stood for nearly two centuries. —The Protestants of Madrid ought to have a good house for public worship. A correspondent writes:—"Through the aid of English friends, Barcelona, Seville and Malaga have already spacious and decent places of worship; but here in the capital, we are without anything of the sort. Spaniards desire that all things connected with religion should be carried out with decorum, and many will not come to a service in a little room, who would come willingly to a decent place set apart for Divine worship."

Ministerial.—Benjamin Van Rensselaer James, who was a missionary of the American Board from 1832 to 1844, on the western coast of Africa, and from 1844 to 1869, of the O. S. Board, died at Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, January 9th, in his 55th year, was successively Representative, and at his death, Treasurer of the Republic of Liberia. In all his stations and relations, he was held in high esteem. —Rev. Joseph McElroy, D. D., who was settled in the Scotch church, New York, in 1822, preached an able and impressive discourse on the 27th of December last, on the occasion of the forty-fifth anniversary of his pastoral charge of that church. Dr. McElroy was a student in the Theological Seminary, under Dr. Mason, in New York, and his first pastoral charge was the First Associate Reformed (now Second) church, Pittsburg, Pa. —Rev. H. F. Lickok, of Fort Edward, New York, has been elected pastor of the Second church, at Orange, N. J. (New School). —Rev. William Knox, of Woodhaven, has received and accepted a call from the Second church, Huntington, L. I. —Rev. G. M. Clark, of Shelburne, N. S., has accepted a call from one of the U. P. churches in Boston, and has entered on his new field of labor, where a large portion of his congregation are from "over the border."

New Churches.—The Presbyterian Witness gives an account of the opening of four new churches in Nova Scotia—one at Wickwire Station, Rev. James McLean pastor; a second, very fine one at Sluabacadia, same pastor; the third, Chalmers' church, Lochaber, Rev. J. F. Forbes, pastor, and the fourth, King's church, part of Mr. Forbes' charge. —Two U. P. churches have been dedicated in Iowa. At Living Lake, a very tasteful edifice (60x40 feet) has been dedicated by a congregation of twenty-five families, organized less than a year ago. The money necessary to complete the edifice free of debt, was raised at a church sociable, held during the week of Prayer. At Albia, a brick church, neat and commodious, with some pretensions to beauty, was dedicated in January. Of the cost, \$6,360, there had been paid \$3,285, and on the day of dedication \$1,500 more was subscribed. —The church at Vallego, Cal., which eight years ago was organized of a fluctuating population connected with the Navy Ward, have recently erected a fine house of worship.

Presbyterial visitation is a wise practice imported from the old country, by the U. P. church. The Presbytery of Wisconsin met at York, this spring, and after a scrutiny of the affairs of that church, administered encouragement and rebuke as follows: "Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure that the pastor of Yorkville congregation is faithful in preaching the gospel, that he and the eldership are putting forth much commendable effort to build up the congregation and advance the cause of Christ, that a prayer meeting and flourishing Sabbath-school exists in the Dover part of the congregation—but have heard with sorrow that many of the baptized members do not publicly profess Christ, that no prayer meeting exists in the Yorkville part, that the Sabbath-school is not in a flourishing condition, that the salary given the pastor is not sufficient to support him, and that the house in which they worship is not as comfortable as it should be; and would therefore exhort them, especially the pastor and eldership, to endeavor to establish a prayer meeting, to work and pray more earnestly in behalf of the Sabbath-school, to renew their efforts to have the youth put on the yoke of Christ—would urge the congregation to raise the pastor's salary, and express the hope that they will soon provide themselves with a more commodious house of worship."

Revivals.—In the O. S. churches, we observe revivals in the churches of Bethesda, O., in the Presbytery of New Lisbon, where forty-three have been received to communion, all but seven on examination, an unusually large number being heads of families; at Pleasantville, Pa., where forty-five have been received, thirty-three on examination, and thirteen by baptism; in the church of Lower Pascarora, Pa., where about sixty are making the way to life, and many hope they have found Him. The work has been chiefly among the students of the academies. In Cedarville, J. J. many Christians have been roused to new consecration, and between thirty and forty have passed from darkness into light. The Second church, which recently dedicated a house of worship and abolished the pew-vest system, leaving the matter of contribution to every man's conscience, has been blessed with a gracious outpouring of the

Spirit, and many have found, and many are seeking, Christ. In Hopewell, Pa., church protracted meetings were held for eight days, and thirty-three persons professed to be awakened to a sense of spiritual hunger, twenty-seven of them men and boys. Twenty-eight of these have joined the church. At Pleasant Hill, O., meetings were held in cooperation with the Methodists, resulting in the ingathering of forty-one to the O. S. church, all but eight being upon profession. Others are expected to join. In a similar union of Methodist and Presbyterian energies and services, at Valparaiso, Ind., over a hundred have been awakened to inquiry. The church at Charlestown, Ind., has been similarly blessed with the Spirit's gracious influence, and "quite a number" are about to unite with it. The U. P. church of Buffalo had an accession of twenty-seven members, February 14th.

Educational.—Prof. Robert Kild had just concluded a course of lectures on elocution, before Princeton Theological Seminary. It is said that he is to be tendered the regular Professorship of Elocution in that institution. —Rev. George Morrison, of Terra Haute, Ind., is laboring to establish a Female College in that place, under Christian influences. He has secured such offers that the speedy subscription of \$12,000 will now secure a property and an endowment of \$200,000, so that each dollar now contributed would really be worth sixteen. —In the four months of October, November, December and January, \$43,925 were added to the endowment of Wooster, O. University, and more than \$16,000 to its building fund, through the abundant labors of the financial agent. —In 1864, Freedmen's University was chartered at Quindaro, Kan., and subsequently placed under the care of the Synod of Kansas. It now numbers 170 students on the roll, has two stone and frame buildings, and two hundred acres of land valued at \$10,000. The location at Quindaro is pronounced favorable in every respect. —Rev. E. B. Rafensperger, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Toledo, O., has been appointed Fiscal Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the new Ladies' Seminary, at Chambersburg, Pa. The Trustees have secured the McClure property located at Chambersburg, embracing one hundred acres of land. The newly erected mansion, built on the site of the one destroyed by the rebels, cost \$56,000. The citizens of Chambersburg and vicinity have raised enough to pay for this property, which is admirably adapted to the purposes of a college. It is proposed to raise \$150,000 additional before the halls are opened, but to aim at an endowment of \$500,000.

The receipts of the O. S. Boards, in January, were as follows: Domestic Missions, \$11,839.11; Education, \$9,667.76; Publication, (colportage and distribution fund,) \$990.88; Church Extension, \$638.04; Fund for Disabled Ministers, \$2,423.94; Committee on Freedmen, \$6,954.36. —The annual meeting of the National Society was held in Edinburgh on January 26th. It appears that the entire free income for the year was \$20,010, and that the amount received for Scriptures was \$7,865, making a total of \$27,875. This shows an increase of upwards of £13,000 as compared with last year—mainly due to the large legacy of £10,000 from the late Mr. Henderson of Park. The circulation of copies or portions of Scripture during the year reached 221,624. The issue of Gaelic Bibles was close upon 7,000.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Congregational.—The erection of the new theological building at Yale College will begin next spring upon the corner of Elm and College streets, New Haven. —Some years ago, in consequence of a division of feeling in the church at Berkley, Mass., some of the members withdrew and formed another church, whereupon a vote of censure upon them was passed by the old church. This vote has been unanimously rescinded. —Rev. Henry Ward Beecher made \$40,000 last year, of which \$12,000 were made by preaching, and \$28,000 by practicing various gifts; and yet, we will venture to say that he spent twice as much time preaching as on all his other works, so that even in his case preaching is not fairly remunerated. —The Boston Transcript says the first lecture ever delivered in Boston by Mr. Beecher, was in 1849, by invitation of the Mercantile Library Association, and his theme then was "Amusements," the same subject he has so successfully treated recently. His first address created a great sensation for the boldness with which he advanced his views, but he finds, after a lapse of twenty years, the public sentiment in full harmony with his early teachings. —Rev. George Trask, of Massachusetts, the anti-tobaccoist, writes that his antidote against tobacco "consists of three things: Resolutions, gentian root and the grace of God, in due proportions." No doubt of its efficacy. —Rev. Dr. Quitt, of New Bedford still feels the effects of army life, and is now suffering with a throat difficulty which prevents his preaching. The Trinitarian Church is still without a pastor. —Rev. William Phipps had a brief farewell address printed and placed in the pews at Paxton, Mass., in which, after telling his people that he dared not trust himself to preach a farewell sermon, and briefly summing up the work and the experience of his long ministry, he begs them to make no opposition to his leaving them, but to remain united, and to secure another minister. Two years ago the society, after paying him \$500 for a quarter of a century, voted to pay him \$700 a year; but they have failed to do this, and hence his resignation. —Rev. Warren F. Day closed his labors at Vernon, Ill., Feb. 28th, having accepted a call to the church at Galesburg. —Rev. J. A. Benton, one of the editors of the *Pacific*, has asked a dismission from the Second church of San Francisco, to accept the professorship in the Pacific Theological Seminary.

Revivals.—The revival in Dover, N. H., has spread so widely that the meetings had to be adjourned from the crowded churches to the spacious town hall, and as many as 200 have come forward as inquirers. —Between forty and fifty have been gathered into the church in Barnet, Vt., by a quiet work of grace. —There have been about sixty recent conversions at West Groton, N. Y. —All the members of the two upper classes at Oberlin are now among those having a Christian hope. The religious interest in the place is still very deep. —There is a quickening in the church at Pittsfield, Ill., with twenty conversions. —Thirty-five conversions are reported at Koshkong, Wis., one of the out-stations at which Rev. T. G. Colton preaches every second Sabbath. —Thirty-eight have been added to the church in Greenwood, Mo. Before the revival its membership was but sixteen. Daily meetings were held nearly six weeks.

New Churches.—The new and substantial edifice of the Payson Memorial Church in Portland, is already up and covered, fronting on the central square, but the means are wanting even to finish the basement for use, and the congregation still occupies the Unitarian church. The church of Alamo, Mich., organized a year ago in a country district, numbering thirteen adult members, besides paying for a parsonage costing \$750, recently dedicated a handsome church of wood costing \$4,564, all of which was raised before the prayer of dedication. —The church of Mattawan, Mich., organized in 1867 of twenty-five members, has grown to forty, and dedicated a fine brick house of worship, Jan. 18, at a cost of \$4,075, all of which was pledged before dedication. —A church of ten members was organized, Feb. 16th, in Penfield, Ill.

Episcopalian.—Rev. Dr. Hoffman, rector of Grace church, on Brooklyn Heights, has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1st. Dr. Hoffman leaves Brooklyn by the advice of his physi-

cian, and has accepted a call from the vestry of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. He is a brother of Gov. Hoffman. —Rev. Octavius Perinchief has resigned his charge in Georgetown, D. C., and accepted an important position in this city. He had previously declined a call to one of the prominent churches in New York. Mr. Perinchief belongs to the moderate branch of this Church, and has made an impression upon the people of his charge, during the last two years, which is quite without a parallel. —Bishop Cummings, of the Diocese of Kentucky, was invited by a rector to preach in Chicago, the place of his former labors, in behalf of the Evang. Knowledge Soc. The Bishop is a Low churchman, and Bishop Whitehouse is a High churchman, so that the latter inhibited the former from preaching in behalf of that society in that diocese. But Bishop Cummings went in spite of the protest of his brother diocesan, and preached in Chicago, denouncing Ritualism with vehemence and just indignation. The Standing Committee of the Diocese sustain Bishop Whitehouse in his course, and the matter will probably be brought before the House of Bishops. —There are among the Episcopalians some large churches. In New York, exclusive of Trinity parish, which includes Trinity church and chapel, St. Paul's and St. John's, and numbers 2,017 communicants, the largest is St. George's, Rev. Dr. Tyng's, which, with its missions, numbers 1,600. Next to these are St. Bartholomew's, numbering 700; and the Holy Trinity (Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr.) 695. Outside of New York, the largest communion is St. Mark's, Frankford, Pennsylvania, Rev. D. S. Miller Rector. 891 communicants; St. Andrew's, Philadelphia, has 786; and Emmanuel church, Baltimore, 755. The next largest communion reported is Trinity, Newark, Rev. Dr. M. Meier Smith, Rector, with 642 communicants, including, as the two preceding, a chapel congregation. The "Evangelists" in Philadelphia, Rev. S. Durbin, has 639 communicants; and the Holy Trinity, Rev. Phillips Brooks, G. L., Outside New York and Philadelphia, the three largest communions are St. Mark's, Frankford, Pa.; Emanuel, Baltimore, Md.; and Trinity, Newark, N. J.—The new Archbishop of Canterbury will preach a sermon at a special service under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, in honor of the opening of the new House of the British and Foreign Bible Society.—A practical and economical chaplain of Madras proposes to cut up the surplices of his choir to make shirts for the school children, and Ritualism is agast.

Baptist.—Rev. Crammond Kennedy pronounces his communication from the Fifth Avenue church, in New York, for denying the close communion doctrine, "a high-handed, anomalous, and most un-Baptist proceeding," and says he had no trial, no opportunity to explain, and has as yet received no official notice of his excommunication. So much for "soul-liberty," of which the Baptists used to boast. We see it stated that he is about to join some branch of the Presbyterian Church. He has taken editorial charge of *The Church Union*, and promises to "mend its manners." —More than \$19,000 has been collected and expended for building the new church-edifice of the German church on Fourteenth street, New York. The congregation worship in the lecture-room, which will seat about 500 persons.—The Rev. Dr. Turnbull, for many years pastor of the First or North Baptist church in Hartford, Conn., has tendered his resignation, compelled by the failure of his health. —A New York correspondent of *The National Baptist* rejoices that "the time has come when the City Mission and Tract Society that 'ignores all sectarianism,' feel that the ordinances should be administered at the stations." This move they know must cause the Baptists to withdraw, and they reap all the benefit of the sympathy, cooperation, and money contributed by Baptists to the work. —Rev. S. Stevenson says: "It was my privilege to attend a monthly conference of Baptist ministers, at Germantown. The subject of baptism was up, and several ministers incidentally mentioned that they had been sprinkled in infancy. At the close of the meeting, one of the brethren requested all who had been thus sprinkled to rise to their feet, when thirteen out of about twenty-four—more than one half of all the ministers present—stood up." Ergo, a Baptist millennium by return of post.—Rev. O. T. Walker, of the Bowdoin Square church, in Boston, chaplain of the House of Representatives, accepts the call of a church in Chicago. Salary, \$3,500. —The Rev. R. B. Desroches, a missionary to the French in Michigan, has baptized one hundred and fifty Romists during the past ten years in Detroit; and so far as he knows, not one has returned to the Church of Rome. —The African church of Danville, Va., has a membership of over four hundred, and keeps up a day school with a tax of five cents a week on each scholar. —The Congregationalists of New England want to transfer the Boston Tract Society to their own denomination, but the Baptist Institute of Mass. have resolved that the ministers composing this Institute regard such a movement as ill-advised and disastrous in the extreme, being, in their opinion, a violation of the principles on which the Society was founded, and subversive of the rights of those life-members and life-directors of the Society who happen to belong to those denominations which are in the minority. —Dr. Dowling's church in New York—"a poor Fourth Ward church,"—recently raised \$2,500 on one Sabbath to pay off a debt of \$1,600, the first time in twenty-five years that they ever raised a third of the amount asked for such purposes.

The Seventh-day Baptists have 75 churches in the United States. Of these the oldest is that in Newport, founded in 1671. They have 499 members in Hopkinton, E. I.; 415 in Westerly, E. I.; 324 in Shiloh, N. J.; 430 in Brookfield, N. Y.; 629 in Alfred, N. Y., where they have a flourishing university; and 372 in Albion, Mich. The total membership of all their churches is 7,129. They have a feebly-supported foreign mission in Shanghai, and propose to raise next year \$2,500 for missionary purposes, most of which goes to church-extension at home. —Methodist.—The new Metropolitan church in Washington was dedicated Feb. 28th. Bishop Simpson preached the dedicatory sermon in the forenoon, and Drs. Punshon and Eddy preached in the afternoon and evening. At least two thousand persons were in and about the church edifice, among them General Grant and his family. It is a magnificent building, in Connecticut brown stone, in pure Gothic style, and with very elaborate adornments without and within. The enterprise was commenced about sixteen years ago, by nine gentlemen in Washington, and has been carried to completion by the voluntary contributions of the denomination throughout the United States. The work was suspended during the war, as it was a national work. It will cost \$250,000. About \$60,000 is still to be raised to pay off indebtedness, and to furnish. It has a magnificent organ, the gift of Carlos Pierce, Esq., of Boston. Much offence is stated to have been given by the manner in which contributions were really forced out of people at this dedication; several gentlemen, who had been intending to give from \$200 to \$500 each, refusing to give anything to mark their disapprobation of the proceedings. Gen. Grant gave \$500, on condition that no use be made of the fact on that occasion. An effort to have each of the States pay \$1000 for a pew for its citizens visiting here has been quite successful. The structure stands on the corner of C and F-and-a-half streets, and measures 75 by 115 feet. The spire is 240 feet high. The stained windows bear memorial inscriptions of the great lights of Methodism, furnished by

different Conferences and individuals. The keystone of the arch above the pulpit is made of the stone from which Solomon's temple was erected. The panels and other parts of the pulpit are of olive wood from Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives. The whole building will seat comfortably about one thousand persons, and is furnished with elegant taste, and without regard to expense.—Rev. O. Gibson, the missionary among the Chinese in California, has already organized Sunday evening schools in San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, and Santa Clara, in which about 200 Chinese are taught to speak, read, and write our language. It is intended to extend this system of schools all over the coast, as rapidly as possible. It is proposed to establish a "Central School" in San Francisco, which shall be a permanent institution of high grade, developing ultimately into a College for Asiatics. About \$20,000 will be needed to found the institution, a large part of which is expected from the steamship and railroad companies, which make use, to a great extent, of Chinese labor.—An effort is made, but without much success, to revive in the Methodist churches the practice of three sermons on the Sabbath day.—Rev. Dr. William Butler, of the New England Conference, has accepted the office lately held by Dr. Mattison, as one of the Secretaries of the American and Foreign Christian Union.—Rev. E. Bowen, D. D., after over fifty years spent in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has united with the Free Methodists.

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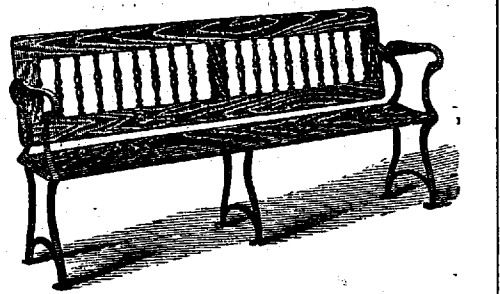
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