Religious Entelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City .- The West Arch Street church, (Rev. Dr-Willetts',) is making a vigorous attempt to free it. self of the burthensome debt which has rested upon it for a long time. To effect this, the interest and efforts of the whole congregation have been enlisted. and a good portion of the sum necessary has been already secured .- The U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia met in the Vth church (XXth and Hamilton streets) March 29th and 30th. Besides installing Rev. A. Calhoun, the pastor elect, they appointed Dr. Dales to moderate a call in the North Mission church, till recently supplied by Rev. Lafayette Marks. Sessions were called on to report whether they had carried out the law of the Church forbidding members to engage in the liquor traffic. "Partial reports" were received from all the Sessions but one, and the time for reporting was extended. It was voted as the sense of the Presbytery, that no liquor dealers be admitted to membership. A committee on the scriptural support of the ministry and the abolition of the pew-rent system was raised and ordered to report at the next Session. Also the following was adopted after long discussion: "Whereas, There is a widespread and serious difference of opinion in our churches in regard to the meaning and authority of the article on secret societies in our Testimony, and in the practice resulting therefrom; therefore, Resolved, That Presbytery ask the General Assembly to express this article in such terms as will make its scriptural authority and application manifest and clear, or that the article be repealed."-The North U. P. Mission church, April 5th, unanimously called Mr. W. S. Owens to the

Ministerial.—The Boston Traveler says: "It was announced a few weeks since that Dr. McCosh had been invited to give a course of lectures before the Methodist Theological Seminary in this city. Ow-ing to his duties at Princeton he will make no en-gagements for the present year, but we learn that he has decided that his first engagement, outside of Theological Seminary, and it is probable that he will give the lectures asked for in April of next year." Zion's Herald says: "He does this in gratitude for the sympathy and services paid by the Methodists of England to the Free Kirk of Scotland at the time of their disruption. He is doing excel-lent work for Princeton."-Rev. A. A. E. Taylor, of Georgetown, D. C., has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the Mt. Auburn church, in the suburbs of Cincinnati. It is confidently expected that he will accept.—Rev. Charles Elliott, D.D., of the N. W. Theological Seminary, has sailed for Europe, accompanied by his family.-Rev. David Patton, formerly of the IIId R. P. church of this city, but now of the Presbytery of Erie, has accepted an invitation to supply the church at St. Antho-ny, Minn.—Rev. Daniel Lord, of Bridgeport, Conn., has received a call from the Fullerton Avenue church, Chicago, Ill .- Rev. Stuart Mitchell, District Missionary for Wisconsin, sailed, April 10th, for Scotland, with a view of further recruiting his health.—Rev. James A. Roberts, missionary of the Presbyterian Board to the Navajo Indians, has reached his field at Fort Mingat, New Mexico .---Rev. Dr. Isaac N. Wyckoff, for thirty-two years pastor of the Middle Reformed church, Albany, died, March 28th, at the age of 78 years. He was first settled in Catskill, where he labored from 1818 hirst settled in Catskill, where he labored from 1818 till 1836, when he was called to Albany.—Rev. Jer-emiah S. Lord, D.D., for twenty-one years pastor of the Reformed church in Harlem, died, April 2d, in the 57th year of his age. Before being called to New York he was settled at Montville and Griggs-town.—Rev. J. W. Wightman, of Greencastle, Pa., has received a call to the church of St. Joseph. Mo-Port Gao S. Mott of Nowton has accented a call -Rev. Geo. S. Mott, of Newton, has accepted a call from the church of Flemington, N. J., and entered upon his duties on the 1st of April.

Churches.—The house of worship of the 1st Church of Washington, Pa., was dedicated on Sat-urday, March 27th. It is in Gothic style, 90 by 65 feet, finished in imitation walnut, with stained glass windows. The spire is 143 feet high and contains a The total cost was \$20,500.-St. Paul's \$500 bell. Reformed church, of New York, (Rev. Dr. A. R. Thompson's) have purchased the church edifice of the Third Unitarian church (Rev. Mr. Frothing-ham's) in Fortieth street, between fifth and sixth avenues, and will take possession of the same on the 1st of May. This location is one of the most desirable in the city, and the building will afford ample accommodation for the large and increasing congregation.—The U. P. church in Jane street, N., Y., has a "Mutual Improvement Society," which meets every alternate Monday evening to promote acquaintance, and furnish rational entertainment for the young folks.—Rev. Father Chiniquy says that five families—in all thirty souls—of Roman Catholics have recently given up their errors, to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus. He has now 160 boys and girls studying in his humble collegiate institution. Ten of the former are preparing for the ministry. Five students for the ministry are also now in Toronto from Mr. Chiniquy's flock. -Of the seven churches in Lexington, Mo., with an aggregate of 260 members, the Old School, the Declaration and Testimony and the Assembly have each two and the Cumberland one. There are also 5 Methodist churches, 2 Baptist, one Episcopal and one Romanist.-The Second church, St. Louis, Rev. Dr. S. J. Niccolls, pastor, March 23d, laid the corner-stone of their new edifice, which is to cost \$150,-000, and to measure 142 by 86 feet.—The First church of San Francisco have just organized a Mission Sunday-school in the northern part of the city, where a very inviting field for such work seems to be open. At the first session of the school nearly fifty scholars were present, and the prospect is encouraging in all respects. They have also com-menced a school for the instruction of Chinese, in the church building, and there is a fair promise of success, notwithstanding the difficulty of access to this large class of the population.—At Paris, Ky., the Northern and Southern parties into which the Presbyterians are divided, have had grace to make an amicable division of the Church property. Formerly there were two churches, one Old and one New School, each having a house of worship. The Old School also had a parsonage. In the recent division, the O. S. Assembly part retained the old church; the Declaration and Testimony part retained the parsonage and the New School house. The latter now propose to build a new house of wor-ship, and with this in view, they have sold their present building to the Assembly part for \$6,000, giving them immediate use of it one-fourth of the time, and full possession when their new house is completed. The Assembly church expect to dispose of their old house, which has become too much out of repair to be used as a place of worship. They are at present looking for a pastor. Revivals.—In the Old Unity church, Washington Presbytery, twenty-six have been added to the membership, the fruits of extra meetings for two weeks.-Sixty-two have been added to the connection with a series of uncetings lasting nearly a month; sixteen have been converted, and fourteen

uary 42, and April 4th, 110-(80 by profession and 30 by letter,) making a total of 132 in six months. At the last communion, the new communicants pray you; do not take the step. It is sinful, and

propriate inscription. Presbyterial.—The Presbytery of Corisco, in Africe, at a meeting on Jan. 5th, expressed non-ap-proval of the Basis of Union as a whole, their chief conclusion, however, they empower the Assembly the, the lady united with the M. E. church. [The to consummate a re-union by substituting for the obstinacy of woman 1]—The Campbellite Baptists first article the Confession of faith and Catechisus have a Covenanter-like hatred of organs. "Elder" without explanatory clauses.—The Presbytery of Lodiana was divided at the late meeting of the Synod of Northern India. The churches and ministers west of the River Sutlej form now the Presby-tery of Lahore; those on the East of that river constitute the Presbytery of Lodiana, retaining the old name. John Newton, Jr., M. D., was ardained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Lodiana.—The two Presbyteries of Cincinnati, O. S. and N. S., were to have a union meeting, April 9, in the Central church in that city.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Congregationalist .- A We'sh church of thirtyive members was formed at Cape Elizabeth, March 21st There are extensive rolling mills there, and a large village growing ap, composed chiefly of workmen and their families—A deep religious interest prevails in Bowdpin College. A number of hopeful conversions have already taken place. There is no excitement, but deep earnestness.—The Park street church, Boston, has undertaken to es-tablish a pastor's library. One thousand dollars' worth of books, such as any minister would ordi narily consult, are to be purchased, and then ad-ditions are to be made yearly of the choicest re-ligious works published. The project deserves im-itation.—Rev. John E. Todd has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the Central church of Boston. The heavy debt of \$175,000 upon the so-ciety is said to be the cause, as the most pleasant relations subsist between Mr. Todd and his people.—The Western Christian Advocate says: "The Congregation-alist of the East have more than once censured the Methodists for the laxity of their doctrinal views and practices; but what shall be said of a Congregational church in Massachusetts that recently received twenty-five new members without a word of question in their examination, in regard to their acceptance or non acceptance of the great doctrines of the Gospel, and without their being asked to as-sent to any articles of faith ?" [Had they been baptized in infancy ? Ed.]—Rev. Albert Bryant, for three years missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Sivas, Western Turkey, being obliged to return on account of ill-health, was installed, on March 25th, over the church, South Malden, Mass. Rev. J. M. Manning, D.D., preached the sermon, and the church thus receives its ninth pastor, as it enters the 100th year of its organization.—Williams Col lege has been blessed with a powerful revival of reigion in connection with daily prayer-meetings held in the various classes. In the Freehman class but a very few souls are left without a hope in Christ; and in the Sophomore class, but nine or ten. At the Spring vacation, Christian men in parting agreed to pray constantly for each during this brief interval, and tell the churches of the land how signally God has answered prayer.—Special relig-ious interest continues in the community and in the College at Olivet, Mich. At the closing meet-ing of the winter term, several confessed Christ for the first time.--Oberlin College has sent out about. 20,000 students since its founding, and now edu-cates about 1,200 annually. Of these, President Fairchild says: "they are for freedom and tem-perance, and all for practical Christianity."—The Oakland Avenue church in Chicago, have received, the gift of a lot of land valued at over \$5,300, for their new edifice, for which they intend to break ground immediately,—New Orleans has two cul-ored churches, and four Sunday-schools. The American Missionary Association hope to organize 20 churches in Louisians this year.—'The church at Hannibal, Mo, Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, Jr. pastor, has out-grown its house of worship erected ten years ago, and is going to build a new one.—Rev. Norman McLeod is to continue pastor of the church

pray you, do not take the step. It is sinful, and were called before the pulpit, when they were ad-dressed by the pastor, and each presented with a neat copy of the New Testament, containing an ap-propriate inscription. Presention. Presention of the Descharter of Coricco fanily walks in error, why not have brother H. come with you, and both walk in the Truth? Don't do

Franklin, who edits their Cincinnati paper, recently had an appointment where a melodeon is used, but refused to preach until the brethren carted the innocent disturber of the public peace out of doors. This was forthwith done: several muscular "deacons" or apostolic "helps" shouldering the culprit, and showing it incontinently the door.-The Newark, N. J. churches have a Home Missionary Society of which every church member is a voting member. It was organized in 1851 when they had two churches and 506 members in the place, and has aided in the organization of five churches, and the building of three houses of worship and four chapels. They have secured to the Germans their house of worship, besides a chapel and the services of an efficient missionary. There have been bap tized and added to the churches 1,054 persons, and expended for the support of the mission: \$29,408, besides the outlay in building edifices for three churches, and much of the cost of chapels for other posts.

Methodist .- The new iron structure on the corner of Broalway and Eleventh St., N. Y., five stories high and measuring 76 by 121 feet, which had been built by Messrs. Lake & McCreary for the dry goods business has here here the for any for the dry goods business, has been bought for \$900,000 bj the Meth-odist Book Concern and Missionary Society. It contains five stories, ranging from thitteen and a half feet to nineteen feet in height, besides the basement, which is thirteen feet high and extends under the sidewalks on both streets, to the curb, having thus an area of one-half acre. The upper floor, high ceiled and finely lighted, is for the composing rooms. The steam-power will be under the street. Elevators will convey both goodsand persons easily and expeditiously from the level of the street to any floor required. It will be devoted to Meth odist uses, and it is expected that every denominational agency will find office room in the spacious edifice. Enough can be easily spared for renting to pay six or seven per cent. on the original cost. It is estimated that the entire cost, when the edifice is completed and put in working order, vill be about \$1,000,000. The Book Concern, which pays threefourths of the price of this new purchase, was founded in 1789, on a borrowed capial of \$600. Its capital is now over a million dolars, and its rofits the past year amounted to \$15,000.-Rev. J. W. Chaffin, formerly of the Wesleyan Church, but more recently of the South-eastern Indiana Conference of the M. E. church, announces in The Star of the West that he has gone over to the Universalists. He is greeted, in the same number of *The Star*, with an article calling on the Universalists to beware of men coming to them from other denominations.---Rev. Geo. Bowler, a prominent Methodist divine, who commanded a Massichusetts regiment in the late war, died at NashuajN. H., March 26.—The Providence, R. I., Conference last week re-solved to admit no man to membership who uses tobacco except for medicinal purples.—A house of worship is about to be built by the M. E. church in Hackettstown, N. J., at a cos of \$100,000; \$53.000 have been already subscribe.—In Cincin-nati the past filteen years, says a Methodist jour-inal "Mathodium how made and discussion pronal, "Methodism has made an /dvance in mem-bership of less than five hundered, --It is said that New England methodists nave project for the tablishing a great University which will rival Har vard. An already subscribed capital of over \$1,-000,000 is reported.—The building of the Mission Sunday-school of St. Paul's churth, New York, having been condemned as unsate, \$17,000 bas, been at once raised to erect a new chapel.

Lutheran.-The fifth annual session of the General Council's Theological Seminary in Philadelin Denver, Col., and support himself by editing a secular daily.—Rev. W. P. Barker, of the Mahrat-ta Mission, has felt constrained to ask a release year. The class about to be graduated consists of from his connection with the American Board, in consequence of continued ill-health. twelve.—The Ev. Luth. Missionary Society at Leip-sic, with an expenditure of 66,000 tallers, has 15 European missionaries, 6 native preachers, 71 catechists, and 109 teachers, all in Hindostan. The whole number of converts is 84,000, and 263 heathen were baptized last year. The Gustavus Adol-phus church of New York, is composed of Swedes, and recently received \$5000 as the proceeds of a collection in their behalf in the churches of Sweden, taken up by Royal permission. On application to the Church authorities of Sweden, they finally se-cured the services of the Rev. Axel Waetter, who entered upon his duties last year. They are now growing in numbers, but still ove \$12,000 on a house of worship on 22d street, which they bought from the Baptists.—The moderate part of the General Synod, represented by the Lutheran Observer, evince a desire for a union with the Council Romanist .- The result of the troubles at Auburn, N.Y., has been, that the Bishop has withdrawn the newly appointed pastor and closed the church as a house of worship, "until such time as the con-gregation (a portion of whom sustain the suspended priest in his residence) restore peace and order, and unitedly manifest a desire for a restoration of reli-gious service, according to the rules and regulations of the Catholic Church."—A memorial of one of the of the Catholic Church."—A memorial of one of the Protestant Episcopal and Catholic churches of New York has been sent to the Legislature of New York State, praying that Good Friday be added to the list of legal holidays. A bill to that effect has been introduced in the Assembly.-Father Hecker, the New York Paulist who teaches doctrines condemn-ed by "infallible councils," and has just received therefore the formal approbation of the Pope, has been lecturing in the West on Luther and his Times. At Ann Artor, Mich., the address was listened to in silence till its close, when some one cried out, "Three cheers for Martin Luther!" The whole audience immediately rose en masse and gave them with a will, greatly to the disgust of the lecturer. Foreign.— The London Owl has a letter from Contetantinople, stating that the Sultan has written to the Pope a letter, in which he asks His Holiness 111.14 information concerning certain points of the Catholic religion. This letter has created a great sensa tion in Rome. It is generally looked upon as a first step on the part of His Highness towards his conversion to Christianity.-There are rumors, that in be given to the Publication and Bible Societies.—In 1850, Philadelphia contained 32 Baptist churches Pope will find he has brought a hornet's nest about Pope will find he has brought a hornet's nest about his ears. It is said, that not only several of the with 14,000 members.—The Ladies' Home Society, lately incorporated in New York, for the founding mean to raise a vigorous protest against the monopoly of the great prizes of Rome by Italians. -Rev. Dr. Cumming in a recent lecture on the English and Mortgages. convent system, placed the suicide, the nun and the monk, on the same level, in the respect that each, from various reasons, sought to blot themselves out from the world. The doctor stated that there were connection with a series of meetings lasting nearly a month; sixteen have been converted, and fourteen have joined.—Portage city, (Wis.) church, till go.—Baptist*ministers will not furnish regular let-have joined.—Portage city, (Wis.) church, till ters of dismission to such members of their com-gracious work, by which fourteen have been led to profess Christ.—Since the Rev. James B. Dunn be-came pastor of the Beach street ohurch if Boston, last September, large additions have been made to the communion. In October there were 30 in Jan;
church, Boston, as he goes to a pastorate in Chica go.—Baptist*ministers will not furnish regular let-go.—Baptist*ministers will not furnish regular let-churches. Recently a Mrs. H. of Sacramento city, California, desired to unite with the M. E: church, of which her husband. was a class-leader. Here is her pastor's letter dismissing her : "As your pastor, I am happy in bearing testimony of submit to lay inspection, the Roman Catholics

would sweep every convent from the land." "-- Another limit has just been fixed in Austria to the power of the clergy in controlling the education of the people. The minister of state has published a manifesto depriving them of the exclusive right to nominate school instructors in their districts, which they had hitherto exercised under the Concordat with Rome, signed by the Emperor in 1858 .- Catholic priests from China assert that the rebellion is proval of the Basis of Union as a whole, their chief is, sister, I beg you, and I pray God to help you, gaining ground and that the empire will fall within objection being to the first or doctrinal article. In and eave you from it." Notwithstanding this epis-



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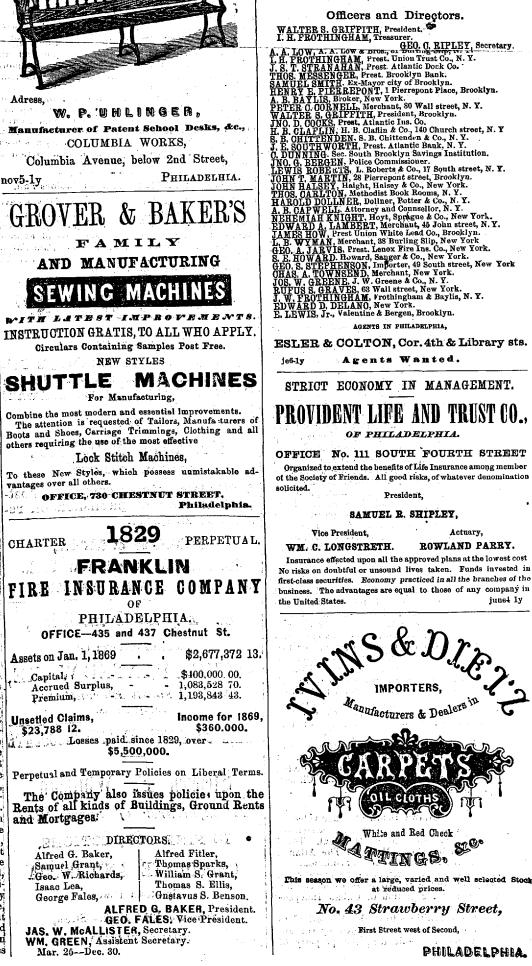
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Episcopalian.-The Evangelical clergy of Philadelphia have addressed to Bishop Coxe a cordial letter, approving of his late pastoral and its fearless defence ot "the simplicity and purity of the Chris-tian life."—Rev. Walter F. Lloyd, of Portage, Wis., has accepted a call to assist Bishop Tuttle in his work in Montana and Idaho, and will start July Ist.-Kev. John Cotton Smith, D.D., and Sidney A. Corey, of New York, having neglected to report the marriages that have been solemnized by them, the Board of Health have instructed their Attorney to begin civil suits against them .-- One of the ministers of Trinity church, New York, who has been having a salary of \$2,500, has had it raised at one lift to \$10,000. He first showed himself a little stronger than both wardens and vestry.—Dr. Canfield's church, in Brooklyn, opened a mission chapel three years ago. It is now self-supporting, with 200 members, 450 Sunday-school scholars, and a sewing-school of 300 girls. A second mission, one year old, has 350 scholars, preaching twice every Sunday, and 400 at the prayer-meetings. Yet a third has developed into an independent church, with its own rector .- The Gospel Messenger says: Since the introduction of the Eavelope system into St. James' church, Rev. J. Wilkinson, rector, the annual income from the church, containing only 78 pews, has for the last three years averaged nearly \$3,000. The pledges ranged from 10 cents to \$10 per Sunday. The people once trained in the system of joining their ' prayers and their alms,' as an act of worship, will give for any other object with the same free and ready liberality. Evidence of this is afforded in this parish by their raising and paying out within the last fourteen months over \$38,000, without selling or leasing a foot of the new church, or even having resorted to a fair or any other expedient."' [Two of the Presbyterian churches of Newark, N. J., are following this plan with good success, securing an adequate income, and perceiving no diminution in their con-tributions to benevolent objects.]

Baptist .- The anniversaries will be held this year in Boston, each Society being limited to a day. The Foreign Mission is to have Tuesday, May 25th the Home Mission Wednesday, and Thursday will with 7,445 members, now the city has 40 churches of a free home for aged and infirm Baptiste, held a church of Lexington, Ohic, since the Week of Pray- public meeting in the Madison avenue church, er.—Forty-five have been added to the church of April 1st, and \$50,000 was raised in aid of their Mount Hope, thirty-five by baptian.—The Bethel object.—Rev. O. T. Walker, on the 28th ult., church of Northern Indiana, has been refreshed in preached his farewell sermon in the Bowdoin Square connection with a minimum lositing nearly obvert. Bethel church, Boston, as he goes to a pastorate in Chica-