## Missionary Ltems.

\_Some fresh developments in regard to the new Mohammedan movement called Babism appear in the May Herald. It will be remembered by our readers that the leaders of this sect, which arose in 1843, were slain, and the sect proscribed by the Persian government and expelled from the country. There has been a colony of these people at Adrianople, which, says the Herald, after being allowed to remain there in peace for six years, was, last summer, suddenly broken up by the Turkish Government (again evidently at Persian instigation); the poor men were compelled to sell all their property at great loss, were put under arrest, and sent off to Acre. The very quiet and honest conduct of these people at Adrianople, their apparent acquaintance with the doctrines of the Bible, and their professed acceptance of some of those doctrines, made a very favorable impression upon their Christian acquaintances there; so that when it was known that they were to be sent into another exile, an effort was made, by the aid of ambassadors, to prevent it, but in vain. In the language of their leading man, they would "break down the middle wall of partition between the Moslem and the Christian, and teach all to live together in leve." and in the bonds of a faith to be made up, as they seem to fancy, of pure Mohammedanism and pure Christianity. No such advanced ideas, however, as are mentioned in the Hours at Home, in regard to the treatment of women, were avowed there. Such precepts of the gospel as enjoin meckness under injuries, such doctrines as that of regeneration by the Spirit of God, they profes to accept. Still they do not give up the Koran, or withdraw from worship at the mosque.

WOMAN'S WORK .- The Herald says that arrangements are in progress to secure special training, for missionary work, to such women as may desire it, in connection with the hospitals and city missions of New York City.

THE RECEIPTS of the A. B. C. F. M. for the month of March, \$37,202 24, were \$6,264 more than for the same month last year. The whole amount received up to the first of April is nearly \$27,000 less than the total at that time last year, while more is needed to meet expenses.

-In his "Chips' from a German Workshop' Professor Max Müller accepts the calculations of M. Berghaus, who estimates the Buddhists at 31.2 per cent. of the human race, the Christians at 30.7, the Mohammedans at 12.7, the Brahmanists at 13.4. Professor Müller teaches us that Buddha was probably the son of a Nepaulese king who lived in the early part of the fifth cen-of the place; for the site of their church edifice, as tury before Christ. He rejected caste and broke the latter contemplate an early dissolution of their its laws, and, renouncing the world, gave himself up to a life of meditation, travelling through India to learn of the Brahman priests. His own philosophy may be regarded as a system of refined idealism, ending in nihilism, or the negation of all being, and atheism. Müller regards Nirvana, the absorption of the soul, as inconsistent with its continued existence and tantamount to annihilation. But side by side with these dreary metaphysics Buddha taught, the purest system of morality over propounded, with the exception of the revelation made to the Hebrews. But there was no motive to holiness applied by his system, like that which is found in the Gospel, and his followers have degenerated very far from his ideal of purity. A curious example of the tendency to worship universal among men is seen in the fact that his followers, unable to put in practice his atheism, have made him their god and chief object of worship. Nature is with defferson College and Princeton Seminary.

Churches.—A church, the outgrowth of a Sunday school founded in a lager beer saloon a few

Two Missionary Families of the American years ago, has just been organized in Allegheny Board, Messrs. Gulick and Williams, reside at City. The students in the Seminary have been very Kalgan, about 140 miles from Foo Chau, en- active and efficient in fostering this enterprise. gaged principally in the study of the language. They have two chapels, and have baptized a few Chinese. Mr. Gullek has a small boys boarding school under his care. There is not much apparent interest in the gospel in Kalgan and in its immediate vicinity, but in Tucho, a city distant to the Southward some three days' journey, there is a very encouraging state of things, several having already been baptized there. This place is occasionally visited by Mr. and Mrs. Gulick, who have always been warmly received and attentively listened to by not a few.

Mr. J. B. Renville is a native preacher of the American Board among the Dakotas, of whose labors and sufferings in the cause, Dr. Williamson thus writes: "Returning from a preaching tour in December, in a severe snow-storm he missed his way and drove into a marsh, where, the snow being deep, the ice was thin, and his horses broke through. He lost time in getting them out, which caused night to overtake him before he reached Redwood, and the storm was such that he could not find his way, nor even reach wood so as to make a fire, and he was forced to lie out on the bleak prairie-the worst night we have had this winter. He and his horses were near perishing with cold. It is often said, and I suppose is generally believed, that worldly men labor harder and suffer more for worldly gain than missionaries to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. But this has not been true among the Dakotas since I have been with them."

BULGARIA.—Rev. Mr. Morse writes, January 20th: "Last Sabbath I think was the happiest day I have spent in Bulgaria. Four persons were admitted to the communion; two of them pupils in the school and two married men. . . . Rleven Bulgarians (seven girls in the school and four men. two of whom are helpers) and six missionaries, made a goodly company of communicants. About twenty Bulgarians, Jews, and Turks were present, beholding in silence."

AN ARMENIAN CHURCH in a village in Central Turkey was recently opened for service to Mr. Trowbridge of the American Board; the priest took part in the service with the missionary, who writes: "I assure you it was rather difficult for me to control the tide of feeling that surged through my heart while I talked to those

rough mountaineers of the sufferings of Christ." THE TWO CHURCHES OF MARASH have received during the year, 80 members on profession, and 95 children have been baptized; number of persons who pay tithes, 102; amount paid nearly \$400 in gold; contributed to their town home misionary society, nearly \$200 in gold.

Who total amount of contributions for the Lord's

work in 1868 was about \$1,300 in gold. This sum has entirely supported their own pastors and schools, has paid all their incidental expenses, and enabled them to give \$200 in gold to extend the Gospel to the regions beyond. There are about 500 members, in the two churches, ninetenths of whom earn a bare living, by hard work from day to day, a day's labor being worth only thirty cents in gold.

# Religious Entelligence.

#### THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City. In the Third R. P. church (Rev. M. Gailey nastor,) at the half-yearly communion, April 18th there was an accession of 32 members, 15 on certifi

cate and 17 on profession.

—Rev. Wm. S. Owens has accepted a call from the North U. P. Mission, on Master St. above XVth, recently in charge of Rev. Lafayette Marks. He will be ordained and installed May 18th. The Christian Instructor says: "From a small beginning this mission undertaking has ripened into a promising young church." Mr. Owens is also called to the U.

P. church of Chicago.

—The Christian Instructor, in reply to several inquiries as to the meaning of the recent overture. from the U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia, in regard to secret societies, says that "the desire was simply that the General Assembly would show what particular secret; societies are condemned in our Testimony, and what is the authority in the word of God for this condemnation. In view of the diversity of views and consequent practices in regard to these points, it was felt that it was all important that there should be a distinct and easily understood declaration about this article, and consequent uniformity of practice in regard to it, or that it should be removed from our Terms of Communion. One our members is arraigned for being a member of the Sons of Temperance. But he declares that our Testimony condemns only outh bound secret societies, and he solemnly declares that his Sons of Temperance order is not oath-bound. In this case the

ession must of course be in perplexity?

—Rev. Drs. Henry and Reed, sailed for Europe
May 8th, going out as delegates from the O.S. Assembly to the Supreme Courts of sister churches in Europe. They expect to make a somewhat extended tour. Rev. S. A. Mutchmore is also a delegate from the O. S. Assembly to Europe.

Ministerial.—Rev. John Hall, D.D., will pay a

visit 10 Ethione this summer 7 Dr. Schaff eailed April 22d Dr. Vermilye April 28th.

—Rev. Wm. Turner resigns the U. P. Union church, near Bloomington, Indiana, after a long

pastorate of a third of a century. Of the thirty-three members who welcomed him at the first, but twelve remain, while between four and five hundred have been received to membership, and eight or nine have gone forth to preach the Gospel. The church is prospering, and, with a view to building a new church, is negotiating with the R. P. church (N. S.) organization.

-In 1863, the minutes of the Southern Presbyterian Church reported 930 ministers and licentiates in 1866, 932; in 1867, 850; and in 1868, 837. This shows a falling off of ninety-five in five years, and a still further diminution is expected to be manifested by the reports to the next Assembly. While the ministers die at the rate of thirty to forty yearly, the two Seminaries send out only from fifteen to twenty young men yearly. Scores of churches are calling for pastors even as matters stand, and if there is no change it will not take long to leave a vast majority of their pulpits empty. A large proportion of the churches just carried over by the accession of the Declaration and Testimony Synod of Kentucky are vacancies, and many of them in a dying state. How are they to be supplied?

-Rev. Jas. H. Orbison, for nineteen years a mis sionary of the O.S. Board in Northern India, who returned with his wife and children this spring, died after only three days illness in Bellefonte, Pa. He was a native of Huntingdon, Pa., and a graduate of

-Rev. F. Fox has organized a German Reformed

church of fifty communicants in Oakland, Cal. Mr. Fox has hitherto acted with the N. S. Presbyterian Church on this Coast.—The Pacific. —It is just one year since the U. P. church at

Living Lake, Pa., was organized, and now they have a house of worship finished at a cost of \$4,000, without help from the Boards. Rev. James Patterson, D. D., was installed pastof, april the 8th.

Educational.—The O. S. Coveninger Seminary, located at Allegheny City, lately held its closing exercises.

There were sixteen students in attopdance.

ercises. There were sixteen students in attendance during the session. Of these three were in the first year, five second year, three third year, and five fourth year. Drs. J. Renwick Sloane and Thomas Sproull are the Professors:

—The Trustees of Washington and Jefferson college met at Pittsburg, April 20th, and voted to locate the college at Washington, Pa. The question of locality had excited great interest in Wes tern Pennsylvania. Change of Relation .- Rev. S. Ha Thomson has

een dismissed from the pastorate of the church at Maguire's Bridge in Ireland, to unite with the O. S. church in this country.

- Rev. Wm. J. McSurely has been received from

the U. P. church by the O. S. Presbytery of Cin-

nati.

- Rev. John Kinnear of Letterkenny, Ireland, declines the call from the First U. P. church of Cincinnati: "The circumstances in which"the call was given had occasioned serious disagreement in

he congregation.

Presbyteries.—The Free Christian Commonwealth says: "It is with profound gratification that we announce the conclusive settlement of the ecclesiastiord relations of the Synod of Kentucky. The seven Presbyteries constituting this Synod have appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly, which is

to meet in Mobile on the 20th of May."
On the other hand the Declaration and Testimony Presbytery of Lalayette, Mo., has appointed the Rev. J. L. Yantis, D.D., and elder J. K. Hanna, Western Presbyterian says: "We presume these gentlement will not be satisfied with any terms of reconciliation which do not involve a reversal of the Assembly's past action, and a renunciation of the views of church polity, held by the great mass of our Church. And failing to secure this, they will

probably think they are badly persecuted."

—The Presbytery of Londonderry, N. H., votes for Reunion on the Basis of the common Standards. Rev. J. B. Dunn announced that as a thank-offering for what the Lord has done for them the last six months, the Beech street (1st) church of Boston had months, the Beech'street [18t] shurch of Boston had raised by subscription-cards on the previous Sabbath over \$30,000 to pay off the debt that has long crippled the energies of the church. All this, without any outside help. The religious interest in the church still continues. The manifold vacancies in this Presbytery are filling up. Rev. Fra C. Tyson, formerly of Hughsonville, N. Y., is to be installed over the Pres, church at Bedford, N. H., and Rev. E.F. Ackerman, of the Third Presbytery of New York, over the church of East Bostone.

ministers were called upon to answer whether they had read to their people the resolution of Presby tery on the duty of contributing to our Boards. Churches were called upon to answer whether they had settled with their pastors, according to agree-ment for salary. [Methodist methods of securing

faithfulness.]

—The delegates of the O. S. Presbytery of Washington, Pa., were instructed to vote for Union on the Basis of the Standards, pure and simple, and if necessary to effect the Union, to use their influence to have dropped from the Basis the Tenth Article. Presbytery unanimously acquiesced in the overture of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the subject of Reunion with the Southern Presbyterian Church.

-In the O. S. Presbytery of Erie it was Resolved. That the General Assembly is hereby authorized to consummate the reunion on the Basis of the Standards, without re-committing to the Presbyteries for their sanction. This Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to take some action in the matter of instructing the Board of Publication to exchange the Book of Psalms and Hymns at a discount for the Hymnal, and to require the suspension of the publication of the former.

—The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian

Church, O. S., will meet this year in Newburgh, N. Y., on the 26th inst. Rev. N. R. Johnston, of Newcastle, Pa., has arranged to make a full report of the proceedings in the leading Newburgh news-

paper.

30.8. Boards.—The following are the receipts for March: Domestic Missions, \$4,314 84; Education, \$8,360 78: Foreign Missions, \$19,945 97; Publication, \$5,486 70; Church Textension, \$12,919; 16; Disabled Ministers, \$1,821.48; Freedmen, \$4271.12.

A Presbyterian Home for Aged Women is to be erected in Seventy-third street, near, Madison Avenue, New York. The building, eighty-six by ninety-two feet, will be of Philadelphia brick, with

#### Ohio stone trimmings, and will cost \$110,000. OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Congregationalist—The Educational Society has this year dispensed the aid furnished by the churches to over 250 students for the ministry, all receiving full appropriations.

The Old South church of Boston, founded May 12th and 16th, 1669, (corresponding to our May 22d and 26th) invites all past and present members to unite in the religious, celebration of its second centenary. Appropriate discourses will be preached May 23d and 30th by the pastor, and a social gathering will be field in Hornicaltural Hall.

-The Springfield St. church adopted the system In e springhed St. church adopted the system of free seats and, weekly collections six months ago. Families keep their own pews by common cousent, and the rate of giving has been increased five fold.

Rev. Lewis Sabin, D.D., resigns the church of Templeton, Mass., after a thirty years' pastorate.

The church in Framingham is being repaired, and a chapel built at a cost of \$12,000. Rev. Minot J. Savage (formerly of California) is pastor.

—The old Church, at Hingham, Mass., whose quaint square peaked roof and large square, high-

backed pens for pewswould have made a Filgrim father feel at home, is to be refurnished. -Rev. Brown Emerson, D.D., ordained pastor of the South church of Salem, Mass., 1805, and now

in his ninety second year, was in the pulpit on the sixty-fourth anniversary of his ordination, April -The Yale Theological School holds its anniver-

sary exercises, May 20th. Dr. Buddington, of Brooklyn, addresses the Alumni.

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The Hastford Herald notes nine wacant pulpits in its vicinity one being the Park church in that city, and two others being in New Haven.

Rev. 31 A. Baker, D.D., has left the church of the Pilgrims in New York for a Professorship of Rhetoric in Adrian (Mich.;) College.

The New Jersey churches are to withdraw from the New York Association and to units with the

the New York Association and to unite with the churches of Philadelphia, Washington Pittsburg, &c., in forming a new Association of forty aburches.

—Rev. John Monteith, Jr., leaves the Pilgrim church of St. Louis for the pastorate of the May-flower (3d.) church, a new colony of sixteen members, who are erecting a house of worship to cost \$6,000. They have adopted the free new system.

—A pewihouse of worship was dedicated, April
18th, at Eden Plain, Cal., costing \$12.000. A debt
of \$830 was wiped out before dedication.

-A new church of nine members was organized. April 10th, at Los Angelos in Southern California. cated a fine house of worship, the best in the city. Of the cost (\$7,600,) all but about \$1,000 was raised before dedication. The church was lavishly deco-

orated with flowers on the occasion. -Of the eight or nine churches in Orgon, with total membership of four hundred, two are selfsupporting. Their seven houses of worship are worth \$30,000, and in debt \$1200. A dozen or more out-stations are supplied with preaching. Their college is flourishing.

Episcopalian.—Since Dr. Randall, of Boston, became Bishop of Colorado, seven churches have been organized in the territory.

— Washington Convocation by raising \$9,000 for local church erection, secured the building of three churches and a chapel valued at \$54,000.

-Grace church in Amherst, Mass., have adopted the free pew system, the congregation raising the

necessary funds by subscription.

-- Rev. C. L. Hutchings, of St. John's church in Boston, goes to the Cathedral church in Buffalo.

Baptist.—The Home Missionary Society employs between three and four hundred preachers proclaiming the Gospel to every native tongue and people in North America, They claim that they are every year making 7000 converts, educating 150 candidates for the ministry, teaching 40,000 neglected children in mission schools, organizing a church for every three days, and building a house of worship every twelve days of the year.
The Poreign Missionary Union received \$196,

000 during the financial year just closed, and expended \$180,000; The surplus \$16,000, reduces its debt from \$30,000 to \$14,000.

-The British Churches are to be represented at the coming anniversaries; by Rev. Dr. Price, of South Wales, Editor of the Seren Cymni, (or Star of Wales) the leading man of the Welsh Baptists. Also by Rev. Mr. Henry, of Belfast, who comes in behalf of the Irish Missionary Society. Mr. Henry was formerly a pastor in the Irish R. P. Church. Dr. Price will visit the Welsh settlements throughout the country. Our Covenancer brethren have extended a welcome to Mr. Henry for his own sake and his

-Dr. Robert Turnbull resigns the pastorate of the First church of Hartford, after a pastorate of twenty-four years, in which he received 558 members into the church.

-The church at Stonington, Cond., are debating whether they can pay a dollar a Sabbath for preach-

ing. Their dast pastor got, \$45. a, year.

The Free Will Baptists number 7.250 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; 30,852 in New England; and 5,000 in New York. They are Arminian in theology, and immersion is a prerequisite to church membership, but not to occasional communion. -The church in Malden, Mass., adopts the free

pew system. Rev. Mr. Tompking of the Red Hook, N. Y. church has become partially insane from the excite

ment of a revival many ment of a revival ment of grown in two years from 30 to 209 members, is completing a neat house of worship." To the inc.
The Eaton place church of Baltimore is spending \$100,000 in a new church.

-The "Baptist Social Union" of Cincinnati have begun their operations by helping the Second church to erect a house of worship on Baymiller St. -Rev. A. D. Gillette, D. D., resigns the pastorate of the First church of Washington, D. C. on

account of ill health. -The Campbellite "University of Kentucky has 750 students in all departments, and 108 candidates for the ministry. It enjoys the entire income realized by the sale of the U. S. grants to the

State for Agricultural Colleges.

—Hard Shellism, or opposition to Missions and every other form of organized benevolence outside of the local church, once had fast hold of the churches in the upper counties of South Carolina, but is now nearly dead. It was logical independency, and will come to life again.

-Dr. Thomas, formerly of San Francisco, accepted a call to Chicago.

-The Observer notes the recent organization of fourteen churches, three (Bethlehem, Winfield and Williamstown,) in this State; one (Davenport. Iowa,) German; one (Galesburg, Ill.,) Swede, and one (Shelbyville, Ind.,) colored.

Methodist .- Several English Wesleyan preachers issue a monthly newspaper for neighborhood circulation and to call attention to their chapels. The advertisements inserted pay expenses.

-The New England Methodists have been so free in their denunciation of the spirit of caste, that the Bishops have dared to test their sincerity. Rev. J. N. Mar from the Washington (col.) Conference takes charge of the Revere St. church in Bos-A western Methodist paper thinks it a hopeful

sign that the New England Methodists begin to ask for circuit preachers. It does not like the burden-some fashion of cutting up the work into small stations, and thinks that the circuit method economi zes the ministerial force and saves money.

A western Penna preacher reports a revival they prayed and shouted when they got happy The converts made the pastor a donation of fifty

A great revival is in progress in Roberts chapel, Indianapolis, in which nearly three hundred have already been converted, and nearly all received into membership.

The M. E church expended \$4,991,000 on

ministerial support last year, and \$911, 21 on benevolent purposes. This last item averages 721

cents per member. Sixty-six new converts were admitted to the African M. E. church of Quincy, Ill., recently by im-

mersion in the Mississippi.

A "German Mission Haus Association for the Port of New York" is one of the fruits of the Centenary year. It is to care for the temporal and spir-itual interests of German immigrants, secure them employment, protect them from swindlers, and seek to bring them under wholesome religious influence. During the year ending April 1st 2,602 persons

Romanist.—The troubles in the diocese of Chicago have put Bishop Duggan out of his head. He is under perpetual fear of arrest. His main offence was in introducing the free and easy fashions of European prelates, into a Church whose clergy have always been hard working missionaries. The Pope sustained him, and his rebellious priests had

to submit.
The Archbishop of Paris is offered a cardinal's hat if he will so far submit to the Ultramontane pretensions of the Papal See as to make a simple statement to the Pope, of the way in which he has administered his diocese. Napoleon is pushing the Archbiehop's claims with such vigor that it is doubtful if even this demand will be insisted on. The Archbishop is expected to lead the Gallicans in their protest against any discussion of the Gal-lican and Ultramontana issues in the coming coun-

-The Pall Mall Gazette says it is reported that the preliminary Committees of the Ecumenical Council have disagreed so seriously as to the questions to be submitted to the council, that the advisers of the Pope arge him to postpone it altogether

Unitarian .- Rev. John Weiss (of the Free Reigious Club and The Radical) has been invited to oril 10th, at Los Angelos in Southern California. preach the sermon before the graduating class.—The church in Stockton, Cal., has just dedi-of the Cambridge Divinity School. The choice suggests that the next contribution of Cambridge to the Unitarian ministry will not strengthen the

conservative wing of the denomination.

—Rev. C. H. Dall has gone out for a third time as a Unitarian missionary in Calcutta. His chief instrumentalities are a school and the circulation of books. An assistant goes out with him, under the auspices of the Unitarian Association.

—Dr. Hedge modestly says: "The Sanitary Commission, the most stupendous charity the world has ever known, was mainly due to Unitarian philanthropy." They certainly acted on this pleasant assumption in trying to make it an agencey for the dissemination of Unitarian literature.

Universalist.—A. D. 1870, the centenary year of American Universalism, is to be duly celebrated by the payment of all debts and obligations resting on the various organizations of the denomination. A memorial monument, at Washington, to cost \$100,000, is also talked of.

Rev. Daniel Ballou of Utica, N. Y., nearly lost his life in the fall of a R. R. depot at Indianapolis during the recent tornado.

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