# Religious Entelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

Ministerial.—Two members of the graduating class at Chicago have begun work, M. Van Arsdale at Omaha, and M. A. Rankin at Olathe, Ks.

-Rev. Christopher Carrothers, of the same class, has been ordained an Evangelist by the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, O, and is soon to embark with his wife for the mission field in Japan.

Rev. Robert H. Williams, of Frederick, Md., declines a call to the Sixth church of

St. Joseph. Mo.

—Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn is to supply the Fullerton Av. church of Chicago for a

Rev. Robert White, formerly of Troy, O., but more recently residing at Cedar-ville, has accepted a call to the church of Morgantown, W. Va., and the Presbytery of West Virginia meets for his installation June 17th. He is one of the numerous ministerial graduates of the First R. P. church of this city.

Churches.—The O. S. and Free church-

es of Clarksville, have been united by the Presbytery of Beaver.

—The Fifth Avenue church, of New York, (Dr. Hall's) contributed \$8,200 recently to the American S. S. Union at one collection. Their pastor was warm from the National Convention and made a

-The historic First church (O.S.,) of Newburyport, Mass., has called Mr Chas. F. Duríee, of the Senior Class of the Cong. Seminary at Hartford. Salary \$1,800.

—Missouri has 70 O. S., 70 Dec. and Test. or Southern, 30 N. S. and 6 U. or

R. P. churches-a decided gain in numbers at least.

The O. S. church in Hamptonburg, N. Y., has more than doubled its numbers by

receiving ninety-three to membership -the fruits of a revival. -The church in Greencastle, Pa., has increased its membership by half-the

fruits of a revival. Presbyteries. - Marion Presbytery approved the action of Synod in the classification of ministers and grouping of vacant churches for more efficient missionary work within its bounds. Rev. D. H. Covner was refused permission to travel out of the bounds, and any permission for him to solicit money was denied. He was put

on the retired list. -Allegheny Presbytery ordered the sessions to report the number of unbaptized children of church members, and announced that at next meeting the roll of the churches would be called—as required by the Assembly—to see how many had not contributed to all the causes of the

-The Presbytery of St. Clairsville, O., overtures the Assembly to grant the Dec. and Test. Memorial from Kentucky and to open negotiations for reunion with the Church on the basis of the Standards.

#### OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian.—The quarrel between the Canadian House of Bishops and the clerical and lay synod has ended in a compromise. The former wanted to make one of their own number Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada. The latter insisted on the superior claims of some much abler presbyters. They now unite on Rev. Ashley Oxenden, Rector in Kent,

Rev. E. R. Boyce, as a Low Churchman, was granted the use of the M. E. church in Clinton, Wis., where he preaches once a month to a mission church. When the M. E. church at Beloit recently asked him for the loan of his church (St. Paul's) them. in that place (while their own was repaired) he gave a flat refusal on the ground that their pastor-Rev. W. W. Case-was no clergyman. No High Churchman would

have been such a snob. -A Deaconess House has been opened at 9 Willard St., Boston, Bishop Huntington delivering the address. It is to train women for work in hospitals, asylums, prisons, and home missions.

-An Episcopalian mission has been carried on for sixteen months in Salt Lake City, by Rev. Mr. Foote and others, in spite of the opposition of the Mormons, who have no objection to casual clerical visitors preaching in the temple and going home and telling how kindly they were received. The Sunday-schools number 150 scholars, the day school 100. Thirty-one have been added to the church by confirmation, and it now numbers forty-four. A fine rectory has been built.

Congregationalist .- The Amer. Home Miss. Society re-appoints 658 of the 908 missionaries in service last year. Of these 565 have been laboring as pastors or stated supplies of single churches, while 255 have labored with two or three churches, and 88 with a larger number each. Of the churches in care 22 have become self-supporting, 56 have erected houses of worship, 22 have been organized. These mission churches have 80 young members in

preparation for the ministry.

—The late Mrs. F. W. Haskell leaves \$10,000 each to the A. B. C. F. M. and the Cong. Union, and divides as much between the Am. H. M. S. and the Am. Miss. Asso.

—The new Highland church of Boston, the last fruit of the slow growth of the denomination in its very head quarters, have

been handed over the Parker St. property of the Eliot City Miss. Soc. They decide, however-as the place is already too strait for them, to either enlarge that chapel or erect a new church edifice to seat 600 or 700 people in a more desirable location at a cost of \$25,000. They are consulting the residents of that district.

—A Harvard professor is delivering a

course of free lectures in the Mt. Vernon church of Boston on the harmony of Geology with Revelation.

—It is proposed to make the Old South church's edifice a mission station, and to build a new house of worship for the church

in the lower part of the city.

—The North Av. church of Cambridge, Mass, (Rev. Mr. Mears pastor,) has been blessed with a religious interest by which some thirty have been converted. Twelve received adult baptism on a recent Sabbath.

-The South church of Rittsfield (Dr. Strong's) has had 81 accessions since January. Dr. Todd is gone to the Pacific coast via the Pacific R. R.

-The North church of Newburyport is to have Mr. James Powell of the Senior class in Andover as pastor at a salary of

# Religious World Abroad.

England.—The New York Tribune, of May 7th, says: "If the morning Tribune contained an account of Timour, the Tartar, presiding at a meeting of the American Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it would hardly seem stranger than the report we read the other day in an English paper of the remarks of his Highness the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, on taking the chair at an assembly at Exeter Hall, in aid of the American [United] Presbyterian missions [to the Copts] in Egypt. Certainly it is a striking reminder of the progress of Christianity that we find this Hindoo potentate, grandson and heir of the terrible Sikh conqueror Runjeet Singh, who overran the northwestern portions of India, founded the kingdom of Lahore, and pushed his victories even into the mountain fastnesses of Afghanistan; this 'king of kings,' who, if there is any virtue in a name, and a title, and a grand descent, ought to busy himself with impaling converts, and burning widows, and such like games,—it is an eloquent commentary, we say, on the success of Christian missionaries that we find this Hindoo not only accepting the Gospel himself but trying to stir us old Christians up to sending a little more of it into Egypt. So the Nile gets the Bible from the Indus. and a little company of American Presby-terians, preaching God under the shadow of the Pyramids, find an advocate and helper in the representative of one of the oldest and most horrible of pagan superstitions. The Maharajah, we should add, has long been a Christian, resides permanently in England, and is married to an English [Copt?] wife."

Evangelical Christendom notes that the Christian public are approximating to the Apostolic ideal of missions in two respects, -the work is more and more undertaken and urged for the highest motives-love to Christ and to souls,—less and less from the lower motive of commercial advantages ac cruing. Also the churches formed among the heathen are being thrown on their own resources as regards the supply both of money and ministers.

-The lower House of Convocation in 1868 appointed a committee on the extent, evils and remedy of intemperance. This Committee numbering Deans Stanley, Alford and others, have investigated the whole subject and made a report recommending the suppression of all beer-houses, ("saloons" we call them;) the closing of all public houses ("hotels") on the Sabbath and at early hours on week days and the great reduction of their numbers; the centralization and careful management of the licensing system; the rigid enforcement of laws against drunkenness; the prohibition of bars at places of amusement and at elections; repeal of all duties on harmless beverages; local authority to restrain the issue or renewal of licenses. Over a thousand parishes in the Province represented by Convocation have neither public house nor beer shop, and the results are most excel-

Ireland .- The dignitaries of the Established Church have been holding a General Conference at Dublin, not to prepare for the effect of the hated Bill, but to organize resistance to its passage. The Pri-mate presided. Repeat of the union was threatened as an event of the immediate future and as a result of yielding to the threats and terrorism of the Fenians.

-Cardinal Cullen has issued a pastoral deploring and denouncing the Agrarian murders which have "soiled the fair name" of Tipperary, and calling on the people to have patience as the Irish Land question will be attended to by the Liberal Govern-

-Several landlords and tenants have received this notice:

Notice.—March, 1869.—Sir:—You have let to a heretic, [or Protestant] a farm in this part of the country, but he shall never put his foot upon it, or he will never leave it alive. We will never allow a heretic to live amongst us. So if he puts his foot on these lands he will be shot dead. The ball is ready for him. This is no idle threat, so help me God.—ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

It is such wickedness as this that keeps British capital out of Ireland, and condemns the land to perpetual poverty.

France.-A Romanist commune in Dauphiny, have almost to a man embraced the Reformed Faith, and signed a document of adherence to the Reformed doctrine, order and worship, after which they received (Oct. 27th, 1868,) the sacrament of the supper after the manner of Protestants. The movement began on their own part in 1860, when they had quarrelled with the dioce-san authorities, but Pastor Fermand, (President of the Grenoble Consistory, for five years discouraged their advances and exhorted them to seek redress from the bishop, paying no attention to their urgent request that he would visit them or send an Evangelical preacher. In the beginning of 1868 he sent a suffragan pastor, whose labors have resulted as above. The mayor and nine of the ten councillors acquiesce in the

-The intrusion of rationalistic pastors on an old orthodox flock of Huguenots at Vanvert in the South, and the refusal of the liberals to allow the pulpit to be opened to a fuller gospel, have led to a secession. A new church costing 60,000 francs has been built and paid for, and was dedicated March 11th. The people are mostly poor

but in earnest.

The last "convert from Protestantism" was made in an hospital at Epinay, where a poor sick Protestant while laboring under mental aberration, was converted by a Romanist cure in less than a quarter of an hour and baptized.

-The Rationalists of Neuchatel have been too candid. They recently published a programme demanding a religion with-out theology, a church without a creed, and God without system. Their brethren in Paris are sorely embarrassed, as they must either offend their flocks by accepting this basis, or offend their more liberal brethren by refusing it.

-The Paris Pastoral Conferences are to discuss public worship and its just modifications, and the Christian conscience.

-The Jubilee of Pius IX's Ordination was kept with great splendor in Paris. As the priest is supposed to be married to the church at ordination, this may be called his

golden wedding." The Ultramontane press make no disclosures as to the matters to come before the Ecumenical Council. The Civilita Catholica of Rome alone divulges the fact that the personal infallibility of the Pope as

judge in matters of faith (not as ruler of brought all pressure to bear to multiply the Church), and the Assumption of the Virgin, will be the topics under discussion.

The priests are sparing no effort The decisions may be guessed, and will sieze on the children of Protestants. An yet more make Mary the centre of the Italian lady has been sentenced to impri

centre of her order. -Napoleon will allow French Bishops ciples they choose. He has not yet decided to send lay delegates—as requested—to re—In Venice twenty-six new members to send lay delegates—as requested—to represent the nation and its government. He lreads to appear too compliant.

-Peter is taking the sword as of old, in spite of the Master's warning. Collections o supply the Pope with arms are being taken up throughout France by local committees. Brittany and La Vendee alone contribute 54,000 francs.

Spain .- The amendments to the constitution designed to defeat religious liberty brought out the whole strength of the Romanist opposition. Many of the bitterest were among the Reforming or Neo-Catholics—who are always Reforming but never Reformed. Prof. Castellar made an especially eloquent and powerful speech in reply to these, having been appealed to by them as Professor of History in the Central University. He showed that a policy of toleration had always been exercised until about a century before the Reforma-tion. He told bitter truth about Papal wickedness and persecutions, and said that he had searched amid the ruins, ashes and churches of Rome tor one atom of religious faith and found only deceit and doubt. He branded the Romish Church as the patron of darkness, barbarism and anarchy. He told of his feelings at visiting a colony of Spanish Jews in Italy, whom the intolerance of Spain had exiled.

-The new Protestant church of stone in tasteful gothic with open-work spire has been opened in Madrid. It seats some 900, and all seats are free.

-At one stand in the city nearly 100,-000 Gospels have been sold to the people. Seven prayer-meetings are known to be held in private houses. A Spaniard of position told an Evangelist, "I know of adies who went to your service to laugh, but came out crying.'

-- Volunteer agents in every province and of every profession are at work in the dissemination of Gospel truth and a pure literature. Through them the London Rel. Tract Soc. has sowed broad-cast 500,000 tracts.

-Two converted Spanish Jews return with the Word of life to the land which banished their fathers, being sent out as Evangelists by a London Society. —In Seville, the working classes are so

eager to hear the Gospel, that half a dozen pastors might find work. One hundred and eighty communed on Good Friday, being mainly members of the old hidden Reformed church, which existed before the Revo-

Germany.—Superintendent Meinhold— a High Lutheran—has been removed from his office—but not his pastorate—for the disrespectful terms in which he spoke of the Ober-Kirchen-Rath in an address to the King. Hengstenberg and his party have made a great outcry as if Herr Mein hold were suffering for his Lutheran prin-ciples, while Rev. Herr Schiffman is allowed to preach the rationalistic creed of the church. The authorities think it safer to ignore the latter than to excite public sympathy for him by his removal.

—The Protestant Union has established a branch at Breslau, the headquarters of High Lutheranism. Its avowed aims are longregational church government, oppoition to all hierarchies, full toleration of all opinions inside the Church, and "the promotion of true Christian life." Schenkel is their chief [and they have an organized branch in America, with a score or more of urches and pastors in our large cities.

-A Committee for Spanish Evangelization has been organized in Berlin, under the presidency of Count Egloffstein, and contributions for the erection of the new Protestant church in Madrid are being solicited.

-The General Synod of the Church in Wirtemberg-where Pietism most abounds has had a very harmonious session. The question of preventing the growing seces sion to Methodists and other diss enters, without intrenching on religious liberty, was discussed. It was agreed that it was only possible through satisfying all the religious wants of the people in their own Church.

-The Brethren of Jerusalem, -a millenarian and communist sect in Wirtemberg -have sent out a colony to settle in the Holy Land. The leaders have asked a grant of land from the Sultan. [They exist in America, have an organ in Schenectady, and a congregation with occasional preach ing in this city.]
—The need of more churches in North

Germany is felt on every occasions or. which the people feel especially drawn to divine service. Recently private rooms were used on such occasions, as on Good Friday. —On the occasion of the Pope's Juhilee

a monster address to the Pope was got up and many signatures (including the King of Saxony) secured for it. How they were multiplied may be judged from the order of the Austrian Minister of Education forbidding signatures to be collected in public schools among the pupils.

Bohemia.—The Quarterly Conference of the Reformed Church met in Prague, in April, to arrange for the sending out of a delegation to the United States. Rev. Mr. Von Tardy, Upper Church Councillor, and Rev. Pastor Kaspar, were commissioned and started, via Liverpool, expecting to reach our shores in time for the Assemblies.

—A delegation of eight persons recently waited on Pastor Van Andel asking him to come and preach in a district where not a single Protestant is found. He complied, not knowing this fact, and when he was aware of it and told them that they were not allowed to open Protestant services in such places, they avowed their readiness to leave the Romish Church and become Protestants. They have service in a hall which they have hired for six months.

Italy.-The distribution of the Scriptures at the Paris Exposition begin to bear fruit in Italy, as it has roused the Italian Protestants to do something in the same service. They propose to send a million gospels into

-The Bishop of Salerno is to be prose cuted for offensive language used in regard to the Royal Government in a recent pastoral.

-The priests are sparing no efforts to

'Church's" worship, and the Pope the sonment for trying to take her daughter from a monastery. The orphan of a Waldensian at Florence, has been handed over to attend the Ecumenical Council if they to the priests, because of an informality in choose, and advocate there whatever prin- the will, by which Pastor Ferreti was made

were received to the Church on Easter Sunday, after long instruction in the Bible.

A priest who had gone back to Rome and was received with much rejoicing and many promises, is now reduced to such misery that he writes to Pastor Comba for a certificate of character in order to obtain some employment.

In Sicily a new church at Messina received thirty to membership on Easter Sunday. The place of worship is crowded and the poor people send chairs from their houses and oil for the lamps. They have erected an elegant pulpit.

-An employe of the government lottery has given up his place, and with it all visible means of living, that he might join the church at Palermo.

-The National Parliament has passed a Bill which puts an end to the exemption from conscription enjoyed by candidates for the priesthood, This will reduce their number greatly. The vote in the chamber stood 223 to 25.

-A Bible meeting was recently held in Naples, at which it was reported that the British and Foreign Bible Society has sold nearly three hundred and fifty thousand copies of the Scriptures, valued at \$250,000. Most of them are taken by Catholics. In Sicily the colporteurs are fully protected by the magistrates. Increasing efforts are made to promote education among the people. A public opinion is beginning to be formed against the prevalence of duelling.
A public convention is to be held in Naples on the 8th of December next, in opposition to the Pope's Ecumenical Council at

Sandwich Islands.—There is trouble in the Reformed Cathotic Church. The only congregation worth mentioning is in Honolulu, as the "Deans' and "Archdeacons' at other places preach to a mere handful or to the children of their schools. The Honolulu people are alarmed at the progress of ritualism, and almost unanimousrequest the S. P.G. to recall their present clergy and pledge themselves to support a "low church" rector if sent then, but they want no bishop. Queen Emma is one of the few who remains faithful, but the King has expressed his wish that no cathedral shall be erected on the ground given by his brother and predecessor.

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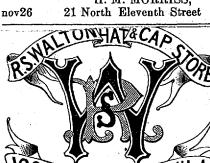
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