

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

Ministerial.—The Brick church of New York have raised Dr. Murray's salary from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and paid him the expense of a trip to Europe.

—Rev. John Rea was installed pastor of the church in Downingtown, Pa., May 31, by the Presbytery of New Castle.

—The Presbytery of Oregon revokes a licentiate's license on the ground of "general incompetency" evinced "in every place in which he attempted to exercise the functions of the ministry."

—We understand that the Appletons have offered Rev. Dr. Scott, of New York, a large salary to take literary superintendence of one department of their publishing house.—Pacific.

—The Irish Presbyterian Church have resolved to establish a mission in China at Fuh Chang. Money has been raised for one year, and Rev. H. Waddle and J. M. Hunter, M. D., have been set apart to the work.

—Rev. Albert J. Winterick has taken charge of a German mission-field at Carlstadt, New Jersey.

—A Commission of the Presbytery of New York, appointed to investigate the charges brought by the African Civilization Society last October against the Rev. Henry M. Wilson (colored), and tried in April, find that the same are not sustained. The Commission consisted of Dr. S. I. Prime, Dr. Chapin, James Brown, Henry Day, and Mr. Mason.

—A Ministers' Bureau is opened 654 Washington St., Boston, by Rev. Dr. W. M. Cornell. Parishes and preachers are accommodated.

—The five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Huss is not only to be celebrated this year at Prague, but a monument to his memory is to be erected at Constance in Baden, where he was burned.

—Dr. Baird reported to the Southern Assembly concerning the prospect of ministerial supply: Last fall I commenced a tour of the country to visit the various Synods. When I met the Synod of Nashville I told them we had a hundred and sixty candidates. At Memphis I said a hundred and sixty-five. At the Synod of Mississippi I said a hundred and seventy; at the Synod of North Carolina a hundred and eighty; and after my arrival at home I became convinced that there were two hundred. People said that I was over-estimating the number, and I issued a circular of inquiry. The answers developed 138 candidates under the care of the Presbyteries; 71 studying, but not under the care of the Presbytery; 9 detained from study from the want of means, and 27 debating the subject of the ministry. In all, 245; and since I have arrived here I have heard of five more, making in all 250 young men looking forward to the ministry.

Churches.—A Sunday-school class of Chinese has been organized at the church in Vallejo, Cal., and about twenty pupils secured. Including the Chinese laborers at South Vallejo, the Celestial population of that city numbers at least two hundred.

—A church was organized at Baker Hill, N. J., June 16th, by a committee of the Presbytery of West Jersey. The cornerstone of a building for the use of the new church was laid at the same time.

—A mass-meeting of the churches of Cincinnati was held recently at the Second church, to hear from the commissioners of that vicinity to the late General Assembly, with special reference to the subject of Re-union, and to give expression to such resolves as the occasion might call forth. The only remarkable point in the resolutions of approval was a pledge to make the year of Re-union a year of Jubilee.—Rev. C. L. Thompson of the First church fell down an open hatch-way on the occasion, and was badly hurt.

—Prof. Hitchcock is talked of for the Central church of Boston. This would be an excellent arrangement. He is a very able and popular preacher.—Zion's Herald.

Revivals.—The O. S. Narrative of the State of Religion sums up the following marked cases of religious revival in their churches: "In the Presbytery of Londonderry, three of the churches have been specially blessed; the church in Boston having received one hundred and thirty-two on profession of their faith within a few months. In the Presbytery of Zanesville, forty-five, forty, thirty-four, twenty-seven and twenty-six have been added to five of the churches. The Central Presbytery of Philadelphia report an average addition of twenty-seven on examination to each church. The Presbyteries of Long Island, Huntington, West Jersey and Catawba, while not naming the numbers added to their churches, indicate wide-spread and powerful manifestations of the Holy Spirit. In the Synod of Missouri, fifteen churches report an average addition on profession of faith of over fifty persons to each church. The Presbytery of Washington names seven churches, of which each has received over forty. The Presbytery of Madison has been greatly blessed. We extract from their report the summary of a remarkable work of grace in the borders of the Bethel church: 'Seventy-eight were received into the church; of these, seventy were baptized during the meeting, showing that it was a direct inroad upon the world. Among the converts there were only one or two as young as fourteen years; while there were eleven grand parents, thirty-three parents, thirty-five females and forty-three males.'

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OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Congregationalist.—Rev. Jonas King, Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Greece, died May 22d. He was called to the work nearly fifty years ago while in Paris, preparing to occupy a chair in a New England college, and went first to Jerusalem. He has lived to win the respect and share the hospitality of men who had persecuted him, and to see the work of Evangelization in the hands of his converts who are in the employ of the Am. and For. Christian Union.

—Mr. Healy of the Am. Miss. Association gives his version of carrying over three churches in New Orleans to the Congregationalists. It seems that they were "no man's land," churches organized by ignorant preachers out of negroes of an ignorant and degraded type who had no recognized form of marriage, and practiced infant baptism as well as immersion. The F. W. Baptist papers express themselves satisfied, but the explanation does not release Mr. H. or The Independent from the charge of publishing a very disingenuous statement in regard to the progress of the Cong. policy in Louisiana.

—Dr. Manning proposes that old South church in Boston, shall use its surplus funds in aiding needy churches, and employing the senior pastor in apostolic labors among the churches.

—Dr. Storrs of Braintree, Mass., (settled in 1811) has so far recovered health that he can preach, but asks his people to call a colleague and successor.

—Rev. S. R. Nott, who graduated at Andover in 1812 with Gardner Spring and Dr. S. R. Storrs, and went out with Judson, Newell and the first missionaries of the American Board, died June 1st, in Hartford.

—Prof. E. A. Park, of Andover, sailed for Europe June 5th, and will spend the summer in England, Germany and Switzerland for the benefit of his health, which has been impaired by overwork.

—Rev. George H. Gould, for the last five years pastor of the Centre church in Hartford, has resigned his charge on account of "the impaired and precarious condition" of his health.

—Rev. W. T. Eastis, Jr., late of the Chapel St. church, New Haven, Ct., was installed pastor of the Memorial church, Springfield, Mass., June 3d. Nearly fifty churches were represented by pastors and delegates, and among them was a delegate from the Episcopal church in Westbury, R. I.

—The First church of Washington, which so recently dismissed one hundred members with Dr. Boynton, has just received thirty-two new ones to membership, and has 1,300 children in its three Mission schools. Among those who have united with it is the colored man whose former application caused the whole disturbance.

—The Illinois General Association was as usual good deal of an M. A. S. Dr. Beecher essayed on Amusements. The various decrees on Tract Societies, the American and Foreign Union, &c., which have appeared in the columns of the Advance, were rescinded. It was, of course, told with many notes of admiration, how fast "the churches" had grown in the State.

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menement of four houses of worship, and the completion of several. The Trustees of Penna. College at Gettysburg have rejected (without specified reason) the Synod's nominees to the German and Franklin professorship, the former of which was founded by Synod before the division, and the latter largely endowed through its efforts. Muhlenberg College at Allentown, with 198 students was taken into connection with Synod.

Romanist.—The Pope's carrying things with a high hand in Germany. A Rector has been removed by his order from the head of the Catholic Faculty at Tubingen, and when the venerable Bishop of the diocese protested against the Papal measures as utterly uncanonical, he received a rebuke from the apostolic see couched in language so bitter and humiliating that he died of a broken heart. We were disposed to think well of Pius IX. personally, but this last business shows him as devoid of heart as we knew him to be destitute of brains.

—In 1867 mostly in the West Provinces of Russia, 13,659 persons were received into the Orthodox Greek from the Romish (or "United Greek") Church. In some instances entire communities went over with the priest at their head. Government management effected these conversions; yet the Czar is said to be quite friendly to the Pope, and to offer on certain conditions, to permit the Romish bishops and clergy of the Empire to attend the coming council.

The seraricus Father Buchard in a recent lecture at Grass Valley, said that Calvin died swearing and calling on the name of the devil, and that Melancthon said to his dying mother, when asked in what religion she should die: "The new religion is the most convenient, but the old religion is the most secure;" and that Luther said when he became a Protestant he could not restrain the most irregular and hurtful lusts.—Pacific.

—In honor of the Ecumenical Council, to meet Dec. 8th, the Pope has issued "letters apostolic," granting a plenary indulgence to all "the Faithful," and remission of their sins as in a year of Jubilee," if they will offer certain prayers, or make a pilgrimage to Rome.

—Canon McNeile, not the best authority in the world, claims that while one-third the population of the British Islands was Romanist in 1801, only one-sixth is so now.

—Bishop Rosecrans offers to have perpetual mass said till the end of the world for all persons who shall contribute \$25 for St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio; or the benefit of the mass may be applicable, at the option of the donor, to any other person, living or dead.

Unitarian.—Zion's Herald says: "The Congregationalist and Unitarian ministers of Massachusetts, for the sake of a few remaining bits of a fund for worn-out preachers, have united in a gathering annually. They listen to an animated and almost empty purse. Two years out of every three the Orthodox speak, and the third the opposite wing. Why Baptists and Unitarians are not admitted to the happy family, is not said. If all old parishes are represented, then the Universalists should claim seats; for they picked up some waifs in the storm and shipwreck of Church and State in the last generation. The First Parish of Malden is a Universalist society, and its pastor could better claim a seat in this body than the new men of the new churches, Orthodox or other. This queer compound this year voted, on motion of Rev. E. E. Hale, to write a reply to the Papal Invitation, and Rev. Messrs. Hedge, Blagden, Clarke, Parke, and Quint were ordered to prepare it. The Pope could make an exquisite rejoinder to that answer if he were disposed."

—Rev. Mr. Hephworth has accepted a call to Mr. Osgood's church in New York at a salary of \$10,000. He is the most popular preacher of his denomination in Boston, and his loss will be severely felt by them in their theatre and special assemblages. His school for the ministry will probably dissolve on his departure.—Zion's Herald.

Swedish.—The denomination (a Unitarian paper notes) "are not making numerical progress any more than Unitarians or Universalists. In three States they have ordained but one minister in six months."

—Rev. Woodbury M. Ferrald takes the pastoral charge of the church in Laporte, Ind. Mr. F. was originally a Universalist, and since becoming a receiver of Swedenborg's doctrines has gone even farther in the Low Church or Liberalizing movement begun by the late Prof. Bush, than has Mr. Barrett of this city. They are both independent of the New Church Convention.

Jewish.—The Liberal Rabbis Adler and Einhorn invite the whole Jewish ministry of the country to meet in Conference for the discussion of the order of worship and doctrines of the body.

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