

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

Churches and Pastors.—Rev. Henry A. Boardman, D. D., pastor of the Tenth church, Philadelphia, has returned from Minnesota, where he passed the last winter. His health has so far recovered that he is able to preach to his congregation. It is now hoped that he will shortly be able to resume his pastoral labors.

—Rev. Mr. Sutphen, pastor of the Scotch church in Fourteenth street, New York, has gone to Europe. He has been very earnest and successful in his labors since he has been associated with the Rev. Dr. McElroy, and his people have very properly thought it would be for his advantage, as well as theirs, that he should spend this season of relaxation in a foreign journey.

—Rev. S. H. Wines has procured the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the First church, Springfield, because he has been elected Secretary of the Board of Public Charities of the State of Illinois, and feels himself constrained to accept the same.

—Rev. Wm. H. Smith, from the [Dutch] Reformed Church of Ephratah, New York, has accepted an invitation to supply the Presbyterian church of Bardolph, Ill.

—Rev. Du Puytren Vermilye, of the same denomination, accepts a unanimous call to the church of Hamilton Union, at Guildersland, Albany county, N. Y. His installation was to take place on Tuesday, June 20th, 11 o'clock, A. M.

—Rev. J. Kinnear, of the Presbyterian church of Ireland, declines the call from the First U. P. Church, Cincinnati.

—Rev. J. G. Carnahan, of Danville, Pa., has been called to the pastorate of the Church in Meadville, Pa., formerly Rev. Dr. Reynolds's.

—A Presbyterian church was organized at Bell Creek, Nebraska, on May 30th, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

—Rev. Marshall B. Smith, late of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has accepted a unanimous call to the Reformed church of Spring Valley, Rockland county, N. Y.

—The German Church of Portsmouth, O., organized about two and a half years ago, by the O. S. Presbytery of Hooking, with over one hundred members, have undertaken to build a house of worship. The members, mostly laborers, and some friends of the First Church (N. S.) of Portsmouth, have contributed their utmost; but the subscriptions are not sufficient to cover expenses. They need from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

—Rev. Edward Hopper, was installed as pastor of the New York Church of the Sea and Land, Sunday evening, June 27. Rev. S. Irenaus Prime preached the sermon.

—Rev. Dr. Van Nest, for several years past in Italy, chiefly in Florence, is just now on a visit to America. He has lately, in connection with our Christian friends in that city, purchased a monastery and church building, to be used as a Protestant Orphan Asylum, the first in Italy outside of the Waldensian valleys.

—Mr. Leighton W. Eckard, of the last class in Princeton Seminary, was ordained by the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, in the First church of Easton, Pa., on the evening of June 17th. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Withrow, of Philadelphia. Mr. Eckard has been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to Shanghai, in North China, and sails in Autumn. He was recently married to a daughter of the late Thomas Milfin Longstreth, of Philadelphia.

—The chapel of the North Reformed Church of Passaic, was dedicated on the afternoon of Sabbath, June 13th. The services were conducted by Rev. Marshall B. Smith, who is at present worshipping with this church.

—Rev. Alexander T. Rankin, of Buffalo City Presbytery, is to be installed pastor of the churches of Lonsconing and Barton, Md., on the 13th and 14th of July. Mr. W. H. Hillis is to be ordained and installed pastor of Gettysburg congregation on the 8th of July. Mr. Kelso, who expects to go to India ere long as missionary, is to be ordained as an Evangelist at Middle Spring church on the second Wednesday of August. All by Carlisle Presbytery.

—The consistory of the Old Market St. Reformed church of New York, organized in 1819, has finally disbanded in consequence of "the continued emigration of the more substantial class of church members from the town-ward." During Dr. Cuyler's pastorate, removal was proposed and was still possible, but the project failed. The church property was sold to the Church of Sea and Land. The court having granted them permission to dispose of the proceeds without building a new church, St. Paul's church gets \$15,000; the lxxvth St. Church \$8000; the N. W. Church the balance, about \$18,000. Some minor bequests were mentioned.

—The most of the members of the B. P. Church in Eden, Randolph county, Ill., who reside in the neighboring town of Sparta, have united with some other in the organization of an O. S. Church, which started June 5th, with 63 members. The last meeting of General Synod decided their church connection negatively at least. The church will be one of the best in South Illinois.

—Presbyterial.—The Presbytery of Ohio (Pittsburg, Pa.) adopted the overture on re-union on June 16th, by a unanimous vote.

—The Presbytery of Allegheny City, on June 15th, adopted the proposed re-union, one member declining to vote.

—The Presbytery of Albany (Old School) at a meeting held June 9th, unanimously approved the basis of re-union submitted by the General Assembly at its late meeting.

—The Cumberland Assembly.—The thirty-ninth General Assembly at Murfreesboro had nearly 200 delegates present. This body has one hundred Presbyteries, twenty-six Synods, twelve hundred ministers, and one hundred and thirty thousand members. Its next Assembly will meet in Warrensburg, Mo., in May, 1870.—It has now three schools of learning in a flourishing condition, at least as to students, viz: Cumberland University, in Lebanon, Tennessee; Lincoln University, in Illinois; and Waynesburg College, Pennsylvania, with an aggregate of near a thousand students. It is but little over half a century (in 1810) when their first Presbytery of three ministers was organized in Middle Tennessee.

—The Waldenses.—The Synod of the Vauds Churches met May 18th. The main interest centered on the missionary efforts in Italy, and the relation which such new churches as that in Florence should

bear to the Committee of Evangelization. It was decided that the Committee had no right to impose any definite form on such churches, but that they should be at liberty to organize according to their own judgment. The meeting was addressed by Professor H. B. Smith, of our Union Theological Seminary, and by Dr. Guthrie of Scotland. Dr. Leon Pilate commends the work of these Piedmont Christians as the most extensive and valuable of all the mission enterprises of Italy.

—Educational.—At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Newton, held at Blairstown, N. J., Mr. John I. Blair, of that place, transferred to the Presbytery a magnificent stone building, which he is now erecting for a boarding school, containing 75 students' rooms, 9 other rooms, and 6 large halls, sufficient to accommodate 150 pupils together with 12 acres of ground. He added also to this munificent gift an endowment sufficient to pay the board and tuition of at least five of the sons of ministers of this Presbytery at a time—amounting in value, altogether, to the sum of \$125,000. The Presbytery appointed as Trustees of the property and school, Rev. Messrs. Sanson, Hand, Tully, McCauley, Barrett, Freeman, Sitt, Laurie and Townsend.

—The Theological Seminary at New Brunswick has, during the year, received a donation of \$40,000 from James Snydam, Esq., of New York. This institution has now an endowment of about \$175,000, and Rutgers College, at the same place, an endowment of about a quarter of a million.

—No Religious Newspapers.—There are no "religious newspapers in Ireland," as we understand that term. The Rev. Hamilton Magree, of Dublin, publishes a small religious and missionary magazine, called Plain words whose speciality is its fitness for circulation by colporteurs and others, among Roman Catholics, treating as it does, each month, in a kindly and Christian way, upon some point of difference between Catholics and Protestants.

—The Presbyterian Church is represented mainly by two secular papers—The Banner of Ulster at Belfast, and The Standard at Londonderry. The Evangelical Witness in Dublin, The Monthly Messenger in Lurgan, and a children's magazine in Armagh, are all Presbyterian monthlies. The first was started and long edited by Dr. John Hall. The Assembly's Boards publish a monthly Missionary Herald in Belfast.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Episcopalian.—Rev. Charles E. Cheney, Episcopal rector in Chicago, has been cited for trial by the council appointed by Bishop Whitehouse, of that city, to examine into his case. The trial will take place the 21st of July, in the bishop's cathedral. Mr. Cheney's offence is that he omits the words "Regenerate" and "Regeneration" in the Baptismal service, and makes other variations from the Prayer Book.

—The recent Low Church Convention in Chicago, proved how impotent the party are even if united, and how divided in fact. The attendance was small to disappointment. The business transacted was the passage of useless resolutions urging Revision of the Liturgy, &c.

—Archbishop Thomson of York, recently reminded the ministry of the Church of England, in a speech at Sheffield, that they had no business to mix themselves up with disestablishment discussions, and that whatever may be the issue of the contest, they have only to deal with the enduring Church of God.

—A Ritualistic clergyman in the southeast of London, recently desired his congregation to pray for "Disenters and other sinners."

—Rev. Dr. P. H. Greenleaf, rector of Emmanuel church, South Brooklyn, was found dead sitting in his chair in the vestry room of the church, at 12 o'clock Monday night, June 21st. He was a brother of the late Dr. Greenleaf, Cambridge, and son of the late Judge Greenleaf, of Harvard College, and was formerly rector of St. Paul's church, Cincinnati. His death was from heart disease.

—The N. Y. Tribune describes a recent baptism in Christ church in that city, by its "Failure-of-Protestantism" rector. A procession was formed, and preceded by an acolyte, carrying a lighted candle, marched to the font. Having reached it, Dr. Ewer took the candle and dipped it in the water three times. The infant, who was wrapped in a white blanket, was then given to him, and instead of sprinkling it, as is usual in the Episcopal Church, it was immersed three times, the Doctor repeating, as he made the mark of the cross on the child's forehead, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." This is after the fashion of the Greek Church.

—The friends of religious freedom and equality in the Bahama Islands, have succeeded, after a sharp struggle of two years, in carrying a bill through both branches of the Colonial Legislature, abolishing the pre-eminence of the Episcopal Church, as an ecclesiastical establishment. The existing parties are accorded a life interest in their offices, at the public expense, but as these expire, no new appointments will be made, and when the present incumbents are all dead, the maintenance of religious institutions by Episcopalians will rest on the voluntary contributions of the people. The church edifices and lands are to be vested in a Board of Commissioners.

—The Bishop of London is prosecuting the Ritualists. According to the London Globe, he has commenced a prosecution against the Rev. C. F. Lowder, the Vicar of St. George's-in-the-East, in consequence of his violation of the directions laid down in the decision of the Judicial Committee in the case of Martin vs. Mackonochie. Mr. Lowder refuses to remove his lighted candles, or to consecrate the Elements otherwise than he understands the Church to direct him, and for this he is to be prosecuted in the Courts of Arches, if Sir Robert Phillimore consents to accept the letters of request.

—A writer in The Southern Churchman says: "Not less than one hundred and fifty of the daughters of our scattered families, mostly Episcopalians, have since the war, been sent to Romish convents to school. As was certainly foreseen by all but the foolish parents, perversions begin to be reported thick and fast. Three cases have recently come to my knowledge. In one the widow of a Confederate officer was induced, by promises of non-interference, to send her two daughters to one of their schools. When they were thought sufficiently confirmed in their new religion, they were allowed to return home. With the utmost difficulty she persuaded the younger not to return to school. This elder was incorrigible, returned, became a nun,

fell under the displeasure of the authorities, was removed to some other part of the country, and this is all the unhappy mother can ascertain."

—Three new Professors are to be added at the College in Benicia, Cal. Twelve persons are studying in the divinity school of the same college. Their support has come mainly from the East. Twelve mission stations are occupied by students and Professors of the Seminary, embracing an area of one hundred miles.

—The Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, says: "If the report of the speech made at Hilo on the 16th of May, by Rev. Dr. Lee is correct, Ritualism does not flourish in that tropical burgh. It is stated that his audience comprised four persons, three of whom accompanied him from Honolulu. All great enterprises claim small beginnings."

—Rev. Dr. Boggs, of New Brunswick, has resigned the rectorship of the church of St. John the Evangelist, to become General Missionary of the diocese of New Jersey.

—Bishop Upland, of Indiana, has brought one of his flocks to submission. Mr. Russ, rector of a church in Lafayette, having been found guilty of "scandalous and infamous conduct," in going to see the "Black Crook" performed, was sentenced to receive an "admonition." The vestry of the Lafayette church objected to the sentence, and passed some resolutions, which were Announced to the Bishop, and he thereupon ordered that the parishioners must "be deprived of Episcopal services until in some way the action of the vestry should be repudiated or recalled." On the 4th of June the vestry got on their knees and humbly begged pardon.

—Congregationalist.—Dr. Todd of Pittsfield has been visiting the Pacific Coast, preaching in the churches, and admiring the country. Before his return his friends on the coast presented him with a well-filled purse.

—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.

—Mr. W. P. Ward was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Gretna, La., June 13th. Rev. J. W. Healy, of New Orleans, preached the sermon. This church, says the Congregationalist, has just dedicated its new chapel, which was erected by aid from the Congregational Union. Mr. Ward is laboring under a commission from the American Missionary Association.

—The Theological Seminary at Hartford (formerly of East Windsor), held its XXXIth Anniversary recently. Dr. Hoyle and Atwater of Princeton, were present and welcomed at the Alumni meeting, where they expounded religious Life and Doctrine, as connected in their relations.

—The Chicago Association, at their late meeting, received five new churches and eight pastors. An interesting essay on the Diaconate, by Rev. Thomas Lightbody, led to the appointment of Rev. C. D. Helmer, to prepare one on Deaconesses, for the next meeting.

—A large colony of Congregationalists have settled on Diamond Creek, near Council Grove, Nebraska. They will constitute a church of themselves. Rev. L. Harlow, of Council Grove, supplies them.

—A church of nine members, was organized May 20, at Angola, Ind., the county seat of Steuben county.

—Methodist.—The Western Advocate says: "Some of our exchanges are reproducing the old paragraph, that it costs the Methodist a million dollars a year, more or less, for moving expenses of their preachers. Suppose it does? What minister, after all, more cheap, or useful, or efficient, and steadily at work than the 'itinerants'?" And how much does it take per year to pay the expenses of ministers in other churches, who by scores and hundreds are running the gamut of preaching trial sermons to over-fertile congregations, seeking a settlement and finding none? The changes in the Methodist itinerancy, according to statistics, are proportionately not so numerous as those among Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Our Methodist brother may have a wider experience in regard to the length of Presbyterian pastorate than we, but we think this estimate a gross exaggeration.

—The congregation of St. John's church, Brooklyn, on Sunday, June 20th, contributed thirty thousand dollars to cancel the floating debt against the church, in addition to \$125,000 previously given by the same congregation to aid in the erection of the new church.

—The Atlanta Methodist Advocate reports the case of a colored brother, now in the South Carolina Conference, who when he heard of the "Old John Wesley Church" coming South, walked over a hundred miles to meet one of the preachers and unite with the church. He was a slave until the emancipation proclamation made him free.

—Rev. Dr. E. O. Haven, President of the University of Michigan, has accepted the Presidency of the North-western University at Evanston, Ill.

—Rev. Charles W. Bennett, of the East Genesee Conference, formerly Principal of the Geneva Wesleyan Seminary, and now traveling in the East, has been elected President of Albion College, Mich.

—Missionaries, (remarks Zion's Herald) are wanted for India. That Conference is now at our very door. Only a few weeks of rail and sail separate the Punjab from New York. It is as pleasant there as in our southernmost cities. Who will go? Two young men will be accepted, if of the right stamp. There are hundreds struggling slowly up to the wealthier churches here, and not sure of ever reaching them, that can strike the best appointments in a bound by enlisting in this work.

—Rev. E. R. Keys, formerly of the Chestnut street M. E. church, Portland, Maine, has recently changed his Church relationship by being baptized into the faith of Swedenborgianism. A few weeks before the change he announced himself in "head and heart" a Methodist, showing that his conversion has been very sudden.

—The fine church in San Francisco, formerly belonging to Starr King's congregation, has passed into the hands of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

—Romanist.—In Vienna last year seventy-one Roman Catholics were admitted to the Lutheran churches, while but eleven Lutherans turned Roman Catholics. In Graz, the capital of Styria, fifteen Roman Catholics became Protestants, and three Protestants became Roman Catholics. The Reformed congregation at Prague was also joined by forty Roman Catholics.

—It is said that at the Ecumenical Council in December next, there will be very nearly two hundred English-speaking prelates. Of these, one hundred and ten will be from England, Ireland, Scotland, and British colonies; sixty from the United States; from ten to fifteen co-adjutor bishops; seven or eight bishops who have retired from active duty, and about as many mitred abbots. According to this calculation, the Anglo-Saxon element will form nearly a fifth of the whole assembly.

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