

Religious Intelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial.—Rev. Dr. H. A. Boardman, of the Tenth church, Phila., having lately returned from his residence in Minnesota with renovated health, told his people of what he had seen of the needs of the churches there, and they immediately raised \$1,000 to meet the wants of their brethren in that State.

—Rev. Wm. A. Ferguson has accepted a unanimous call from the church of Waynesburg, Pa. His address is Honey Brook, Chester Co., Pa.

—It is said that the success and popularity of the Rev. John Hall, D. D., and the Rev. James M'Cosk, D. D., LL. D., are attracting a large number of Irish clergymen to our country. In the mean time it should not be overlooked that there are not many churches such as the one at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street, N. Y., vacant; nor are many Colleges such as Princeton in need of a President. And we presume it is safe to say that every Irish clergyman is not a John Hall or a James M'Cosk.—Pres. Banner.

—Rev. Dr. Wadsworth, of San Francisco, is called to the pastorate of the Third Cong. Church, of New Haven, Conn.

Churches.—That Colored Church, which recently went over from the Cumberland Presbytery of Leavenworth (not Kansas) to the Congregationalists, had no good reason for the change, nor was it at all a courteous act to accept, them, if the Cumberland Presbytery of Alton is correct. "One ordained preacher and his congregation petitioned to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, the minister to be a member of Presbytery. But in the petition presented were false and slanderous statements concerning the Board of Home Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which the Presbytery asked Mr. Weir either to withdraw altogether or wait until the Board could be notified and the matter investigated. Mr. Weir refused to do this, and abruptly withdrew his petition before any vote was taken. Afterward he and his congregation joined the Congregationalists, and the statement was made in The Advance and The Independent, and from them copied into many other papers, that he was refused membership in the Presbytery on account of his color. Mr. Weir was licensed and ordained many years ago by Anderson Presbytery, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Kentucky, and from that day to the day he left our Church; had been a member of Presbytery on perfect ecclesiastical equality with all others. Moreover he had been honored with an appointment as missionary to Africa, and had been in that country for several years, until the Spring of 1868, when he returned to this country on an agreement between the Board of Missions and himself that he was to spend a year or two in missionary among the colored people of the South."

—The Occident announcing that a new church was dedicated to the worship of God, at Santa Rosa, on Sabbath, July 25th, says: "This makes five Presbyterian churches which have been built in the south-western part of Sonoma county, chiefly through the labors of Rev. Thomas Frazer, the faithful missionary agent of the Church there, viz: that at Two Rocks, cost about \$3,500; that at Tomales, cost about \$4,000, but was burnt just before completion; another has been erected at somewhat less cost; the church at Bloomfield, not yet finished, is to cost \$7,000; the one at Bodega Corners cost \$2,500 or \$3,000. There is also a smaller building at Valley Ford, where services are held. The church at Santa Rosa completes the list."

—The Park church of Syracuse is having a steady growth. Hamilton College has recently honored its pastor with a D. D., so that he is now the Rev. Dr. Strong. His church is nominally Old School, but really in sympathy with us, in every good word and work. They are rejoicing greatly in the prospect of reunion. It will be a great relief to them in the matter of ecclesiastical convenience, for at present they are connected with the Mohawk Presbytery—a small body, extemporized into existence to accommodate the prejudices of two or three men a dozen years ago, and covering the territory of all Central New York, joining boundaries with Albany on the east, and Rochester on the west, and having only six or eight churches in all. In view of cases like this, the union of the two General Assemblies is greatly to be desired.—Evangelist.

—The First Church of Walnut Hills, Ohio, has recently erected a commodious parsonage on their church lot, which is 60 by 125 feet. The parsonage is two stories high, built of brick, and costs about \$5,500. In the style and convenience of apartments it is among the best residences in the congregation. Except about \$3,500, received for the old parsonage, the money has all been subscribed and paid during the past year. Besides, this congregation have built and paid for a Sunday-school room for the infant class. Every church should make an effort to have a parsonage. There could be three thousand built next year, the first year of the United Church. It would be an easy work.—Presbyter.

The Canada Presbyterian Church, the larger of the two branches in the old provinces of Canada, reports her strength as follows:—Number of Presbyteries, 15; ministers, 295, an increase of 17 on last year; congregations, 619; families, 27,548, an increase of 2,714; membership, 45,896, an increase of 3,787; children in Sabbath Schools, 27,616; in Bible classes, 8,191; Ruling Elders, 1,692; other office-bearers, 4,725; mansees, 136; built during the year, 30 churches, 16 mansees; average stipend of ministers, \$673, and increase of \$48; contributions per member for all purposes, \$8.59; total contributions for all purposes \$393,583.27, an increase of \$46,936.35.

They also report the number of families in each congregation, number of single persons unconnected with families, number of pastoral visitations made, number of sittings in each church, the arrears of pastor's salary due in each church, the provision of mansees, the number of volumes in S. School and congregational libraries, &c., &c.—showing that the Canada Synod watches faithfully over its churches.

The Presbyterian Excursion to the Pacific, proposed by the two Presbyteries of Chicago, was referred to by Chaplain Stewart in his letter of last week. Dr. Robt. Patterson says:—"The plan proposes that the Board of Domestic Missions send out a delegation of one hundred ministers and laymen, to begin a series of religious meetings at Omaha, and go over the Pacific Railroad, holding meetings every night, and selecting stations for missions and churches; and getting grants of land for sites. At San Francisco they are to divide, the two parties going all along the coast, north and south, prosecuting the same work. On returning East they go by half-dozenes to all the principal churches, tell what they have seen and done, and endeavor at once to raise a fund of half a million to occupy the ground gone over."

"If such an enterprise is to be attempted, it is evident that no delay should be allowed in the undertaking. Events will not wait. What may be clearly practicable this year, will be impossible next season."

The Lynn Trial, at Pittsburgh, although resulting in acquittal, excites very unfavorable comments from the press. The Pittsburgh correspondent of The National Baptist says:—"The trial was public, and the interest, on the part of the people, in the affair, increased as the investigation proceeded, until, at the publication of the verdict of 'not guilty,' a gleam of satisfaction played over the entire community. Not that they by any means believed the young man entirely guiltless, but because they were convinced that the ecclesiastical court that had cited him were incompetent, for many reasons; to give him an impartial trial. His accusers were; at the same time, his prosecutors, the witnesses against him, and the jury to act on their own indictment, and to weigh their own testimony, and to give in the final verdict."

A correspondent of The Presbyterian Banner says: 1. The prosecutor declared in his speech that the respondent should not have the benefit of a doubt! 2. It was assumed all through the prosecution, that the accused must prove his innocence instead of the prosecution proving his guilt. 3. To the respondent's complaint that the "time, place, and circumstance" of the offence charged should have been given in the presentment, the prosecuting counsel answered, that if the accused did not have these things beforehand, as the book directs, he could get them from the testimony given against him. 5. The presentment violated all the principles of entering a prosecution, all the laws of citation of witnesses, limitation of time, limits of jurisdiction. 6. The prosecution breached the idea that the defence could be compelled to proceed before the prosecution was through.

Foreign.—Antonio Carrasco, a companion of Matamoros, who sacrificed his life for the cause of the Gospel, was set apart to the ministry at Geneva, in June last. He had studied at Lausanne, and was about to commence labors in his native land. The English correspondent of The Congregationalist and Recorder says:—"At the foot of the Pyrenees, on the frontier of the Spanish peninsula, there is a band of faithful disciples of the Reformation, who consider it a sacred duty for them to introduce the Bible and religious tracts into Spain, and to send evangelists thither. Theirs is, apparently, but an humble work; but it has already produced excellent results."

Other Denominations. Congregationalist.—Rev. John William Salter died at Mansfield, Ct., July 6th, aged 71. He graduated at Yale College in 1818, and studied law at Hartford, but entered the ministry in 1820. Most of his ministry was fulfilled in New London county, Ct. At Montville he was pastor eleven years, and since 1862 has been without a charge.

The First, South, Oakland and Union churches, Chicago, are all building new edifices this summer. The latter laid the corner-stone of their new house on the 7th inst. It will be of Joseph stone, in Gothic style, with a capacity to accommodate nearly 2,000 people, and will cost \$125,000.

—Rev. J. W. Healey, formerly of Vermont, now pastor of the church in New Orleans, has been elected President of the New Orleans University.

—There are forty-nine churches in the General Association of Kansas of which five are now vacant. The members are probably about 1,606. Forty-three churches report 116 accessions on profession; while the net gain has been 269. Nine new churches have been organized; twelve ministers added

to the list, and \$33,178.74 raised for all purposes.

—Of the Andover graduates, three, Messrs. D. C. Green, Henry Marden, F. S. Smith, go to the foreign field. Three others go to the Far West, and fifteen have already accepted calls to churches nearer home. The Jones Professorship of pulpit oratory has been established, and Rev. John Wesley Churchill installed professor.

—Rev. Dwight W. Marsh, formerly Missionary in Mosul, and author of "Tennessee in Persia," does not accept the presidency of the Female College at Rogersville, Tenn., to which he was invited. His address is Berardston, Mass.

—In addition to the New Theological Hall, in New Haven, commenced two or three weeks since, a beginning was made Aug. 2d, upon the Farham Dormitory, one of the new buildings designed to take the place of the old ones in the grounds of Yale College. It is to stand about twenty feet from College street, and opposite the open space between North and Divinity Colleges. It is now settled that the Peabody Museum will occupy the southern, and the new Chapel the northern extremity of this line on College street.

—Rev. S. T. Seelye, D. D., of the Payson church at Easthampton, Mass., has received a call to Ithaca, N. Y., with a salary of \$5,000.

The church of Newark Valley has voted to withdraw from the Tioga Presbytery and to unite with the Susquehanna Association.

The Central church, in Washington, D. C., composed largely of persons who left the First church, with Dr. Boynton, last winter, now numbers 136 members. Rev. J. E. Rankin, of the Winthrop church in Charleston, Mass., has been called to the pastorate of the First Church.

The new Mayflower church of Indianapolis; Rev. G. M. Sanders, pastor, which organized in May with twelve members, now has thirty-six; the congregations improve, and the enterprise promises to become in a short time, a strong, influential church.

The church of Petaluma, California, has invited Rev. C. J. Hutchins, of Fulton, N. Y., to take the pastoral charge of that church for six months, with a view to making the call permanent.

Methodist.—Zion's Herald says that "the Corporators of the Boston University, Messrs. Rich, Clafin, and Sleeper, met July 22d. On motion of Jacob Sleeper, the charter conferred by the State was accepted, and fourteen trustees elected. The Boston University has thus become a corporate existence, and can receive donations, whether by will or otherwise."

Baptist.—A publishing firm recently wrote to Mr. Spurgeon, and made him a very liberal offer for a life of the Saviour. Mr. Spurgeon replied:—"Such a work is beyond my ability; I have no time at my disposal; and thirdly, it would not be to my taste. The only life of Christ worth a penny is the New Testament."

Moravian.—The Synod with which all the Moravians of the world are connected, has been in session in Herrnhut, Saxony. The forty-four members present were from Germany, Great Britain, the United States, Canada, South America, Surinam, Antigua, Jamaica, Greenland, and Labrador. The election of President brought out one of their peculiar notions. On the first ballot, Bishop Ernst Reichel received forty-one votes; but declared himself unable to decide to accept the position without the use of the lot, which was in the negative. On the second ballot, Rev. Gustav Reichel received thirty-four votes, but also requested the use of the lot. On the third ballot, Rev. Levin T. Reichel had thirty-five votes, and accepted the position. Count Zinzendorf called the first session, which met December 6th, 1736; with but ten members, who considered but one subject—the speedy spread of the Gospel over the world.—Congregationalist.

—The mission ships which for the last century have supplied Labrador have never met with shipwreck.

Lutheran.—The Western District Synod of Ohio, at its late session, expelled from the ministry Rev. Mr. Spangenberg, Ph. Dr., residing in Covedale, Hamilton county, Ohio.

—From the 27th of May to the 2nd of June the Synod of Wisconsin held its sessions in Helenville. At this session this Synod formally resolved to separate from the General Council, and unite with the Missouri Synod (the ultra High Lutherans.) This was one of the first synods that united with the General Council, and is the first to leave it. They also voted at once to discontinue their theological seminary at Watertown and send their professor with all his theological students to St. Louis to the seminary of the Missourians. The college at Watertown, Wis., will be continued and the Missouri Synod will send two professors to the College. The Church Extension Society of the General Synod helped to build many of these churches, and the Home Mission Society of the Penna. Synod aided many of their pastors. But now they have become self-sustaining and turn their backs both upon the General Synod and also upon the Synod of Pennsylvania.

—Rev. A. H. Bartholomew, of the Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, has been appointed missionary of an English Lutheran Mission in the city of Trenton,

New Jersey, by the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Synod.

—Rev. Henry W. Notz, who was ordained at the late meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod in Reading, has been unanimously elected German Professor in Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

—A seminary has been opened in connection with the Berlin Johannesstift for the purpose of educating young men—of whom there are already seven in the establishment—to fill the office of clergymen and teachers among the German immigrants in the United States. The constant stream of emigration from Germany to America has made the want of educated pastors and schoolmasters every day more and more felt. The North American Seminary, though united to the Johannesstift, has an independent administration and separate accounts, but they are both entirely dependent on voluntary contributions for their support.

Romanist.—The following is a list of the sums contributed by the different Dioceses through which Rev. G. H. Doane has lately travelled in making collections for the American College in Rome: New York, \$44,000; St. Louis, \$25,487; Baltimore, \$21,155; Philadelphia, \$16,920; Cincinnati, \$12,455; Pittsburgh, \$10,155.50; Newark, \$9,220; Mobile, \$5,080; Boston, \$5,000; Hartford, \$5,000; Cleveland, \$5,000; Rochester, \$5,000; New Orleans, \$1,375; Albany, \$1,500; Sundries, \$5. Total, \$168,002.50.

A German paper, Die Neue Freie Presse, announces the conversion of two Catholics to Protestantism. One, a theological student of great promise, leaves the Catholic Seminary to study for the Protestant ministry. While still at the university at Vienna, he had busied himself in translating the Bible into Slovenic, his native language, and it is now hoped that his translation, which is said to be excellent, will be published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The other has been for fifteen years a member of the order of the Brothers of Mercy, and being convinced by experience of the hollowness and uselessness of monastic life, he has resolved to visit a school for the education of Protestant teachers, and afterwards to become a schoolmaster.

Two gentlemen from France, were recently arrested at the instance of the parish priest, at St. Henry, nine miles from Quebec, charged with selling a copy of the New Testament. One of them, found guilty of selling the Gospels, was fined \$6 and costs. It is stated that influential gentlemen are determined to have the matter investigated, and legal measures taken against all concerned in the extraordinary transaction.

The Cathedral at Cologne, though commenced six hundred years ago, is still in process of building, and several millions of dollars are wanted to complete it. The managers are inveterate beggars, besetting all who visit the church, and having agents almost all over Europe.

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