PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1869.

Religious Lutelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial. The controversy in the Theological Seminary at Danville, Ky., has resulted in the resignation of Rev. Robert J. Breckenridge, D.D., as Professor of Theology. A committee ap-pointed by the last O. S. Assembly, is attempting to make a thorough reorganization. Drs. Yerkes and West have also placed their chairs at the disposal of the Assembly.

-Rev. E. L. Patton, Professor in Erskine College at Due West, S. C., has accepted the Presidency of West Tennessee College at Jackson, Tenn.

-The failing health of Rev. H. E. Lippert, has made it necessary for him to retire from his self-denying labors among the French Canadians at St. Ann, Ill. Mr. Andre Changnon, a member of the St. Ann Church, has been stirred up to take hold of the work; and although without any literary or classical qualifications, as required by the Book, chicago Presbytery licensed him to preach the gospel, and assigned him to that field of labor. His strong, good sense, his naturally acute and powerful mind, his impressive delivery, his piety, his knowl-edge of the Scriptures, and his clear and sound views of the doctrines of grace, the Presbytery believed not only qualified him for the work to which the Master seems to have called him, but justified them in granting him a license, though it had never been his privilege to darken the door of a College or a Theological Seminary.-Corr. of The Presbyterian.

-Rev. Charles B. Smyth has been in stalled pastor of East 11th Street U. P. church in New York. This congregation is apparently in a much better con. dition at present than it has been for years past.

-At the meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of Alleghany, Rev. W. P. Shaw was received on certificate from the Northern Presbytery of the R. P. Church.

-Rev. Loren Thayer, for twenty years pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Windham, N. H., died recently. Mr. Thayer's first and only settlement was at Windham, where he was ordained Nov. 5th, 1845.

-Rev. D. Hall, of Mansfield, Ohio, has received a unanimous call to the new Second church of Altoona, Pa., at a salary

the call to the Fourth church of Pitts-

burg. --Rev. G. J. Porter has left Slating. ton, Pa., to go to Charleston, S. C.

-Rev. Leighton W. Eckard and his wife, left Philadelphia September 21st, by railroad for San Francisco. They expect to sail Oct. 4th, to China. They are under appointment by the board of Foreign Missions, to be stationed in the Province of Shantung, in the north of China. Their ultimate destination is the city of Tungchow.

Churches.-The church recently organized under the ministerial labors of Rev. S. Hair, at Plato, Ill., was recently received under the care of the Chicago Presbytery. By request, leave was granted to the South church of Chicago,

were pledged to be secured before the first of October, 1869." -In the U. P. Theological Seminary,

at Monmouth Ill., there are eighteen students, and more are expected. There is also a large attendance of new students in the College and Academy. These in-stitutions bid fair to have a larger number of students than during any former year.

-The Junior Class in Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sidney, Va., consists of sixteen, which makes it next to the largest class since the founding of the Institution. The whole number in attendance now is thirty-two, to which it is probable some additions will be made.

-Hanover, Ind., College has opened with an accession of sixty new students, and the attendance is the largest in eighteen years. The Faculty is able and the instruction ample. The financial condition is healthy and improving, although the Treasury, as is usual with colleges that have served the Church most faithfully, and therefore deserved much, is not overflowing. This pioneer Presbyterian College of the Ohio Valley has become now the pioneer in furnishing Instruction Free to young men of good character, of all sects, parties, and nations.

Presbyterial-Logansport O.S. Presby tery, after a unanimous vote on Reunion, appointed a committee to comfer with a similar one from the New School Presbytery, if appointed by them, in relation to consolidating churches. They expect to thus arrange in six, and perhaps nine fields.

-Fairfield (O. S.) Presbytery, after adopting the overture by a vote 26 to 3. (elders), resolved : "While the Presbytery approves the Basis of Re-union sent down from the General Assembly, we neither affirm nor deny anything in said overture, except what is contained in the question which we answer categorically: and that so far as in us lies. we will labor to promote a union in fact, should one be consummated."

Other Denominations.

Congregationalist.-The Massachusetts churches, 504 in number, have added eleven and lost four since January 1st, 1868. They employ 429 pastors, and have 172 ministers W. C. in their field. The membership is 80,057, two-thirds women. In 1868, 5,467 were added, and the net gain was about ,800. The Sabbath-schools contain 93,814 children.

-The American Home Missionary Society has sixty dependent churches and over 1,900 missionary districts in its charge. In these seventy four churches have been organized, and sixty have become self supporting within a year ; fifty-eight houses of worship have been built, and eighty five candidates for the ministry secured. Of the 972 missionaries employed, 564 are in our Western States and territories. -Rev. Hiram Mead leaves the Olive

street church of Nashua, N. H. for the chair of Homiletics at Oberlin: A house of worship and a parsonage commemorate his pastorate at Nashua.

-The Rev. Dr. J. E. Rankin accepted the call to the First church of Hook Swamp, in Wayne county, are en- April 1st to August 13th, there arrived Washington, and has begun work by joying revivals of religion, and have at Chicago, 17,331 Swedes, 12,010 Northe reception of sixteen new memberssix of them on profession. One is a German deist, a university graduate, who has traveled round the world, and who dates his conversion from the Y. M. C. A. meetings in Washington. He proposes to go to China as a partial missionary. -Dr. Boynton's (Second) church meets in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. His opening sermon reviewed the past, and he characterized General Howard's ex parte council as an ecclesiastical impertinence. That of which Dr. Thompson was moderator and Dr. Quint scribe [and of which every member was selected by himself], gave, in his opinion, which its advice was neither asked nor never known as abolitionists, till abolihad grown rich in advocating the rights -Rev. F. A. Armstrong, for years a Samuel A. Rhea were born and reared. | clusion, 9; by death, 3; total 31. Net -The churches of Illinois-accord loss, 22. Two new Churches were ad-Y. Fulton street noon day prayer-meet- ing to the minutes of the General Asso- mitted to membership, making the enciation, the reports in which, The Advance says are "of the imperfect sort bership of 322. There are seven or-too common with Church officers" dained ministers in the association, and Church, where the services were held, plied with regular preaching. Very tributions, so that the total of \$348,563-20 really gives no accurate idea of the sionary labor. At the 49th annual sesamounts actually raised. growth of a mission Sabbath school and —The committee appointed by the and a total membership of 2,762, com-chapel of the Fifth street church in that Ohio General Conference at its last prised in 35 Churches. Three churches, meeting to correspond with different ec- the Second in Williamsport, the First Educational.—A letter dated Sept. clesiastical bodies with reference to the German in Williamsport, and the Win-27th suys : "Lust week Wooster Univer-question of the better observance of the field, in Union Co., were received into sity received a noble subscription of Sabbath, has issued a circular letter in the fellowship. Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, for the hope that it may lead the churches to proendowment of a Professorship, from a test more definitely against the desecration with 16 Seniors, 12 Middlers and 10 gentleman living in the bounds of the Presbytery of Columbus. This, with other amounts received this month, a Presbytery of Columbus. This, with influence the railroad companies who other amounts received this month, a little more than makes up the Two Hun-dred and Fifty Thousand Dollars which The Conference protested against the students, making 50 in all who are on the control of the control of

action of the railroad companies, and the ground. Trevor Hall, the new dorappointed a committee to bring this mitory building, besides affording ample protest before the several boards of railroad directors whose trains traverse the the lecture rooms, library and chapel a State.

Episcopalian -Bishop Huntingdon, of Central New York, has organized his diocese into six missionary districts, with two missionaries for each.

-The Episcopalians are manifesting wisdom by busily pushing home missionary enterprises along the line of the Pacific Railroad. They conclude that this is the time to make an impression if a religious character is to be given to these new towns.

-The Bishop of Connecticut instructs The Churchman to omit from its diocesan news all compliments to himself or his services. " If they are deserved, they are needless; if they are not deserved, they are so many falsehoods. In either case, they are out of place." -The corner-stone of a college building was laid at Golden City, Colorado, whom 4,895 are in Germany, 3,208 in the 23d ult., by Bishop Randall. The Great Britain, and 6,767 in North site is about a mile out of the town, on a high elevation, commanding a fine sion fields are not counted in, but there view of mountain and valley, which are 19,123 persons in their foreign misform the magnificent scenery of this lo- | sion congregations, ministered to by 305 cality. Ten acres of land have been missionaries, which gives an average of deeded to the Bishop for the purpose of this school, by a gentleman residing in nine members at home.

the vicinity. The building is to be of brick, and will be 83 by 33 feet, having three stories. -The Pittsburg diocese has 3,012 communicants, 3,040 Sunday-school

scholars, raises for parochial uses, \$77,-998, and for benevolence, \$20,457. It has 47 ministers and 49 parishes.

-A movement is on foot to organize a colored church in Allegheny city, by the Rev. B. T. Brooke, rector of Christ church.

-Bishop Lee; of Iowa, takes decided ground in favor of moderate changes in the prayer-book, for the benefit of those whose consciences are troubled by certain expressions.

-The Wisconsin Diocese has 5,580 communicants, 4,343 Sunday school pupils. and raises for parochial uses, \$90,-777, and for benevolent purposes, \$15, 9,19. It has fifty-eight parishes, twentytwo mission stations, and seventy clergymen

-"Rev. Dr. Hoyt, in Dakota territory, has collected \$2,500 towards the establishment of a first-class school at Yankton. The school is in operation, a spirit there. The Lutheran says: and is the only institution of the kind in the whole territory. Dakota Hall, besides being a high school under Church care, is also a centre for Church work, supplying reading and services for a circuit of two hundred miles, a space covering every single town and village in the whole territory." - Gospel Messenger.

-At a recent marriage at a Ritualis-tic church at the East End of London, the service lasted exactly two hours ! This included a sermon and the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Baptist .- The Spare Hour of San Francisco savs:

practising free communion, are in a with it, in which young men are to be prosperous condition. The churches at Hockerton and Little Churches at "The Baptists of North Carolina, Hookerton and Little Creek, and at navian and English languages. From

accommodation for the students, gives temporarary home. -The Southern Seminary, at Green-

ville, S. C., has 47 students this year, as compared with 26 last year. -A church in Chicago, Rev. E. J.

Goodspeed, pastor, has grown from a membership of two hundred to two thousand, and has the largest Sundayschool in that city. Its contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes range from thirty to fifty thousand dollars per annum.

-The Home Mission Board are asking the churches for at least seventy five thousand dollars this year, for the purpose of training young colored men among them, for the South, for preachers, teachers and leaders.

Moravian,—The statistics just pub-lished show 14,871 communicants, of America. The communicants in misone foreign missionary to every forty-

-George Frederic Bahnson, a Bishop of this Church, died at Salem, on Saturday, the 11th ult., in the sixty-fourth yearof his age.

Lutheran-The statistics of the General Synod (Low church) are as follows: Ministers 591. Congregations 997. Infant Baptisms 7,727. Adult Bap tisms 1,831. Confirmations 6,409. Admitted by Certificate 3,074. Communicants 91,720. Lutheran Sunday schools 556. Union 485. Teachers 9,613. Scholars 71,822. Prayer Meetings 723. Synodical Treasury \$2,615. Beneficiary Education \$6,992. Home Missions \$14,205. Foreign Missions \$3,920. Local Objects \$282,607. General Be-nevolence \$29,428. Jubilee Objects 26,278. -The Kirchenfreund protests against

DR. M. L. STEVER's accepting the call to Muhlenberg College, Allentown, and advises Dr. STEVER to remain with the General Synod's College at Gettysburg, because the Low Church Lutherans need the influence of so conservative "Dr. STEVER'S reputation as an able and

successful instructor, and as a genial gentleman, is known throughout the entire land, and his acceptance of the position will give additional strength to the rising college of our church.'

-The Danes and Norwegians who withdrew from the Augustana Synod, now composed principally of Swedes, have laid the foundation of a new literary and theological institution at Marshall, Wis. A three-story college building, nearly new, 67 by 34, has been purchased for \$3,700. Prof. A. Wenans has been elected President. A theo logical department is to be connected

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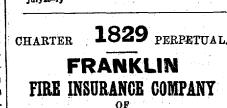
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of which the Rev. W. W. Harsha was recently pastor, to unite with the 28th street Church, a measure deemed necessary to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die in both churches.

- The Occident of Sau Francisco, says : The U. P. Church has selected a lot on Mason, between Ellis and Eddy streets; and a design for a new house of worship has been adopted. It has not been decided how soon work will be commenced; but from the promptitude and energy ordinarily displayed by this congregation, there is every reason to suppose that the house will be completed before next Spring.

-A petition from Fall Creek, Ohio, congregation for a certificate of good standing in the U.P. Church, with a view a despotic decision upon matters on to a change of their ecclesiastical relations was granted at the meeting of the Chilli- desired. He was still opposed to negroes oothe Presbytery. It is understood that they will unite with the Presbyterian any charge against his abolitionism, came Church, O. S. The reason assigned is with a bad grace from persons who were that such a move is necessary to their very existence as a congregation, being tionism had become popular, and who few in numbers, and weak in resources.

-The new church in Pittsburg, lo- of the negroes. cated in Bellfield, Fifth avenue, contains in its rear wing a lecture room home missionary laborer in Illinois and and infant school, communicating by Missouri, is prospecting in Tennessee, sliding doors. The dimensions of the with the view and hope of establishing church are 63 by 38 feet, and the lec- a line of Cong. churches in that State. ture and infant school rooms are 56 by He is a native of Tennessee-of the 26 feet. The cost of the building and same vicinity where David Nelson and furniture is over \$24,000.

-The twelfth anniversary of the N. ing was observed Sept. 23d. Drs. De Witt and McNair presided, and addresses were made by Dr. Anderson, Baptist, Rev. Mr. Sanford, Methodist; Dr. Irenzeus Prime, Presbyterian, and Dr. I. With a first state of the set of Schenck, Episcopalian. Dr. De Witt of 947, with 24,289 children in Sunday-was pastor of the Old North Dutch school. Fifty three churches are unsupforty-two years, and Dr. McNair holds many fail to report their benevolent con-

that position at present. -The city of Troy is soon to have a ninth Pres. Church. It will be the out-

city.

lately received 70 converts. The Spare Hour also states that in another portion of the South, at the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, a New Baptist church, which welcomes all evangelical Christians to the Lord's table, was organized the first Sunday in June, under favora ble auspices. The pastor, Rev. M. Pelly, writes that the exclusion of a

member in the old church for communion with his wife in a Methodist church, set in motion the enterprise of establishing a church which should not debar Christians from the Lord's table. He states that further separations will take place in the churches of the South upon the communion issue, and that the days of Old Landmarkism, which does not recignize a pedobaptist as a Christian at the table or in the pulpit, are numbered.

-Farewell services relative to the de parture of Rev. Wm. Hague, D. D. for Chicago, where he is to be a professor in the Theological Seminary, were held Sept. 23rd, in the Shawmut Ave nue Church of Boston. A handsome purse of money was presented to him. -The Willamette (Oregon) Association, at its twenty-first anniversary re ports a deplerable condition of barren ness The accessions were, by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; by experience, 7; total, 9.—Decrease, by letter, 19; by extire number 10, with an aggregate memtwo licentiates.

-The Northumberland Association, an enterprising and prosperous body occupies the central portion of this State. It covers, in whole or in part, eight counties, and presents an attractive and interesting field for effective mission, there were reported 292 baptisms

-Rochester Seminary begins the year

