PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1869.

Religious Entelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial, Rev Jonathan Hun-tington. of the O. S. Presbytery of Nashville, died on the 23d of September, in the sisty fifth year of his age, and was baried on Sabbath, the 26th.

_Rev. Dr. John Hall of New York his returned from Europe and resumed his pulpit duties, Sabbath, Oct. 3d. During his absence, it is said that strong efforts were made to induce him to settle again in Ireland, and a vacant church in Belfast has been mentioned as wanting his services, but' there is no dauger of his going back. In a lecture at Belfast, he "gave a charming account of the union which exists among the evangelical churches in America, pronouncing that country "one with us in name, in language, in community of interests, in the maintenance over all the world of a free press, a free pulpit and a free Parliament."

-Rev. Thomas E. Converse, who goes out as a missionary to China under the direction of The Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church, lately took formal leave of his brethren at a farewell service in the First church of Louisville, Ky. Rev. Mr. Converse preached and addresses were made by Rev. A. Converse and others.

-Rev. Dr. Speer, Sec. of the O. S Board of Education, has been supplying Dr. Wadsworth's church in San Fran cisco. On Sabbath, Sept 19th he addressed the Chinese Sabbath-school in the Howard (N. S.) church in their native language. The Daily Times says: During his address the closest attention was paid, and we were led to believe, from an expression of one of the pupils, "He too muchy study. He speak China welly good," that not only was every word understood but appre ciated. Dr. Speer is intimately connected with the religious history of California. An accomplished Oriental's Holar, speaking Ghinese with entire fluency, he commenced (in 1852.we think) missionary labors among the Chinese of California. About 1854, Dr. Speer returned to the East, where he has since remained.

-Rev. Wm. B. Sprague, D. D., has resigned the charge of the 2d church, Albany. He has ministered to that people more than forty years, with a measure of success and usefulness rarely. if ever, exceeded. When he reached the goodly age of 70, though his "bow was still abiding in strength," he offered his resignation, which his affectionate people declined to accept. But he has the good sense to perceive that the harmony and prosperity of a large congregation may be preserved by the retirement of a pastor before the years come on when he shall be unable to meet their wants, and he, therefore, again asks them to allow him to retire from their service. During these forty years only two communion seasons have passed without additions to the membership of the church, and it now numbers 605 church. In this time, the first church ficate, 2,710; Children in Sabbathin Albany has had four pastors, the Third four, the Fourth seven, the First Reformed [Dutch] five, the Second three, the Third nine; and so of other denominations. His contributions to the periodical literature of the day have tion, 7,900. Whole amount, \$774,400. been many. No minister in the United States has been so often called upon for special sermons and addresses on important occasions. These discourses have generally been published, and are counted by hundreds, forming many large volumes. His biographical works, including the Annals of the American Pulpit, are a substantial part of American literary and religious history, and will live long after his own life is added by some other hand to the series. -Observer.

gether in 1857 and formed the present led at the beck of their Episcopal lead-United Presbyterian Church, refused to ers." They repudiate the Tories as plus remains annually, to enlarge the take part in the movement. It remained, willing to accept "concurrent endow-therefore, without any fixed ecclesiasti-ment," claim the right to vote as concal status, till the Spring of 1868, when it became an Old School Presby-terian church. Hitherto they have sung Rouse's version of the Psalms, but on Sunday before last this gave place, by vote of the Session, to the Hymnal, and the church sung as its first hymn the beautiful verses beginning, "Welcome, sweet day of rest." Very little opposition has been manifested to the change, and the happiest results are confidently anticipated from the introduction of this welcomed aid to the ser-

vice of song.-Banner -The O.S. congregation, Rev. Geo. S. Chambers pastor-which left the R. P. church in 1867, and worships in Historical Hall, New York, recently adopted the English Presbyterian Hymn Book as their manual of praise. This collection begins with Rouse's version complete, and adds a very fine though not very large selection of good hymns. —The First O. S. Church, Newburyport, having invited pastors and delegates from Congregational, as well as Presbyterian churches to assist in or daining a pastor, the Presbytery were for a while much puzzled as to how to seat these invited brethren, but a spirit of Christian courtesy prevailed, and through the united service of Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Dutch Reformed ministers, the candidate was "admitted to holy orders."-Intelligencer.

[Query. Will not that church be re-quired to "perfect its organization"?] Presbyterial-The Presbyterian Banner counts up fifty-seven O. S. Presbyteries which have voted for Reunion. some unanimously, the others by large majorities. Ninety six O. S. Presbyteries must approve of the Basis before its adoption. The N. S. Presbyteries all vote unanimously for the Basis.

-Three O. S. Presbyteries vote No.," viz:-West Lexington, 5 to 3; Hudson, 19 to 12; Rio Janeiro, 3 to 2; Moderator not voting, and one member in favor of union, absent.

-In Chicago O. S Presbytery Rev. Dr. Erskine voted "No!" on Reunion. This fact is a fine comment on the articles which he wrote after the Assemblies adjourned, claiming that the Basis was just the one that his North-western Presbyterian had been laboring to secure from the first.

-The Presbytery of Palmyra, with one exception the largest in the Synod of Missouri, has overtured Synod to recommend to the Presbyteries within its jurisdiction to send delegates to the Southern General Assembly, which meets next May in Louisville, Ky. Southern.—The last Minutes of the

Southern Pres. Church report : Synods, 11; Presbyteries, 54. Clergy: Minis-ters, 857; Licentiates, 49; Candidates, 124; Ordinations, 18; Installations, 38. Churches: Whole number, 1.460; Organized, 28; Dissolved, 6; Not report- in an eminent position, has stated his ing No. of members, 225. Communi- intention to set apart £2000 per annum bany there is but one besides Dr. Sprague cants : Whole number, 79,961; Added of his church income, from the day of who has been forty years over one on examination, 4,470; Added on certi- the passing of the act as his contribuschool, 42,284. Funds: For congregational uses, \$605,165; Miscellaneous purposes, 50,559; Sustentation, 38,814; Education, 33,191; Foreign missions, Educational-Westminster / College Mu., opens this year with over a hun-dred pupils, and a full Faculty. Quite a number of candidates for the ministry are at Westminster, under Dr. Rice's instruction. , a -Rev. Barnas Sears, D. D., has written to North Carolina that no aid whatever can be given from the Peabody Southern Educational Fund to sectarian or denominational schools, and that if such aid has been given in any case by sub-agents, it has been without his knowledge or consent, and cannot be continued a day. He states that \$21,-600 have been appropriated from the Fund to Virginia-\$9,400 for public schools in four large cities, \$6,200 for normal schools and normal classes, and \$6 000 for colored schools. Church Boards.—Our U. P breth ren have what they call a Home Mission, which follows up every half dozen or less of Psalm-singers that go west, organizes them into a Church, furnishes them a supply of the ordinances, and 'assesses the home churches to pay exchurch, in Harrison county, a meeting penses. This they call evangelistic Chas. A. Lord, its present editor, is now more held from the 12th to the 25th of work, although the little exclusivist entering upon his fourteenth year of August, resulting in fourteen accessions cliques thus gathered under the name of churches, exert little or no influence on the mass of society, and are often gathered out of Churches that do. How the thing works may be judged from the September report of the Board : "During the month our Treasurer has received \$1,051 53. This sum will be barely sufficient to meet the claims against the Board for the quarter ending June 30th. The salary of the missionaries for the first quarter of the current year is due Oct. 1st." Foreign .- Irish Presbyterians are breaking loose from their Orange Asso-ciation which has kept them the politi-cal tools of the Episcopalians. One in Amesbury and Salisbury fifty-five densely crowdeer house could hold no Irish Romanist paper says: "A new years, and still continues to do so. organization, which calls itself 'The Independent Orange Association of call to St. Johns, N. B., and remains ton and Thompson Streets, N. Y., for-merly the Fourth Associate Reformed Presoyterian church, have exchanged Rouse's version of the Psalms for the Hymnal approved and recommended by the Old School General Assembly. This

pastor, when the Associate Reformed eyes of the Presbyterian 'brethren,' who | crease the salary of the Hitchcock pro and Associate Presbyterians came to have allowed themselves so long to be science dictates whatever the old Association may say, and call on Parliament | College. The Trustees of the Seminary for protection in that right.

-Dr. Candlish thus reports his visit to the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales: to preach at the close of the Middle "The most marvelous scene I ever year, instead of the middle of the Senwitnessed, or hope to witness on this earth, was the gathering of the people them additional facilities for obtaining to hear the preaching of the gospel. Thirty thousand people were gathered The Middle Class is to be consolidated there hearing the gospel preached, and with the Senior Class during the next I was most deeply impressed with the year, with the understanding that they whole scene. The preaching was, of will take the regular Theological lectures course, in Welsh, but I had beside me a of Middle year, next season, in connecbrother who interpreted so as I could tion with the class then becoming Mid, follow the preaching in a great degree; dlers. This course has been decided and I would certainly say that the upon in consequence of the fact that preaching seemed to me of a most re markable kind, as laying the foundation in a simple, clear, doctrinal exposition, and then the practical appeal. The brethren in Wales are thoroughly Calvinistic in doctrine and in their order, and they assume the name now of the Welsh assume the added duties thus laid npon Presbyterian Church. This they are him. Mr. Edward W. Bacon, a graduate of the divine word and the leadings of Providence, without external influence to any extent worth noticing, they came to the conclusion of being thoroughly Calvinistic in creed and really Presbyterian in their Government, and they, are really the National Church in Wales, though not established . The

Established Church has a mere partial. existence; and the Presbyterian Methodists are the National Church, as was well proved by that immense gathering of thirty thousand people. All works round about-the slate quarries; etc.; -were stopped, and all classes of the people came into Bangor; and, as I have said, the effect produced upon me was such as Dishall never forget -to see the whole of that vast as sembly listening with profound emotion, the tears running down from their eyes and chiefly from the eyes of the men, young and old. I confess I could not restrain my own before the service was over. I cannot enlarge upon this; but I venture to propose that, after hearing my somewhat in-formal communication, the Assembly should agree to appoint deputies to visit the next quarterly meeting in September of the Presbyterian Church in North Wales."

-Other gifts to the Irish Church follow Col. Tighe's of £10,000. A Mr. Woods, of Milverton Hall, near Dublin, also offers £1000 for this fund. A Mr. Barlow Smyth offers £100 a year for five years. Two other gentlemen offer £200 each. A "Loyalist" promises £3000 towards the endowment of the parish in which the bulk of his property is situated. Another gentleman offers as his contribution four shares of the Irish Midland Railway, of £50 value each, and to crown all one Irish prelate,

church, of which Rev. W. W. Page is cannot but have the effect of opening the thousand dollars. The object is to infessorship, to add to the value of the Hitchcock scholarship, and, if any surgeneral fund of the institution. Mr. Hitchcock has also accompanied this gift by the same amount to Amherst voted, at their regular meeting, in July, to allow the students to apply for license

> ior year, as heretofore; thus affording practical knowledge of their future werk Prof. Park's health, while slowly improving, is not yet such as to warrant hie return and resumption of labor. The health of Prof. Phelps is better than it has been for years, and is such as to enable him, with the usual hopefulness, to

of the last class in Ya.e Theological Seminary, was ordained pastor of the Church in Walcottville, Conn., Sept,, 29. Sermon by Rev. Leonard W. Bacon of Brooklyn, No Y.; ordaining prayer by Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D. of New Haven, father of the pastor elect.



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Churches.-Father Chiniquy's French colony, in Kankakee county, Ill., are in a suffering condition. Two hundred families are destitute, owing to the failure of their crops this season, in consequence of the protracted rains and damaging floods of the summer.

-Two churches in Eastern Kentucky were revived during the past summer. In Greenup Union church, on the Ohio river, a meeting, was commenced on the 7th, and continued to the 15th of July, resulting in the addition of eighteen persons to the church. In Boyer's was held from the 12th to the 25th of to the church, seven of whom were heads of families.

-The Central church of Brooklyn. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, pastor, recently received twenty-eight persons into its membership, making ninety-five new members added within the few months of the present pastorate.

-On the evening of August 15th, the services of Zion (colored) church in Charleston, South Carolina, were pecularly interesting. Six colored men were ordained and installed as ruling elders. Between twenty-five hundred and three thousand colored persons were present, while many went away because the more.

-The church on the corner of Hous-

Church.

-As the Irish church is to be reconstructed with clerical and lay representation in her Synods, the Episcopacy of Ireland will become almost a fac simile of good Archbishop Usher's scheme of comprehension, in which the bishops were little more than the superintendents of the early Scottish Kirk of John Knox. Nay, the proposed platform of government is an evident approximation towards Presbyterianism, the only exception being that the bishop is to be the Constant Moderator at the Provincial Synods, and it will not at all surprise us to find before many years pass by, the question of union between the Episcopal and Presbyterian denominations seriously entertained by both parties, and a platform elaborated on which such a union might be consummated without any great sacrifice of principle by either of them.—Irish letter of Christian Instructor.

Other Denominations.

Congregationalist. - The Christian Mirror, Portland, Me, has had but three editors since its establishment, fortyseven years ago. Rev. Asa Read, who is now of Ashburnham, Mass., was editor six years; Rev. Asa Cummings, who died in 1856, twenty-eight years; and entering upon his fourteenth year of labors.

-The sixteenth annual report of the Congregational Union shows that only a small portion of the churches of the country took up collections last year for church-building. Of the 150 churches of Maine but 15 sent contributions, but 15 of the 145 churches of New Hampshire, and less than a third of those of Massachusetts.

-Rev. Benjamin Sawyer, of Salisbury, Mass., is the oldest orthodox minister in that section. He is eighty-seven years of age, was graduated at Dart-

-Rev. Dr. Carruthers has declined a

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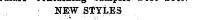
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