PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1869.

Religious Entelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial, - Rev W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, has accepted the call to the Clinton avenue Reformed Church of Newark, N. J.

_An Easton paper says : " Dr. Cattell was last heard from at Gothenburg, Sweden, on the way to St. Petersburg. He says: 'We have greatly enjoyed the few days spent in Sweden. The gentlemen whom I have met here are exceedingly courteous. The Director of the Polytechnic School, and several of the leading citizens, upon learning the object of my visit, at once called upon me. The editor of the leading daily journal, the Gothenburg Tidning, has become much interested in my mission, and has made the College the subject of an extended editorial notice."

-Rev. Thomas Lawrence has been dismissed by the U. P. Presbytery of Argyle, N. Y., to connect himself with an O. S. Presbytery.

-Rev. John Caldwell, M.D., has been dismissed by the O.S. Presbytery of Northumberland to the Presbytery of Wells, (New School.)

-Rev. Samuel Robertson, who died at Winneconna, Wis., Sept. 23d, in the Sith year of his age, was one of the oldest ministers of the O. S. Church. lle graduated in the first class of Princeton Theological Seminary. He preached the Gospel for nearly fifty five years, though for the last three or four years he was not able to do much active work. He was the father of Rev. H. M. Robertson, of Columbus, Ohio.

-Rev. John Ekin, D D., formerly of Pittsburgh, died at Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 29th. About twelve years ago he came Presbyterian minister in these counties into the O.S. Church from the Asso- except Rev. J. C. Bayless, in Carter ciate Reformed Church. For some time previous to this, he had been pastor of the Associate Reformed (now United) American Bible Society, in its work, has Presbyterian church, on Sixth Street, in found in some of these counties fifty and Pittsburgh. Several years ago he went to Kansas, where he labored zealously, lies entirely without the Scriptures. to Kansus, where he labored zealously, lies entirely without the Scriptures. Provinces. Eight churches (one of amid many discouragements. The United There are communities where there has them the IXth , Philadelphia,) are build Presbyterian says: "No man has left us whom we have remembered with more respect and affection. In this city and vicinity there will be many who will feel his death as that of a very dear brother."

-Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, Stated Clerk of the Southern General Assembly, says of his note to the Stated Clerk. of the O. S. Assembly, Rev. Dr. McGill, on union between the North and South, "My meaning, was wholly misunder stoud." " I embraced the opportunity to say to him, as I remember, that there ought to be no agitation of this subject by influential men on either side-now or at any future time-for the reason, among others, that such agitation would serve the purpose of 'damaging' our Church in the South."

-Rev. Thos. H. Amos, a Missionary of the O.S. Board in Liberia, died, July 10th, at Monrovia, when he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He grad uated at Ashmun Institute, and went heria some ten vears ago.

Presbytery, Missouri, Dr. W. L. Breckinridge, George Miller and J. H. Clark | Presbyteries as voting in the affirmative voted in opposition, and also presented a on Reunion, to 3 in the negative. formal protest against it.

-The Presbytery of Baltimore, after considerable discussion, accepted the Reunion overture by a vote of 23 to 12. -In the O.S. Presbytery of Colum-

bus, O., Amanda church, where the Presbytery met, and the Cross Roads church, in a neighboring town, and belonging to the Pataskala Presbytery (N. S.,) presented calls for the pastoral ser west. Therefore, Congregationalism vices of Rev. Wm M. Galbraith, each claims Minnesota by the right of prefor a portion of his time. These are empion. But Presbyterianism has two small weak and churches, neither of which have been able heretofore to sustain the regular ministrations of the sanctuary. But by thus uniting their forces, with a third contiguous point, where it is expected to organize a new church soon (whether O. S. or N. S. is not said,) an important and promising pastoral charge is formed. But how was the brother to be installed over an O.S. and N.S. church both at the same time? It was concluded to install him over the O. S. church with the understanding that

he serve the N.S. church a portion of his time, and hold their call in his hands has become less active, if it has not until that "good time coming." -West Lexington Presbytery, one of

the three that vote "No" on Reunion, was organized in 1779 of six ministers and six ruling elders. Its last meeting as- mately unite with that body. The Sysembled four ministers and five ruling elders, and the Stated Clerk thus describes part of its field:

"After leaving Lewis, Greenup, and Boyd counties, on the Ohio River, and passing south and then west until Pulaski county is reached, there is not a single Presbyterian organization or

twenty-five counties, nor is there a been no preaching of any kind for twenmeans, for they are poor."

-The officers of the College and the chinery after Reunion. It has only two Theological Seminary at Princeton are Professors, Dr. Harper, who resigned a mostly members of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. In the vote on the and Dr. Dales, of this city, who receives Reunion of the Presbyterian Church taken last week in that body, the officers voted as follows:

For Reunion-Rev. President M'Cosh, Profs. Atwater, McIlvaine and Duffield, all of this is from a church in New of the College, and Profs. Green and York. Moffat, of the Seminary.

Against Reunion-Rev. Dr. Hodge, of the Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Magill, of the Seminary, is not recorded in the vote, nor Dr. Mac. College. at Geneva, N. Y., DENIES, donald, pastor of the 1st church. Rev. through Rev. Dr. H. C. Potter, of Grace Mr. Finney, of the 2d church, voted for church of New York, that he has either

Presbyterian at Louisville,) voted against | to restore the Second church's name to the Basis of Union. In the Lafayette its roll. -The Presbyterian reckons 75 O.S.

Synods,-When the O.S. Synod of

of the General Assembly, convened at Rochester, it was alleged, by many unfavorable to our Church, that Presbyterianism would not flourish in that latitude. Emigration flows in parallel lines. New England sends out its colonies to possess the opening regions of the Northgrown rapidly, and occupies all the cities and large towns in Minnesota, and has and along the remotest frontier. The Synod of St. Paul, as it ranks the fifth among the Synods of the General Assembly in respect to benevolence; stands equally high for notiring zeal in every department of Christian effort.

-The Southern Associate Reformed Synod has been in session. "The disintegratory element which was introduced and fostered by the agitation of the Union question for the last fifteen years subsided, except in the direction of the Kentucky Presbytery, which is at present negotiating with the General Assembly Presbyterian Church, and may ultinod is quiet upon the subject of Union at present, and looks in no direction with that object in view."

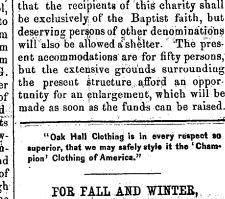
-The U. P. Synod of New York, extending from Philadelphia into Canada, has been in session in New York City The statistical report shows one dissolution and two organizations of churches, church. This territory embraces some three licensures and four dismissions to other churches-Wh. McLaren, D.D., and Lafayette Marks to the New School H. W. Todd and Thomas Lawrence to the Old School-three received from other churches-viz : J. A Devine from the Old School, and C. B. Smyth from the Associate Reformed Church, and G. M. Clark from the church of the Lower ing houses of worship, and five students ty years. Families have been found of theology arc under care. The Newwith children grown and married in burg Seminary was the bone of contenwhose houses there never was a Bible or | tion. The Church has two colleges and Testament. The people generally are four theological seminaries, three of wicked, but impressible, teachable, and them in Western Synods. Newburgh hospitable. They are liberal for their is a monument of the difficulty in the way of laying aside superfluous machurch in New York to take charge, only his travelling expenses, and wants to resign. Last year there was a student to each professor, and an endowment of \$15,000 or over to educate them. Nearly

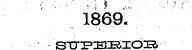
Other Denominations. Episcopalian.-Rev. James Kent Stone, D.D., late President of Hobart the union. Dr. McLean, former Presi "renounced the tenets of the Protestant Episcopal Church," or become a convert union, as did Drs. Grossman, Taylor, to Romanism. Dr. Stone is a grandson of Nassau, and Neill, and two elders. The | Chancellor Kent, and was formerly Presi-

526,434 tracts printed in English; 90,-723 in German, and 1,503 in French-They likewise distributed among sailors and watermen along the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts 39,333 tracts, in different languages, and 996 religious books St. Paul was erected in 1860, by order and 96 Bibles donated to the destitute. During the year 207 persons were persuaded to attend church, 171 children were gathered into Sunday and day schools, and 212 persons were induced to sign the pledge.

-The corner stone of the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, was laid two weeks ago in presence of a large number of persons. The building will be constructed of Trenton brown stone, and will cost about \$60,000. It will planted churches far out on the prairies, measure 58 feet front, 102 feet in depth, and 70 feet from the foundation to the apex. The lecture and Sundayschool rooms will be on the first floor, and will each accommodate about 500 persons. The main audience chamber will have sittings for 700 persons. There will be a stone tower, surmounted with an ornamental wooden spire. The lecture and school rooms, it is expected, will be ready for occupation about the 25th of December.

-A meeting was held recutly in the First Baptist Church, Broad and Arch streets, to devise plans for aiding the Home lately established for the benefit of aged and infirm members of the Baptist denomination. The committee appointed at a former meeting, to devise plans for raising \$30,000 to aid in paying for the building and turniture purchased for the Home, and to create an endowment fund, reported that they had succeeded in raising \$5,640 towards this object. The building which has been purchased for the accommodation of the needy inmates, is in Forty fifth street, above Haverford, and cost \$12,000. It is not intended that the recipients of this charity shall





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-The Second church (O.S.,) of Albany, N. Y., in accepting the resignation of Dr. Sprague, after forty years of se vice, resolve, "That, as an expression of our affection and esteem for our venerated pastor, a provision for his fu ture support be made by annuity, or otherwise securing to him the sum of two thousand dollars yearly during his life."

Churches.-The new and handsome edifice of the First Reformed church of Williamsburg, situated on the corner of Bedford avenue and Clymer street, was opened to public worship recently. The ground for the above edifice was broken two years ago. It extends on Bedford avenue seventy one feet, and along Clymer street 110 feet. It is constructed of brick, with Ohio stone trimmings, and will seat 1,500 persons. The cost of the building, was about \$125,000.

-We should not be surprised if one of the reasons why some of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in New York city are opposed to union with Presbyterians is because they are a little purse-proud. They are rich, and are growing richer daily. They rented the old church in Nassau Street for a post office, and for many years drew a rent of \$20,000 per annum. Then they sold it for \$250,000, and bought six lots in Fifth Avenue for \$30,000, which are worth \$200,000. They also bought, about thirty years ago, four lots in Lafayette Place, on which they also built a church. For these lots they paid \$10,000. They now ask \$400,000, and will probably get their price.-Presbyter.

-There is a revival of religion in the Church of Thyatira, Concord Presbytery, North Carolina. Preaching continued for eight or nine days, and about forty-five persons were added to the church, while others are still deeply concerned. The pastor and friends of religion are greatly encouraged. Thyatira is under the pastoral charge of Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D.

Presbyteries.-The Presbytery of Brazil, South America, votes No on the Busis of Reunion. We can only account

dent of the College, voted against the vote stood 28 for Reunion and eight dent of Kenyon College in Ohio. against it.

organization of churches, and one new church was enrolled.

-In the U. P. Presbytery of Xenia, O., Rev J. R. Boyd, Moderator of Presbytery, having received a certificate and formed a connection with the O. S. Pres. Church, another was elected to fill out his term.

-While the U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia will not submit to the last Assembly's action on Secret Societies as too strict, Connemaugh Presbytery de-nounces it and calls for a crusade against it as too lax. It charges that it substicutes a new article for that in the Testimony, and prevents the exclusion of the members of other societies than Masons and Odd Fellows. Clearly there are two families in one house.

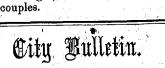
-A correspondent of The Presbyterian says the General Assembly, after the union of Old and New School, will, consist of about 600 Commissioners; that it will be necessary to diminish the number, and suggests that they shall be appointed by the Synods instead of the Presbyteries. [To reduce the ratio of | mute couples. representation would he to change the Assembly to a Committee. Even with six hundred members it would not be as large as some secular deliberative bodies The British Parliament contains 670 The Irish Assembly cannot be much less, as every one of the 450 ministers has a right to go and take an elder. Nor are the Scotch Assemblies small

bodies.] -At the meeting of the Presbytery of Luzerne the Second church of Pottsville again appeared in Presbytery by an elder. The right of this elder to a seat in Presbytery was challenged; and after a pro-tracted discussion, he was admitted to his seat, under protest of a minority; and a commission of Presbytery was appointed to meet a similar commission from the Third Presbytery of Phila-

-An Episcopal clergyman informed -Lafayette (Mo.,) Presbytery had us, a few days ago, that five bishops of urgent requests from four places for the the Protestant Episcopal Church are prepared to unite with the clergy of the Evangelical party in forming a new. church organization. - Observer.

-Last week the Board of Missions met in New York. The report on Do mestic Missions showed that \$132,000 had been contributed to the Treasury the past year. Though this sum was beyond precedent, the deficit amounts to \$19,875. For Foreign Missions \$88,341 have been given, and the Treasury acknowledges a deficit of \$10,927.

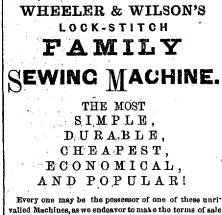
-The seventeenth anniversary of the founding of the church for deaf mutes. Eighteenth street near Fifth avenue, New York, was observed on Sunday, Oct 3d. The sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D. D. During the preceeding year \$13,-806.74 was received for the support of the church. There were baptized thirtyone adults, nine of whom were deafmutes, and sixty-six children, six of whom had deaf-mute parents. There were confirmed fifty-six, eleven of whom were deaf-mutes. There were thirtyseven marriages, five of whom were deaf-



-Rev. Mr. Fleischmann of the Baptist church having died recently in this city, a movement has been started to provide for his widow. The National Baptist says: "We learn with much pleasure that only two hundred and fifty dollars are needed to complete the Fleischmann Fund.' The widow of the faithful and beloved Fleischmann will have a home, rent free, during life. The property will eventually be applicable for a similar benevolent purpose." -The forty-second annual meeting of the Tract and Mission Society was held



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