

Religious Intelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial.—Dr. Hodge, of Princeton, is reported to be preparing his Lectures on Theology for the press. —Rev. John H. Irwin, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has, with his two sons, united with the Roman Catholic Church of Huntsville, Alabama. —Rev. J. H. Burne's pastoral relation with the Presbyterian church in Granville, Ill., was dissolved recently by the Ottawa Presbytery, in order that he might take charge of a missionary enterprise at Ravenswood, near Chicago. —Rev. L. B. Wilson has resigned the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church at Youngstown, Ohio. He was installed ten years since. The church then had a membership of 150, which is now doubled. —In Brooklyn, the congregation of Reformed Presbyterians (O. S.), under the pastoral charge of Rev. John H. Boggs, have erected a neat brick chapel on the corner of Lafayette avenue and Ryerson street, which was lately opened for divine service. The building cost about \$7,500, of which only about \$1,177 remains to be paid. At present the society numbers about 125 members, and there is every prospect that it will soon be largely increased. —In the U. P. church of New Bethlehem, Pa., twenty-one persons were added to the membership, at the last communion. Seven of them were received on certificate, and fourteen on profession of their faith. Four adults were baptized, one of them aged about sixty-six. —In accordance with the order of the U. P. Synod of Kansas, the members of Kansas Presbytery, who reside South of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, met in the U. P. Hall, Leavenworth, Kansas, on Thursday, Sept. 30th, at 7 P. M., and organized the Presbytery of Garrett.

Other Denominations. —Episcopal.—The trustees of the General Theological Seminary have appointed to the professorship of Systematic Divinity the Rev. Milo Mahan, D. D., of Baltimore; Rev. John Murray Forbes, D. D., was chosen dean. —Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, thinks there are insuperable difficulties in the way of making at present any revision of the Episcopal Prayer Book, but thinks the time is near when there will be an entire reconstruction of the ecclesiastical system of the Episcopal church. —Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., late of Mobile, Ala., has been elected Missionary Bishop of the Southwest by the House of Bishops, New York. —Rev. W. B. Bodine's resignation of the rectorship of the Memorial church, Baltimore, Md., has been accepted. —Prof. W. W. Fulwell, late Professor in Kenyon College, Ohio, and a graduate of Hobart College, New York, has been elected President of the University of Minnesota. —"It is said" that the Diocese of Exeter will refuse to accept Dr. Temple, the Queen's nominee for the succession to Dr. Philpotts. The valiant clergy who are proposing that feat would be very happy, no doubt, to combine the incompatible luxuries of Establishment and Freedom, doing as they please and having the munificent patronage of the State. But the attempted veto of Dr. Hampden's nomination to the See of Hereford must have been forgotten by them. There was a loud talk of duty, with a martyr-like disregard of temporal consequences. Unfortunately for these heroic talkers, when the day came the men were not found who were willing to hazard the penalties of the statute in that case provided. "The pains and penalties of a premature" would not be literally inflicted, we may presume, but the consequences of insubordination, even as mitigated by the spirit of the age, were too serious for them to face.—Examiner and Chronicle.

—The corner-stone of a convent for the Protestant Episcopal Sisters of Mercy in Eighty-fifth St., N. Y., was laid recently by Bishop Potter. —Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, now in Europe, has written a letter to the Pope. It is in Italian, and appears in the Emancipatore Cattolico of Naples. —Rev. Dr. Newton, of Philadelphia, was lately invited to preach to the children and adults of the various Evangelical Sabbath schools of Woburn, Mass., and that they might all have room to hear him—the invitation was to the spacious church edifice belonging to the Orthodox Congregational church, one of the largest and finest in the Commonwealth. The rector of the little Episcopal church, in which one-tenth as many persons might possibly be seated, addressed the doctor a note, offering to him, for his service, the use of his own house, but peremptorily forbidding him, by the Canons, from preaching elsewhere within the limits of his parish. Astonishing to relate, however, Dr. Newton preached as he had been requested to do. Whether there will be a trial, therefore, remains to be seen.—Congregationalist.

—Rev. Dr. Alexander Vinton, of St. Mark's church, who declined a call from the Church of Emmanuel in Boston, last spring, has accepted a renewed call to that church. —It is the custom now, for many among the congregation of Trinity church, New York, to bow to the chancel when entering the church, and to

cross themselves when they rise from their knees in their pews. —Ohio papers announce that the Rev. James Kent Stone, D. D., lately President of Kenyon College, and afterwards of Hobart College, was formally received into the Roman Catholic church on the 12th of September.

—The Independent says: In one of his late sermons, the rector of St. Alban's church, N. Y., affirmed that the Episcopalian and Roman Catholic belief is positively alike, although the members do not commune together, owing to intrigues of the Court of Rome at the time of the Reformation. The preacher boldly asserted that the churches referred to are but actually one, and that the members are all Roman Catholics; and he hoped to see the day when both should be united under the latter name and unite in communion.

—Rev. William Walton, D. D., Professor of Hebrew in the General Theological Seminary, in the city of New York, died in that city on Tuesday, September 21st, in the 50th year of his age. He was the eldest son of the late Rear Admiral Walton, of the British Navy.

—Bishop Randall has taken parochial charge of St. John's, in Denver, and has also become Principal of the "Young Ladies' Seminary."

—It is stated that sometimes persons are elected vestrymen in this Church who are not religious in the strictest sense of that word. But the Diocese of Tennessee not only requires all vestrymen to be members of the Church, but all those who vote for vestrymen also.

—For two years the Episcopalians have maintained a missionary church in Salt Lake City, of fifty members, under the rectorship of Rev. Mr. Foot. He is assisted by the chaplain at Camp Douglas, in the vicinity. A free day school and Sabbath school are also in operation under the same direction. They worship in Independence Hall, a building owned by the Congregationalists. This is the only "Gentile" church in the city. In the same room, but at another hour, the Josephites hold their worship.

Congregationalist.—The first anniversary of the Bethel Mission of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, was celebrated recently. From the annual report it appears that the attendance at the Sunday-school has increased from 420 to 790, and averaged 600 during last winter. Forty-five persons from the school have united with the Plymouth church.

—Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, Jr., has been unanimously advised by a Council, called to consider the subject, to withdraw the resignation of his charge at Hannibal, Mo.

—Rev. Gilbert Rockwood, who died at South Wilbraham, Mass., Sept. 21st, had been for 24 years a missionary of the American Board among the Tuscarora Indians, near Niagara Falls. He was born in Monson, Aug. 29, 1811. In 1827 he assumed the charge of the Tuscarora Mission, which he retained till 1861, when he retired and settled in Wilbraham.

—Fourteen candidates for the ministry have entered the Junior class in the Divinity school of Yale College, besides seven new students to the other classes, making the whole number thirty-seven.

—In place of the communion service recently stolen, the Plymouth church, in Brooklyn, has secured a new set of twenty-six pieces, the goblets and flagons lined with pure gold.

—Mr. George A. Hood, of the last class at Andover Seminary, was ordained at the Central church in Philadelphia, Sept. 30, as missionary to the freedmen, under the American Missionary Association, at Savannah, Ga. Sermon by Secretary Strieby; right hand by Rev. Edward Hawes.

—Oberlin Seminary has languid for several years. Some of the friends of the institution have rallied to its support, and are laboring to put it on high ground. For this end funds have been subscribed and new Professors elected.

Baptist.—The Philadelphia Association is composed of 72 churches, in 59 of which additions were made to the membership during the year of 1,724. Additions by letter, 675; by experience, 892; restoration, 137. Total additions, 3,428. Diminutions: by letter, 573; erasure, 470; exclusion, 342; death, 244. Total, 1,634. Total membership, 13,459. Net increase, 1,983. In six churches, over fifty each have been baptized,—in one, the Second Philadelphia, 80. Nineteen churches are without pastors. By these 72 churches, 97 Sabbath schools are maintained, with 386 officers, 1,438 teachers, and 16,698 scholars, and 18,284 vols. in libraries. 376 scholars and teachers have been baptized.

—The North Philadelphia Association reports one church dissolved during the year, and two others are in a dying condition. One new church was received. There are 24 churches, with a total membership of 4,449. Baptisms reported, 294.

—The Berean Baptist church in Philadelphia observed, on the first Lord's day of October, the 25th anniversary of the ministry of their pastor, Rev. Edgar M. Levy, D. D. In the morning, Dr. Levy preached a commemorative discourse. During these 25 years, he has preached over four thousand sermons, baptized six hundred persons, married four hundred couples, and attended more than eleven hundred funerals. In the afternoon, an interesting communion service was held.

—The "Irish Society," for the evangelization of Ireland, began in 1813, at London. The eminent Andrew Fuller

was one of its first promoters, giving to it the first donation of five pounds. Its annual income has increased to above four thousand pounds, almost entirely contributed by British Baptists. It employs about twenty missionaries and evangelists, who preach the Gospel, week by week, at above one hundred stations, and circulate Bibles and tracts. Nearly one thousand children are regularly instructed in the Scriptures at the mission schools. As a result in part of these efforts, Baptist churches have been doubled in Ireland during the last ten years, and in two places churches of above one hundred members have been gathered in a few years. At the present rate of increase, the membership in Ulster will be trebled before ten years more have passed.

—The following item is from one of the Southern Baptist papers:—"Salem Association has twice rejected (last year and this) the application of Swannona church for membership, because it holds in fellowship a man with no immersion but by a Methodist minister."

—Rev. Archibald W. Oxendine, who was born in South Carolina, August, 26th, 1759, and did active service as one of Marion's men during the War of the Revolution, died at Benton's Creek, Phelps county, Missouri, on the 3d ult., at the great age of 110 years, lacking eight days. He had been forty years a minister of the Baptist Church, and during the last three years, though unable to walk, he retained his sight and hearing and general intelligence to the end.

—A correspondent of The Index states that of the 847 Baptist churches in Georgia, only twenty-eight have preaching every Sunday.

—A revival has been in progress among the colored people of Mount Moriah church, in Annerst, Va. The meetings are attended by vast crowds of colored persons from far and near. On a late Sunday, it is estimated that at least ten thousand were present. Up to this time, about six hundred have professed conversion, many of whom have been baptized. The services are conducted by colored preachers of the Baptist Church, and the excitement among their hearers is represented to be the most intense and unprecedented ever witnessed in the country.

—Rev. Dr. H. B. Hackett has accepted the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Rochester Theological Seminary.

City Bulletin.

—Rev. Charles Wordsworth, D. D., having declined the call of Alexander Presbyterian church, it is inferred that he has accepted the one made to him by the Third Reformed, Tenth and Fifth streets. Crowds of worshippers have been filling to its capacity this latter church, anxious to be instructed and edified. The Wednesday evening lectures are numerously attended.—Press.

—On Thursday afternoon, October 21st, a meeting was held in the Hall of the Department of Arts, at the University of Pennsylvania, to which the members of the last ten graduating classes were invited. The object in view was the establishment of a monthly literary magazine, to be conducted by graduates of the University. The call for the meeting was cordially sustained, and the main proposition acceded to. It was agreed that the present was an eminently fitting time for the undertaking, as Philadelphia is just beginning to be a literary city, and the University is its most prominent literary institution. —Morning Post.

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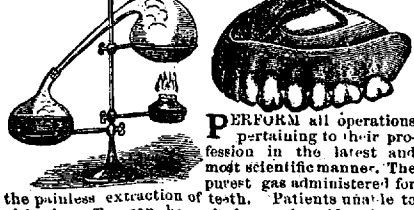
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