

Religious Intelligence.

The Reformed Churches.

Ministerial.—Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., was commissioned last spring to visit the Evangelical Alliance in Europe, and make arrangements for the General Conference of all the branches of the Evangelical Alliance throughout the world, to be held in America, in 1870. Dr. Schaff has returned from his mission, and a public meeting was held in New York, to hear the report of his mission, on the 4th of November.

—Rev. Ebenezer Halley, Jr., son of the Rev. Dr. Halley, who was formerly pastor of the Associate Reformed church in Salem, N. Y., and for many years since has successively been the pastor of Presbyterian churches in Troy and Albany, has received a call to the pastoral charge of the Seventh Street church, Cincinnati, O.

—At the meeting of the Londonderry Presbytery in Litchfield, N. H., Oct. 26-27, Rev. James Richards, now laboring with the Congregational church at Sanford, Me., was admitted to membership by a unanimous vote. Fourteen years ago he was deposed from the ministry for intemperance, by the Presbytery of New Orleans. He now makes full acknowledgment and expresses deep sorrow, with a declaration of thorough reformation. Full and explicit testimonials were presented of his strictly temperance habits in recent years.

—Rev. Henry Branch was installed pastor of the South Reformed Church in New Haven, on the 10th inst.

—Rev. E. B. Raffensperger, Financial Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wilson Female College, has been invited by the Cohocksink Presbyterian church, corner of Columbia Avenue and Franklin Street, Philadelphia, to occupy their pulpit every Sabbath until the return of their pastor, the Rev. S. A. Matchmore, now in Europe. He accepts.

—The First church of Alliance, has given a unanimous call to Rev. J. S. Grimes, of Rockford, Ill. Mr. Grimes planted this church the first year of his ministry, and has accepted the call to return.

—Rev. Alexander Sinclair, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, has received and accepted a unanimous call to the church of Titusville, Pennsylvania, at a salary of \$3,000 and a parsonage.

—On Sabbath night, Oct. 16th, the Rev. Dr. H. Emerson was installed pastor of the Eastburn Mariners' Chapel, Philadelphia.

—Rev. Joseph S. Thompson, a colored minister, who was educated at the Lincoln University at Oxford, Pa., and ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, has been received by the O. S. Presbytery of Nashville. Mr. Thompson has the charge of the Columbia Mission, and his intelligent, prudent, and diligent attention to the duties of his station is securing confidence and success.

Churches.—The Central Church of Brooklyn, has engaged a preacher.

—The Welsh Presbyterian congregation (Calvinistic Methodists) at Portsmouth, O., has just completed a commodious house of worship. Assistance was received from the Presbyterian church of which Dr. Pratt is pastor.

—In Brooklyn, the Reformed Presbyterians (O. S.) under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. H. Boggs have erected a neat brick chapel on the corner of Lafayette Avenue and Ryerson street. The building cost about \$7,500. The society has about 125 members.

—The Presbyterian Church has by no means kept pace with the growth of New York City, nor with the demands for their form of worship, especially in the upper part of the town, during the past ten years. The policy of establishing mission schools and supporting them for years in a dependent position, has not proved beneficial to the Church at large. These dependencies have acquired habits which will make them always dependent, instead of self-supporting and healthfully growing enterprises. A far better method is for the Presbytery to send forth a young man of ability and earnestness, to gather a congregation in a suitable neighborhood, and when this has been done, let the Presbytery gather from its churches the funds needed to aid the congregation in building a suitable house of worship. As soon as that is done, the congregation will be able to support the minister and bear the current expenses of the church, and if the pastor is of the right stamp, before long the new church will be a power in the community where it is placed. There are examples of the working of this plan in this and other cities, which prove its feasibility and advantage.—Observer.

—There is to be an adjourned meeting of Peoria Presbytery, to hear from a committee respecting the organization of a German Presbyterian church in Peoria.

—The church of New Harmony, York county, Pennsylvania, procured six months ago, the services of the Rev. Alexander F. Morrison, of Coleraine, as stated supply. Soon six persons, most of them parents, were, upon examination, added to the communion of the church. On Sabbath, the 17th inst., twenty-seven others, upon profession of their faith, were received into church fellowship. This addition was the fruits of a precious revival. Its subjects were, with few exceptions, the children of believing parents, and had been members of the Sabbath-school.

—The Old School Presbyterian Synod of Illinois, in session at Springfield, resolved:

That the Synod of Illinois approves of the proposal to establish a Presbyterian paper, to be published at Chicago, and recommends its members to do all in their power to insure the success of the effort.

We are glad to learn that the agents are meeting with good success in securing the \$50,000 stock.—N. W. Advocate.

—The handsome lecture-room of the U. P. church, in Frankford, was to be opened by preliminary exercises on Friday evening, and on Sabbath last.

—The Synod of Philadelphia hold its annual sessions in the First Presbyterian church in Norristown, Pennsylvania, a handsome and spacious building. The amount of business before the Synod was unusually small, one or two judicial cases of little importance except to the parties interested, constituting the main part of it. The Synod having heard that the Synod of Pennsylvania (New-school) had adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church, corner of Broad and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, appointed the North Tenth Street Church (Rev. M. Newkirk's), as the place of its next meeting.

There is room, we think, for at least three Synods of the United Presbyterian Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, one having its centre at Philadelphia, another with its centre at Harrisburg, and another at Scranton, or some point in the North-eastern part of the State.—Presbyterian.

—In the Synod of New Jersey, in session at Rahway, N. J., on Thursday, Oct. 21st, some hours were spent in the discussion of a resolution, declaring it to be the duty of the minister to advise his congregation on their manner of voting, and as to whom among the candidates asking their suffrages they should support. The debate upon the form of the resolution was animated always, and sometimes sharp. As finally adopted it read thus: "Resolved, That it belongs to the office of the pastor to give full instruction to his congregation upon their duties as citizens especially in reference to their supporting for officers within the gift of the people, honest, conscientious, and competent men."

—The annual meeting of the Declaration and Testimony Synod of Missouri was held at Palmyra, Missouri, on Wednesday, 13th of October, at Palmyra, Missouri. The only question of importance was an overture from two of the Presbyteries, praying the Synod to take measures for a union with the Southern Presbyterian Church, which was discussed at some length. As the result of the discussion, the further consideration of the overture was postponed until next Synod.

—At the late meeting of the Southern Synod of Kentucky, terms for the union of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Kentucky with the Southern Presbyterian Church, which had been agreed upon by the joint committees from the two bodies, were adopted by the Synod. It only remains for the Presbytery to ratify this action to complete the union.

Educational.—The report of the Directors of the German Theological School for the North-west, shows the School to be in a prosperous condition, under the efficient and hearty instruction and management of Professor Van Vleit and Tutor Moery, except in the want of funds, which, of course, they cannot supply. There are now nineteen students in this School. Two of them, one a German, and one a Hollander, have been received as new students under the care of Duquesne Presbytery.

—The Executive Committee of the U. P. Board of Education issue an earnest appeal to the churches to render the Board such support as will enable it to assist the many young men of piety and talent who are seeing the ministry, but are deficient in means. No student receives over \$150 per annum, and each recipient gives a written pledge that if he does not enter the ministry of the U. P. Church, or if he voluntarily leave the same, all money received shall be refunded, on demand, with interest at six per cent. per annum.

—We are glad to chronicle something like an epidemic of beneficence to colleges. Two professors have lately been endowed in Princeton College, by the donation of \$30,000 for each, the chair of Mathematics by Mrs. E. A. Stevens, of Hoboken, N. J., the daughter of one of its former incumbents, Professor Albert B. Dodd; and another chair by a generous donor who withholds his name. Hon. B. E. Bates, of Boston, a Congregationalist, has given \$100,000 to the Baptist College in Lewistown, Maine. Judge R. Fletcher, of Boston, a Baptist, has just bequeathed \$100,000 to Dartmouth College. Mr. Orange Judd, of the American Agriculturist, has given \$50,000 to Wesleyan University, for the erection of a building for the Department of Natural Science. Mr. Samuel Holmes, of New York, has given \$5,000 for the foundation of five scholarships in Yale College, for the benefit of the youth of Waterbury, Conn.—Pres. Banner.

Foreign.—There are forty-two churches in Switzerland separated from the national church, and organized into a Synod, of Presbyterian forms, which meets once a year. An American clergyman, Rev. W. A. Nichols, of Chicago, attended the annual meeting, and bears testimony to the general harmony and propriety of their proceedings, and the intelligence and earnestness of the clergy. Two new churches were organized during the year, and seven evangelists are employed in forming new stations. Their theological seminary had sixty-five students enrolled, of whom sixteen were French, six Spaniards, one Canadian, and one Syrian. They have no Board of

Foreign missions, but two young men offered their services to go anywhere. The movement in favor of an entire separation of Church and State in Switzerland is gaining ground in all quarters.

—The late Japanese Congress decided that Buddhist priests were not to be allowed to take any more scholars to train to their profession. Probably this has reference especially toward a revival of Shintoism, the older and purer Monotheism of Japan; but the Buddhist priests seem many of them to believe that it also points toward a more favorable consideration of Protestant Christianity, and not a few are purchasing the Scriptures, so as to be ready for the change when it comes. Mr. Cornes, a Pres. missionary in Yeddo, writes that their Bibles are all sold mainly to Buddhist priests, and they have been obliged to send to China for a new supply. In his letter of August 14, he tells of a teacher in Yeddo, not a Christian, who has sent to him repeatedly for Bibles and "evidences of Christianity," which he is using as text books, and which are studied by his ninety pupils.

—The Waldensian Church receives from the Italian government annually, the sum of 6,462 30 100 francs, which sum is divided among the fourteen or fifteen parishes of the valleys, each parish receiving from 400 to 500 francs.

Other Denominations.

Episcopalian.—Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., of Philadelphia, expects soon to go abroad and visit the Holy Land.

—Rev. Treadwell Walden, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, has been elected to the rectorship of St. Paul's cathedral church, Indianapolis.

—Rev. Jesse A. Spencer, D. D., has recently been elected to the Chair of Greek Language and Literature in the College of New York City.

—Rev. James Kent Stone, D. D., has requested the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese of Western New York to displace him from the ministry.

—The pews of St. Ann's church in Brooklyn, which church cost \$350,000 instead of \$200,000, were sold last week at premiums, for choice of pews, as high as \$700.

A young clergyman recently made himself a brilliant momentary reputation in Philadelphia by preaching two of Dr. Channing's sermons as his own.

—The trial of Rev. C. C. Tate at Columbus, Ohio, on the charge of having a surpliced choir, lasted four days, when the President of the Court announced that two gentlemen, affirmed and two denied the jurisdiction of the Court, and that from a desire to favor as much as possible the defendant, he himself (the President) would give the casting vote against the jurisdiction.

—At the first annual convention of the Diocese of Eastern, Md., a resolution was adopted, dividing the Diocese into three convocations, for the purpose of furthering the work of diocesan missions and church extension. The Northern Convocation assembled at Trinity church, Elkton, in September. The following is one of the articles of the Constitution adopted: "The duties of this Convocation shall include frequent assemblage for united worship, the discussion and adoption of plans for the furtherance of our common work in the service of Christ, and especially for the promotion of missions within our bounds."

Congregationalist.—In a prominent church in Brooklyn, the claims of the American Board were presented a few Sundays ago for the first time in ten years. The Elm Place Church, Brooklyn, is commencing active missionary work in a city district.

—Rev. Adam Lillie, D. D., Professor of Theology in the College, in Montreal, died in that city on the 19th inst.

—Rev. Dr. Storrs is preaching to full audiences at the Brooklyn Academy of Music while repairs are going on in his own church. The Brooklyn Union says: "There is uniformly observable in these recent efforts of the eminent pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims a more familiar style, a more popular effect and tone, than he has had the credit of exercising heretofore, excepting now and then on some rare occasion or topic."

—The colored church in St. Louis was burned recently by an incendiary. Loss \$10,000.

—A church of eleven members was organized, Sept. 29th, at Lamar, Mo. Another church will soon be at Litchfield, a new town of twenty houses and stores, two weeks old, on the St. Paul and Pacific R. R., 80 miles from St. Paul. As contrasted with other new towns, whose first building is often a whisky-shop, it is a favorable omen for the morals of Litchfield that the first building erected on the town site was a school-house, and that from the first it has been occupied on Sunday for public worship. The town proprietors promise two lots for a church, and a liberal donation is expected from the Union to aid in its erection.—Chicago Advance.

—The Seventh street Church, Cincinnati, which for over one year has been without a pastor, has called Rev. Eben Halley, of Richmond, Vt. Mr. Halley, who is but twenty-four years of age, accepts. He preached for the first time before the Church, Sunday, Oct. 8d, and immediately thereupon received a unanimous call.

—The First church in Philadelphia has ceased to be, and the chapel in which its services were held has been sold. The Plymouth is prospering. The Central is still waiting for the completed edifice.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR, For Restoring Gray Hair to its Natural Vitality and Color.

Advertisement for Ayer's Hair Vigor, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for hair restoration and scalp health.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills, For all the purposes of a Laxative Medicine.

Advertisement for Ayer's Cathartic Pills, describing its effectiveness for various ailments and its safety for all ages.

Advertisement for Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.'s Medical Preparations, listing various pills and their uses for ailments like indigestion and liver complaints.

Advertisement for Colton Dental Association, offering dental services and mentioning the use of pure nitrous oxide gas.

Advertisement for Priest and Nun, a book that takes away the veil from convent life and shows the kind of influence exerted in convent schools.

Advertisement for 1,500 Copies of the American Edition, sold before issue, with details on the book's content and availability.

Advertisement for Agents Wanted Everywhere, for a product or service, with contact information for Crittenden & McKinney.

Advertisement for House and Sign Painting, offering professional services for residential and commercial buildings.

Advertisement for a Card to the Public, regarding the construction of a school building and the need for public support.

Advertisement for H. Kampe & Co. Furniture Depot, located at No. 833 Market Street, Philadelphia, offering a wide variety of furniture.

HOME Life Insurance Co., MUTUAL.

Advertisement for Home Life Insurance Co., Mutual, detailing its assets, advantages, and policies for home life insurance.

Advertisement for American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, offering life insurance policies with various terms and benefits.

Advertisement for American Life Insurance, featuring John S. Wilson and Alex. Whilldin as agents, with details on policy terms.

Advertisement for Charter 1829 Perpetual, offering insurance or financial services under a perpetual charter.

Advertisement for Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, providing fire insurance coverage for buildings and property.

Advertisement for Priest and Nun, a book that takes away the veil from convent life and shows the kind of influence exerted in convent schools.

Advertisement for Directors, listing names of individuals involved in a company or organization, including Alfred G. Baker and Samuel Grant.

Advertisement for Provident Life & Trust Company, offering life insurance and trust services.

Advertisement for Samuel B. Seiple, Vice President, and Wm. C. Longstreth, Rowland Parry, detailing their professional roles and services.

Advertisement for Gymnasium, Cor. Ninth and Arch streets, offering physical education and recreational activities.

Advertisement for Cottage Organs, featuring Estey's Cottage Organs, highlighting their quality and variety.

Advertisement for H. Kampe & Co. Furniture Depot, located at No. 833 Market Street, Philadelphia, offering a wide variety of furniture.

Frederick Female Seminary, FREDERICK, MD.

Advertisement for Frederick Female Seminary, detailing its educational offerings, faculty, and admission information.

WYERS' SCIENTIFIC & CLASSICAL INSTITUTE

Advertisement for WYERS' Scientific & Classical Institute, offering advanced scientific and classical education.

ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE

Advertisement for Elmira Female College, detailing its curriculum and campus life.

Select Family Boarding School

Advertisement for a Select Family Boarding School, offering educational and boarding services for families.

Family School

Advertisement for a Family School, providing educational services for children in a home setting.

SAMUEL WORK, Banker & Broker

Advertisement for Samuel Work, Banker & Broker, detailing his financial services and office location.

DREKA

Advertisement for Dreka, a brand of stationery or printing services, highlighting the quality of their products.

GEORGE WOODS & CO'S Parlor and Vestry Organs

Advertisement for George Woods & Co's Parlor and Vestry Organs, showcasing their musical instruments.

O'KEEFE'S LARGE WINTER HEAD LETTUCE

Advertisement for O'Keefe's Large Winter Head Lettuce, promoting their fresh produce.

THOMAS M. FREELAND, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FURRIER

Advertisement for Thomas M. Freeland, Wholesale and Retail Furrier, offering high-quality fur goods.