

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

U. P. Church.—Rev. Joseph M. Kulvey, of the U. P. Mission in China, has returned to this country and is in good health.

The American U. P. Mission in Egypt has fourteen Sunday and week-day schools, containing 600 children. Twenty-two men are training for the ministry. During the past eight years there have been annually sold from \$100 to 10,000 Bibles and other Christian books.

Chickasaw Presbytery (Southern), covering a portion of North Alabama and Mississippi, has resolved to embrace the privilege offered by the Mobile Assembly to license as exhorters some of their laymen, and appointed a standing committee to look out and report to Presbytery suitable persons for this work. The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa designated fifteen gentlemen as suitable persons. The Committee of Domestic Missions will have a general supervision of the work, and report to Presbytery.

The congregation of the South U. P. church in Crieff, Scotland, have joined the Congregationalists in a body, carrying the church and manse with them.

In a recent visit to the U. P. Theological Seminary at Newburgh, N. Y., it was gratifying to find a number of students laboriously pursuing their prescribed course of study. It was also found that the Treasurer of the Professors' Salary Fund is not receiving from the churches in the Synod the contributions that are necessary to enable him to meet his obligations.

At the last meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of Wisconsin, Rev. R. G. Wallace informed Presbytery that he had been invited to preach in the O. S. Church of Verona, and receive them into the U. P. Church, and in compliance with their request, he preached to them in August, and read to them the U. P. Testimony, and they having assented to the same, he received them into that Church, subject to the sanction of Presbytery.

The anniversary of John Street M. E. church, New York, was held lately. The present edifice was built in 1817. The original chapel was built in 1768. It was of stone, covered with a blue plaster. The galleries were reached by ladders, and the seats were without backs. Barbara Heck was the architect, and Philip Embury the builder.

A small R. P. Church in Marysville, Tenn., was dismissed by the R. P. Presbytery of Ohio, adhering to General Synod, at their last meeting. They have joined the U. P. Church. They are few in number, but a valuable accession, both morally and pecuniarily. At the communion on the last Sabbath of October there were added to the congregation by letter from the Church eight, and nine by profession, making in all seventeen.

The first business brought before the U. P. Presbytery of California, was a petition from the people of Salinas, bearing eighty signatures, asking Presbytery to organize a church in said city. On motion, said request was granted. Presbytery consists of Rev. M. M. Gibson, Moderator; Rev. W. H. Wilson, of Salinas, Clerk; and one elder.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Episcopalian.—The Independent says that a young clergyman a stranger lately delighted the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, by preaching an eloquent sermon, which proved to be one of Dr. Channing's. It was not from Channing, but from Bushnell, that this Tennessee divine drew his eloquence. Nor was it Holy Trinity church alone, that was deceived. Epiphany church was edified with the same discourse, and did not detect the plagiarist.

Rev. Thomas P. Hutchison has been elected to the rectorship of St. James' Church, Hestonville, West Phila.

Rev. Mason Gallagher, of St. Paul's church, Paterson, N. J., has resigned, to take charge of a new church, just established at Duluth, Wis., by Mr. Jay Cooke, and which is said to be the most northerly parish in the United States. Mr. Gallagher will be remembered as the gentleman who was taken to task by High Church restors of Detroit, for preaching in Dr. Duffield's church, on the Sabbath after the death of that honored bishop.

Rev. F. A. Fiske, (Cong.) of Raynham, Mass., has lately renounced the polity of his fathers, and accepted Episcopacy. The papers state that the influence of an Episcopalian wife effected the change.

There are 180 students in the Theological Seminaries of this church, throughout the country.

Congregationalist.—The State St. church, (Portland's) call to Rev. Henry Hopkins, (son of President Mark Hopkins), is declined.

Rev. Joel S. Bingham of the Maverick church, East Boston, reconsiders his decision to leave, and remains at his present post.

S. W. Benedict, a deacon in Rev. Dr. Thompson's church, died in New York on Nov. 10th, of paralysis. He was at one time publisher of the N. Y. Evan-

gelist, and subsequently of the Independent.

The Howard University in Washington has closed its first year, with 172 students, of whom 139 were in the normal and preparatory departments, four in the classical, eight in the medical, and twenty-one in the legal.

Nov. 23d, witnessed the organization of a church from two colonies of Danes, near Greenville, Mich. All the services were conducted through an interpreter. Eighty-five members of the Lutheran church in Denmark, had signed a paper expressing a wish to be organized into a Congregational church. They hold views heartily Evangelical, and repudiate the rule of any judicatory outside of their own body. A Mr. Matson was also ordained by the same council as their pastor, having come to America six months ago, at the request of the people that a minister be sent them.

There are now fourteen churches of this order in Nebraska, the oldest formed only four weeks since.

San Francisco, with a reputed population of 150,000, has five Cong. churches.

Methodist.—The full vote on lay delegation in the M. E. Church, now stands 103,476 for, and 51,606 against. The ministerial vote included in this stands 2,398 for, and 600 against. Three-fourths of the ministerial vote cast have been secured thus far, with 145 votes to spare.

On the 24th of November, St. George's M. E. Church, Fourth Street below Vine, this city, celebrated its centennial Anniversary. The venerable building was handsomely decorated for the occasion with flowers and mottoes. Father Boehm, ninety-five years old, was present. He was at St. George's the last time in 1791, and well remembered the sermon, as it had made lasting impressions on his mind. Prior to November 24th, 1769, the Methodist meetings were held by Captain Webb, first in a sail loft on the Southeast corner of Dock creek and the Delaware river, where the building numbered 248 and 250 now stands. On the 23d day of November, 1769, a large shell of a church, built by members of the German Reformed church, Fourth St., below Vine, was purchased for £650. The name of the church given by the Germans who built the house has ever since been retained. When Howe's army entered Philadelphia in 1777, this house was used as a riding school for the cavalry.

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Nineteen students of Iowa Wesleyan University have petitioned for the removal of a colored student from their class.

Baptist.—Spring Garden church has inaugurated the plan of spending twenty minutes every Wednesday evening in the practice of congregational singing, as preliminary to the regular service. The chorister conducts it, and has an opportunity of correcting the faults of the singing service.

The chapel built for the Boardman mission, at the corner of Broad and Reed Streets, was dedicated Sunday before last. It is of stone, and will comfortably seat about 550. The lot cost \$12,000, the structure \$15,500; it cost \$800 to furnish it; and it was dedicated free from debt.

The prayer room in the new church, corner of Broad and Spruce Streets, is open for use.

The Freewill Baptists have formed twenty-five churches among the freedmen.

The Home Mission Society has taken measures to realize results of the exploring deputation of last summer. Rev. G. W. Freeman, of Wisconsin, has been appointed to the line of the Pacific Railroad, as an evangelist.

The institute at Richmond for the training of colored preachers has more than forty scholars.

A writer in The Examiner and Chronicle, says that "if Baptists recognize the validity of Pædo-baptist ordination, they are not only inconsistent, but they must be intent on denominational suicide."

Romanist.—The Romanists of Philadelphia have formed an association under the title of "The National Institute of America," whose object, as gathered from a prospectus, is declared to be "the cultivation of every species of learning, as well as every social, political and financial interest which can be rendered subservient to the cause of the Church in America." The National Institute is to be divided into twelve schools, which will each have special charge of a single branch of study. "This academy will devote itself with unremitting zeal to the extension of Catholic ideas in the education of the people. While acting with prudence, determination and a just respect for national institutions, it will lose no opportunity of combating the false and disastrous educational system which is at present favored by our authorities."

It is said to be a common practice in Paris, to hire people to attend fashionable churches, so that the preachers may say that they always have crowded houses. Two or three cents pay for a worshiper.

The civil authorities of the province

of Valparaiso, Chile, and Cabinet minister, lately attended a funeral in the Protestant chapel to the great disgust of the Catholic archbishop.

There are 128 monasteries in the United States, where men live under vows of celibacy and poverty, and 300 nunneries, of various grades. Some of the latter have schools connected with them.

Socialian.—The Universalists of the United States have 792 societies, 588 ministers, and three colleges, two theological seminaries and five academies, in which are a total of 1,400 students.

A citizen of Chicago, has given \$250,000 for the erection of a free, Universalist church in that city, and the perpetual support of worship therein.

The first of a series of meetings in honor of the approaching Centenary of Universalism, was held recently, at Dr. Chapin's church, Fifth avenue, corner of Fortieth street, N. Y. Of the \$25,000 contributed on the occasion, P. T. Barnum gave \$7,000, and Horace Greeley \$1,000. Both made speeches.

It is desired to raise this year for St. Lawrence University, \$50,000; for Murray Centenary Fund, \$50,000; for Clinton Liberal Institute, \$20,000; and for the State Convention of New York, \$10,000.

Rev. Rowland Connor, at the recent Western Women's Suffrage Convention, declared women to be greater "liars" than men, and scouted the idea of purifying the ballot box by admitting them to suffrage. He is the young man who, two years ago, adopted Theodore's Parker's distinctive views, and was ejected from his Universalist parish. He had been assistant to Dr. Miner, quite an "evangelical" Restorationist.

The "Church of the Unity," Boston, at their annual meeting, elected the Rev. Horatio Stebbins, of San Francisco, formerly of Portland, Me., to fill the vacancy occurring from the withdrawal of Rev. Mr. Hepworth, who has gone to New York. Dr. Stebbins is the man who puts orthodox worship of Christ on a level with Romanist idolatry of the Virgin.

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