

Religious Intelligence.

Episcopalians.—The following statistical summary is from The Church Almanac for 1870. The statistical year is in some dioceses made up from Easter to Easter; in others, from October to October.

Dioceses, 39; Bishops, 51; Bishops elect, 1; Priests and Deacons, 2,711; Whole number of Clergy, 2,762; Parishes, 2,512; Ordinations—Deacons, (in 26 Dioceses,) 115; Priests, (in 24 Dioceses,) 85; Total, (in 23 Dioceses, 200) candidates for Orders, (in 20 Dioceses,) 2; Churches Consecrated (in 18 Dioceses,) 47; Baptisms—Infants, (in 26 Dioceses,) 20,749; Adults (in 26 Dioceses,) 5,930; Not Specified, (in 6 Dioceses,) 3,760; Total, (in 32 Dioceses,) 29,539; Confirmations, (in 36 Dioceses,) 20,793; Communicants—Increase in 23 Dioceses, 7,186. Total—in 33 Dioceses, 176,686. Estimated No. in the whole Church, 200,000. Contributions (in 31 Dioceses,) \$4,205,029.41.

The head mastership of Rugby School has been conferred upon the Rev. H. Hayman, B. D. He was formerly principal of Cheltenham Grammar School, and has since been very successful as master of Bradford College. Unlike his predecessor, Dr. Temple, he is a High Churchman. Within the last quarter of a century Rugby has had for head master some of the most learned and pious men in the English Church, including Arnold, Tait and Goulburn.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is dangerously ill with paralysis. He has lost the use of his left side, but retains the power of speech and of clear articulation. He is fifty-eight years of age.

The American residents of Dresden have felt themselves strong enough to form an Episcopal church, and have procured for their pastor, Dr. J. I. Lambert, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., an intelligent, courteous, and earnest minister. The number of American residents is about six hundred, besides a constant stream of travelers.

The Attitudinarians find excessive genuflections unhealthy. That peculiar swelling of the knee, which used to be called the "housemaid's knee," is now known among surgeons as the "ritualistic knee."

Baptist.—There are fifty-one Baptist Sunday-schools in this city, with an aggregate of 14,000 scholars, and 1,500 officers and teachers. There are eleven Mission Sunday-schools, one colored and one German. Five of the churches of this city own parsonages, viz: Lower Dublin, Roxborough, Blockley, Manayunk, and Berean. There are fourteen colored churches in the Philadelphia Association. Nine are in the District of Columbia, and one in Alexandria, Va. Four of them were admitted at the last session. One of them has 818 members. Twenty-five churches in the Association report a decrease in membership since last year.

The Memorial church of this city had recent alarm by a call for Dr. Henson, from St. Louis. Their fears were allayed by his assurance that he had no mind to leave them, whereupon they raised his salary by \$1,000. The Louisiana Baptist says: "At the Sandy Creek Association mention was made of a church member who could not attend the session because he was making a run of whiskey from his still, and of a preacher who must have his three drinks a day. Communion is hardly 'close' enough until such men are put on the other side of the line."

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia Conference of Ministers "recommends that contributions be made in the churches with a view to the maintenance of a missionary in some district of Ireland." Lutherans.—It is only a few years since Sunday-schools of the American pattern were introduced into Germany. The movement in their favor is becoming quite remarkable. At the late meeting for Home Missions in Rhenish Prussia, held at Bonn, several pastors who had at first opposed Sunday-schools, now spoke in their favor, having seen them tried in their own parishes. The system was approved without a dissenting voice. One of the most decided advocates of the American system, as it is called, was Professor Lange, the famous Bible orator.

The Indiana Lutherans have united in the formation of a "Central Synod." They have adopted the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism as their articles of faith, but have "Resolved, That as the Reformers in the formation of said Confession, intended to present the pure teachings of God's Word; therefore it is subordinate to God's Word, and is only justly interpreted, when explained by the infallible teachings of Christ and His Apostles."

The late fair in aid of the Orphans' Home at Germantown, had receipts of \$27,899.76, expenses \$2,719.72, thus leaving a balance of \$25,180.06, which was sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness of the institution.

The bequest of Mrs. Sophia Neylin, of Lancaster, of \$1,000 to the Trinity Lutheran church, and \$10,000 to Zion's German Lutheran church of that city, is said to be void, not having been made at least a month before her decease, as required by the act of the Legislature relative to the bequests for religious or charitable purposes.

In New York city on the 20th of October, a German Lutheran church of 114 members was organized.

Romanist.—A dire story of the German Catholics in this country, by E. A. Reiter, a Jesuit, of Boston, says there are in the United States 1160 German Catholic priests, 705 German Catholic parishes, and a German Catholic population of 1,044,000 souls. If the average population of the non-German Catholic parishes is about equal to that of the German, the total Catholic population of the United States would amount to 3,350,000 inhabitants. A church built by the German Catholics at a cost of \$100,000, is in process of erection at St. Paul Minn.

The London Times says: "Things at Rome are auguring ill for the Council. Gallicanism is rampant. The Austrian and German Bishops demur to the dogma of the personal infallibility, and discord is apprehended among the Italians. Antonelli shakes his head at a performance in which he never felt sympathy. It will be some time before it can become clear whether the Council will bring the Church peace or sword." —Edith O'Gorman, an escaped nun, has created considerable excitement in New Jersey by her revelations of convent life, especially in relation to the cruelties and ignorance in convent schools and the liaisons of the priests and Sisters. She herself was drugged to unconsciousness by a priest before fleeing the convent.

Victor Emanuel seems to have pulled through his recent severe illness without making any concession to the Pope. He is under excommunication, and no priest has any right to administer the last sacraments to him, until he formally retracts whatever he has done against the church, and "makes up" with it. The sick king sent for a priest, who was instructed by the Archbishop of Pisa to demand such action on the monarch's part, before giving him extreme unction. But Victor Emanuel would do no such thing, and got his unction without it—for which the poor priest will probably suffer.

In the probable elevation of Sir John Lincoln, M. P. for the Isle of Wight, to the peerage, the Manchester Guardian notices the fact that it will be the first time since the Reformation that an English Roman Catholic has been called to the Upper House. Peers have been called out of abeyance in favor of Roman Catholics, as was done in the case of the Baronies of Canroys and Beaumont, but there has been no new creation of a Roman Catholic peer.

Unitarian.—Organizing a new missionary society, the Unitarians of Chicago put their admission fee at ten dollars for men and five dollars for women allowing the latter, whenever any of them insisted upon it, to pay the larger sum which one lady immediately did, claiming as her right.

The "Liberal" ministry do not sustain Brother Frothingham. Dr. Colyer, of Chicago, treated the subject in Washington, and denounced Richardson as a spiritual adulterer. Rev. Mr. Pullman (Universalist) in New York, took a similar view of the case, while Mr. Frothingham defended his participation in the marriage ceremony as necessitated by the fact that Richardson was a member of his church.

Mr. F. E. Abbot, who recently achieved some notoriety by renouncing the title and position of a Christian minister, has removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he proposes to publish The Index, a weekly paper skin in spirit to The (Boston) Radical, to contain the discourses of the editor and other contributions. It will pay no deference to the authority of the Bible, the Church, or the Christ, but rest solely "on the authority of right reason and good conscience."

Rev. "Adirondack" Murray, of Boston, said a good word for what he called "Evangelical Unitarians," a few weeks ago, and prophesied their union with Liberal Evangelicals. The Liberal Christian holds out little hope for the marriage. Barkis is not "willin'." It says:—"We do not happen to know of any Unitarians, who are willing to abate one jot or tittle from their distinctive principles for the sake of any union that any party in Christendom can propose."

Jewish.—The Jewish Messenger cannot understand how intelligent Christians can think that Judaism is becoming weak, and is in danger of extinction. "It may be owing to the fact," it says, "that one or two Jewish ministers have been holding forth in Unitarian pulpits, and that there are several Jewish ministers who are tainted with the spirit of the age, and do not believe in the advent of a Messiah, in the resurrection of the dead, in the ingathering of Israel, and their restoration to the promised land. Judaism, it declares, is now as strong and as vigorous as at any time in its history. None of its fundamental principles have been given up, and the true Israelite still looks for the literal fulfillment of the promises in the Jewish Scriptures."

The Messenger rejoices at a vote of the New York Board of Education, by which children who are absent from religious observances are not required to lose their places or marks.

Mormon.—Two Mormon apostles are traveling in Massachusetts, trying to make proselytes, and complain bitterly because Dr. Todd, who preached in their temple, refuses to admit them to his pulpit. They say they belong to a corps of 200 missionaries, sent by Brigham Young to States having more women than men.

A letter from Edward W. Fallidge, one of the apostles of the Mormon re-

form, and a leader of the recent schism says that the people have been reduced to a temporal bondage by the power of Brigham Young, and that the spiritualism of Mormonism has died out of the church. The reformers propose to revive those spiritual doctrines. They war against Brigham Young's policy, but not against himself.

Female missionaries from Utah are investing Iowa, trying to convince the fair Iowans that polygamy is a big thing. The Iowans think it too big.

Gen. Burton, who commands the Mormon army, admits the gathering of several thousand soldiers in camp near Salt Lake. He denies, however, that the object of gathering the troops is an aggressive one, being intended only for the home defence of their government.

Miscellaneous.—The reports of the Lieutenants of Police, who were instructed, some time ago, by the Mayor, to ascertain the number of Sunday-schools, also the scholars and teachers of the same, present the following facts: Total number of schools, 388; number of teachers, 10,427; Male scholars, 49,491; Female scholars, 55,931; Total number of scholars, 105,422; Average attendance, 83,792.

Not twenty persons enrolled themselves in the National Convention of Secularists or other unbelievers, held lately in Philadelphia. Only one was a woman. One of the speakers said it looked to him like the dead come to bury the dead.

A negro recently stole the altar chairs from a Columbus (O.) church but returned them because they didn't match the rest of his furniture.

A Michigan clergyman warns his flock to beware of modern infidelity in the person of Henry Ward Beecher.

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