OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN. EFFECTS OF RITUALISM.

Important Schism in the Protestant Episcopal Church-Withdrawai of the Rev. J. W. Cracraft. Rev. J. W. Cracraft, of Gambier, Ohio, has

addressed a letter to Bishop Mclivaine, dated August 20, wherein he says:-

Dear Bishop-In accordance with deep and carnest convictions of duty, I have concluded to communicate to you my desire to retire from the ministry and membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church. I, therefore, after long and painful consideration, tender to you my withdrawal from the same, leaving you to take the course your position requires in dissolving the relations of an ecclesiastical character I have heretofore held.

In taking this step I need not conceal that, in connection with the mental process through which I have passed in reaching the conclusion I have announced. I have encountered deep feeling and heartfelt pain.

It is not, however, the pain of doubt as to duty, nor the memory of events through which

have passed, partaking of the nature of conflict with some who hold important relations to the Church from which I now retire, I admit there have been times when the latter has been a cause of great inward unrest, and often of grief, not from a consciousness of error in the positions I have been compelled to assume nor wrong in maintaining them, but from various considerations of ecclesnatical, social, and personal character. None of these, however, have been permitted to assume a consequence that I could allow to prompt the action and suggest the course I am now induced to

The sensibilities aroused are of a different character. Of these the feeling called forth by my relation to you as my bishop, as one greatly beloved and honored in the Church of God as in my musost heart, is not the least nor last. In doing what I do I cannot and would not oblite rate the recollection of what you have done for and what you have been to me. Nor will the step which I here take operate to change the feeling or consciousness in which all these things are held.

The life associations in the Church also that have been formed and that cannot cesse to be tenderly regarded furnish another part. Yet I trust friendships in Christ have been created and associations formed that no conscientious action in regard to Church relations will ever

Injuriously affect or change.
In the first place, I cannot consent to continue the attitude which I conceive myself to hold before the Church and the world, as a minister in the Episcopal Church, when the functions claimed for that position is considered. The plain, literal, and historical teaching of

the offices of the Prayer-book, I am compelled to believe, place me in the light, not of an am-baseador for Christ merely, but a priest, in the sacerdotal sense.

I beg, however, to say that in remarking upon this, with other points I may present, I shall not argue any question of construction of the Prayer-book, or the offices it presents, or of liturgical interpretation, but offer simply my convictions as to their bearing upon my individual course in refusing further to hold the relation that involves the claims that I have just indicated. For with me the conviction is irresistible that the minister in our Church is considered a priest in this anti-Protestant sense.

This, I think, is made manifest in the "Ordination Service for Priests." The bishop lays his hands upon the candidate and says, "Receive thou the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost torgive they are forgiven, and whose sins thou dost retain they are retained." That this is to be understood as conferring a priestly character and enjoining sacerdotal functions is made, as I conceive, more and more apparent at every step as we proceed in this development of official character. In the "Office of Institution" it is specifically asserted, in the words of the bishop to the presbyter to be instituted, "We co hereby * * * grant unto you authority to perform the office of a priest in the — parish or church, possessed of full power to perform every act

of sacerdotal function among the people. The proper accompaniment of the character consider, obviously furnished In the grouping of the officiating characters in this service it is said:-"The wardens (or, in their absence, two members of the vestry) shall stand on the right and left of the altar, without the rails," etc., and the minister atter institution being as prescribed by the Rubric, brought within the rail encircling the altar, it proceeds to say, 'shall kneel at the

What remains now is an offering, which I think no one can reasonably doubt is turnished in the communion office, a portion of which is expressly called the "Oblation." Ali, I suppose, clearly understand oblation to mean an offering Taken in its natural and histori--a sacrifice. cal sense, this objection prayer can only be understood to teach that the Lord's Supper is not only a memorial, but a sacrifice. In glancing back over this we shall find. I think, fully presented, first, a priest, in the saccrdotal sense; second, an altar, on which the sacrifice is to be offered; and finally, an effering, to be presented

to God in the sense of a sacrifice, Still further, as we advance from this point, we find this sacerdotal character sustained in the execution of these functions-the exercise of the power of absolution. In furnishing the proper formulary the Rubric proceeds to give its authorized title—"The Declaration of Absolution or Remission of Sins"—and in the ordination service for priests, already quoted, this is prescuted as the first and most prominent priestly act and duty, which in the Rubric here is expressly assigned to the "priest alone"—not a layman, not a deacon, but one only who has been invested with the priestly character.

These offices and teachings, I think, make it plare, that as a minister in the Episcopat Church, I am practically claiming to be a sacerdota character professing these priestly functionsoffering up a sacrifice in the Lord's Supper, and having power to lorgive sins.

Second-In some portions of the prayer book, literally and historically interpreted, the doctrine of sacramental efficacy is, I think, set forth too plainly to be doubted. First, in the baptism of office, it is clearly apparent. In the prayer of consecration, for instance, we are made to pray that water may be sanctified to the "mystical washing away of sin"—words expressive of magical efficacy. The sacramental theory. I think, all must see, is equally manifest in the prayer offered after baptism in the case of the infant, to wit:- 'We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this infant with thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for Thine own child by adoption." This, I do not doubt, is to be understood as claiming that the sanctified water, having been applied, a work of grace has been simultaneously accomplished, amounting to a true, spiritual regeneration.

But still stronger, in proof that this sacramen-tal claim is set up in baptism, is the language we have set forth in the catechism. The child is there made to speak of himself as having been made in baptism "a member of Christ, child of Goo, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven." No softening exegesis can, to my mind, conceal this doctrine here. The child is, as we see, before baptism not a member of Christ, not a child of God, not an inheritor o the kingdom of heaven; now, by baptism, all this is instantaneously changed. A sinful intent becomes a "member of Carist;" a child of cor-rupt on and death becomes a "child of God;" a ald of condemnation and wrath is made an

"luberitor of the king iom of heaven."
But as if to preciude the possibility of otherwise understanding the position of the Church in this regard, the estechism proceeds, didacti-cally, to set forth the clum that the grass of sucrament is a constituent part, without which it would not be a sacrament. Thus, in answer it would not be a sacrament. Thus, in answer to the question, "How many parts are there in a sacrament?" it suswers: "Two—the outward visible sign and the inward spiritual grace." Then, in regard to baptism, in defining this inward spiritual grace, it says it is "a death unto sit at a new birth unto righteousness for being, by nature, corn in sin and children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace." This deaves us no observation as to the acception we say to receive. This "inward and spiritual grace" is a part of puntism. The

sacramental theory-the outward sign and the ; inward grace essentially coherent-is here fully

sustained. This authoritative teaching as to the efficacy This suthoritative teaching as to the efficacy of the sacrament is applied in the same way to the Lord's Supper. We are not left to infer it from a mere general declaration, but have it specifically asserted in the communion office in these words:—"Therefore, it is our duty to render most hearty and humble thanks to Almighty God, for that He hath given His Son, * * not only to die for us, but to be our spiritual food and sustenance in that holy sacrament." sacrament.

Here, I think, is authoritatively defined that the grace of this sacrament is the real presence of Christ himself in the outward elements.

Other points present themselves, over which I have thought, and felt, and prayed, that seem important to be mentioned in this connection; but I will not specify them.

Need I now ask, can I longer continue to hold, practically, what I believe to be claiming for

myself a priestly character in a sense that I know the Word of God does not sanction? And need I ask, can I longer perform offices that I believe pronounce and teach the sacramental theory that I have so long thought I was opposing? I cannot, in myself, suppress the answer. I am convinced that the honesty and simplicity of the Gospel, in which I should be clothed, forbids it; nor can I soothe my conscience on the subject. If I could think my ministry, in any position, would do harm instead of good, I would at once cease to exercise it. So, if in my present connection, I find it giving sid to error or propagating dogmas that can and do turn en from Christ to sacraments, from salvation by faith to a life in the ceremonials of religion,

cannot hesitate as to my course.

Such I conceive to be, in the light which now rests upon my heart and conscience, my situa-tion in relation to the Episcopal Church. And I must do yielence to my convictions if I go forward and give my co-operation in the propagation and upholding of errors so vital and so dangerous to the souls of men.

Trial of Rev. John P. Hubbard in Providence, R. I., for Alleged Violation of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church-Copy of the Presentatent, The Rev. John P. Hubbard is on trial before a jury of Presbyters, in Grace church chapel,

on a charge of violating the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Gharles H. Wheeler, President; Rev. R. B. Duane, Clerk. On Wednesday the letter of authority from

as follows:-I hereby certify that I have summoned the Rev-Mesara, R. B. Duane, C. H. Wheeler, J. P. White, S. E. Shaw, D. D. and H. H. Chace to act as a jury of five presbyters in the case of the Rev. John P. Hub-bard presented for trial by the Standing Committee, in accordance with Section 3, Ca. on 10, of the Dioc se of Khede Island.

Providence, B. I., Sept. 8, 1888.

After a hydrodynamic trial of the Committee of the

the Bishop to proceed with the trial was read,

After a brief discussion the presentment was read by the clerk to the respondent, as follows:— To the Right Rev. T. M. Clark, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

A PRESENTMENT OF THE REV. JOHN P. HUB-BARD, A PRESBYTER OF SAID DIOCESE. The Standing Committee of the Protestani Episcopai Church, in the discose of Ruode Island, present, that pursuant to canon 10 of said discose, complaint against the said the Rev. John P. Hubbard, hath been made to them in writing by two or more of the communicants of the Protestant Episcopai Church of said discose, one or more of said communicants have a cleryman of said communicants. being a clergyman of said church, charging to said Standing Committee that the said the Rev. John P. Hubbard hath violated the canons and constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and thath broken his ordination vows; and that the said Standing Committee geemed the said charges well founded, and do therefore present the said the Rev. John P. Hubbard for trial under the pro-visions of canon 10 of said diocese, upon the charges and specifications hereinafter set forth

charges and specifications defendate set forth as follows, viz:—

Charge I. Violation of Canon 2, section 1, title 1, of the "Digest of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," by which section of the said Canon it is provided that "No person shall be permitted to officiate in any congregation of this Church without first producing the evidence of his being a minister thereof to the said minister, or, in case of va-capcy or absence, to the church wardens, ves-try men, or trustees of the congregation."

Specification 1. In this, that the said Rev. J. F. Habbard, being duly settled in charge of Christ Church, in the town of Westerly, in the diocese of Rhode Island, as rector thereof, which said Christ Church is a church in full communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States in and for said diocese, did request and permit one Frederick Denison to officiate in the congregation of said Carlst Church on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1868, being Sexsgesima Sunday, without any evidence that the said Denison was a minister of said Protestant Enisconal Church and said Protestant Episcopal Church, and of said Protestant Episcopal Church, and the said Denison being well known to the said the Rev. J. P. Hubbard to be a person not ordained according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and not a lawful bishop, priest, or deacon in the said Church, and not suffered to execute any of the functions of either of said offices as is provided in the preface to the forms and manners of making, ordaining, and consecrating bishops, priests, and deacons according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established by the bishops, the ciergy, and the laity of said Church in General Convention in the month of Sep-

tember, A. D. 1792.

Specification 2 In this, that the said the Rev.
J. P. Hubbard, being a region of the Rev. J. P. Hubbard, being a rector of said Christ Church, and having charge thereof, did permit and request the said Denison at the time and place aforesaid, especially to pronounce the de-cismation of absolution as set forth in the manner and form prescribed as part of the forms and dectrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in the book of Common Prayer, thereby exercising one of the functions of the priestly office within said church; and the said Denison, with said know-ledge, consent, permission, and request of the saie the Rev. J. P. Hubbard, at said church, on said day, did declare and pronounce such abso-lution according to said forms, and did thus officials in the congregation of said church Church, and exercise and usurp the functions of a priest in said church, not being a minister thereof.

thereof.

Charge 2. Violation of article seven of the constitution of the Protestant Episcopul Church in the United States, which provides as follows, viz.:—"Nor shail any person be ordained until he shail have subscribed to the following declaration:—"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things accessary to salvation, and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States."

Specification I. In this, that the said Rev. J.

Hubbard, being rector of and in charge of d Christ church, did request and permit the d Denison, at the time and place aforesaid, to iciate in the congregation of said Christ church: the said Denison being weil known to the said the Rev. J. P. Hubbard as a person not ordained according to the forms and doctrines of the Profestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and not a lawful bishop, priest, or descon in said Church, and not suffered to execute any of the said functions as provided in the proface to 'the form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating bishops, priests, and descens," as aforesaid, and that the said the Rev. J. P. Hubbard did thereby not conform to the doctrines and worship of the Profession, Engagement (the United States testant Episcopal Church of the United States as aforesaid.

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Spain, as aforesaid.

Specification S. In this, that the said the Rev.
J. P. Hubbard, in his ordination as a priest of
the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States, according to the form and manand spiritual grace" is a part of captism. The | ner of ordaining priests established in the said | most influential churches are meditating the | leave the White Mountains.

church, having been asked the following ques-tion by the Bishop, viz:—"Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other chief ministers who, according to the canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?—did thereto reply I will do so, the Lord being my helper; and that the Right Rev. T. M. Clark, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the diocese of Rhode Island, did admonish, advise, and direct the said Rev. J. P. Hubbard not to permit the said Denison to officiate in the said Christ Church, as hereinbefore set fortly prior to and before the as hereinbefore set forth; prior to and before the said the Rev. J. P. Hubbard had as aforesaid permitted and directed the said Denison so to do; and that the said the Rev. J. P. Hubbard, in permitting and directing the said Denison thus to set, disregarded the admonition, advice and direction of his bishop, as aforesaid, and thereby alle not been his ordination your as aforesaid. did not keep his ordination vow, as aforesaid

HENRY WATERMAN,
S. A. CRANE,
DANIEL HENSHAW,
W. S. CHILD,
RESOLVED WATERMAN,
GEORGE LEWIS COOKE,

FRED, BURGESS.

Standing Committees of the diocese of Ruode Island.
The Chairman said that the copy of the presentment handed to him was duly certified.

Clerk—Rev. John P. Hubbard, do you plead
guilty or not guilty to the charges contained in

Rev. Mr. Hubbard-I plead not gullty. Chairman—The Court beg leave to say to the parties interested in this trial that the rules for the admission of evidence which will obtain will be those which obtain in the civil courts this State, unless overruled by the canons. Court would announce to the Standing C mittee that they are ready to proceed with the conduct of the case.

After some remarks between the Chair and counsel for respondent the court was adjourned until Tuesday, the 22d inst. The report that Rev. John Cotton Smith was retained for counsel for defense in this State is not confirmed.

-Tue Rev. Mr. Cracraft, whose withdrawal from the Protestant Episcopal Church we have octiced, was formerly a Methodist clergyman, coming from that ministry and communion into the Episcopal. One very remarkable feature in Mr. Cracratt's manifesto attracts attention and produces comment. It will be observed his objections to the Episcopal Church are founded upon what he deems false teaching in the Prayer Book. It seems strange that a man of Mr. Cracraft's years and experience should have just discovered these heresies. Had his reasons for leaving the Episcopal Church grown out of Ritualistic tendencies in that denomination, it might have afforded an excuse for his course that would not damage his consistency of character. As it stands, however, his defection will be attributed rather not to knowing his own mind. He will gain more of a reputation for vaciliation than anything else. - U.eveland

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

METHODIST.

- Dr. Pusey's letter to the Wesleyan Conference at Liverpool has been much commented upon by the British press. Dr. Pusey proposes two alternatives by which the advantages of Oxford and Cambridge may be secured to Methodists and other dissenters. 1. Subscription to the Nicene Creed in place of the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England. 2. The formation of new colleges out of the surplus funds of the old, which shall be open to dissenters. The Conference, after some dis decided to take no action in the matter. The Conference, after some discussion,

-Late news from the Methodist missions in India states that within two weeks in the month of December nearly a hundred persons made a public profession of Christianity. Nearly all of them came in by families. Many were persons of high caste; and what was more significant, several of them were women, and mothers of

-The Missionary Advocate says that the returns of the Annual Conferences which have reported since January 1, 1868, indicate an increase of missionary contributions of about thirteen per cent. over those of last year, but that an increase must be atlained of twenty-five er cent. in order to reach the amount of two years ago. —A State Methodist Convention for Massa-

chusetts is announced in Zion's Herald to be reld in Grace church, Boston, some time in the latter part of October. The Convention will occupy two days, and the programme, so far as published, is attractive.

EPISCOPAL

-The "Confraternity of the Blessed Sacra-ment," a branch of which has been established in America, has just issued a "Manual" in Engfand for the use of its members. It bears this imprint: Tondon: Privately printed for the Contraternity, by Joseph Masters," It reveals some of the funer workings of this really Popish society. The objects of the society are said to be two-fold-1. The honor due to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of His holy bedy and blood. 2. Mutual and special intercession at the time of and in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice. Members are 'recommended" at every celebration to perform one or more of the following acts:—Faith, adoration, spiritual communion, of thanksgiving, of repenfance, of intercession. Under the Act Adoration, we have the following prayer and litany: "I adore thee, O Lord my God! under these poor earthly elements, and pros-trate before thy Divine Majesty, I desire to honor thee with all the devotion of which I am capable, and that I may better honor thee, I unite myself with all thy saints and augels their more perfect adoration." In the act

Intercession, we find the very language of the Romish priest, without any attempt to disguise or change it. "O Almighty Father!" the priest is made to say, "I offer to thee this perpetuating acrifice;" and then occurs this address: - "Jesus the Lamb without spot, who, once sacrificed, art continually offered, yet art alive forever more; who art continually consumed, and yet remaineth perfect."
—It seems impossible to conceive of such a society existing in the very bosom of the Reformed Church of England.—Methodis.

-The report of the Episcopal Convention of Vermont shows \$9 parishes in that State, em-bracing 1668 amilies, and 2361 communicants,

The total or benevolent contributions last year -A convention of the Episcopal Church of the State of Missouri met recently, and elected the Rev. Charles F. Robertson, of Malone, New York, Bishop for the diocese of Missouri, St. Philip's Chierch.—The Rev. William Percy

Brown entered on his duties last Sunday as the successor of the Rev. C. D. Cooper, in the rectorship of St. Philip's Church. Mr. Brown grasuated with distinction at Kenyon College, in Ohio, in 1864; and in 1866 he completed his theological course in the Philadelphia Divinity School. For the last two years he has been ministering most acceptably in New York city.

Divinity School.—The opening exercises of the seventh year of the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will take place, D. V., on Thursday next, at 4 P. M., in the Church of the Saylour, Thirty-sighth street, near Chesnut.

An address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Clarico, Dean of the Faculty,
Alission House, This Institution, on Lancaster avenue, below Thurty-sixth affect, has been recovered with about twenty young men, preparing to serve in the foreign missionary field.

BAPTIST. -The Eaplists of Missouri are henceforth to co-operate in one State organization and com-bine in support of the one paper. Since the war closed, those who preferred to co-operate with the Northern societies, and those who have chosen to work with the Southern Convention have bad separate organizations, and the churches generally have been divided on the sume question. This is to be no longer. The Missouri Raptist Journal, published in Palmyra, and the Baptist Record, published in St. Louis, are to be combined in one paner, to be called the Central Baptist, to be tesued from St. Louis, under the joint editorship of brethren Luther assisted by brothren Kendrick and

J. M. C. Brenker. -The Christian Instructor says:- The First Baptist Church in this city have taken steps, we learn, to dispense with a choir, and return to simple general congregational singing in its wership of God. Some others of the largest and

same thing. Nor is this surprising if all we hear is true. In one church, it is said, over \$2000 are paid a year to keep up the choir, including, of course, the organist. In others, persons who are found on opers, and sometimes other stages, during the week, are engaged in the choir on the Sabath.

The Rev. Baron Stow, D. D., of Boston, Mass., recently received as a present from his former society an annuity policy for \$1000 per annum. The list of donors includes about sixty of the leading business men and merchants of

Boston.

The Rev. J. J. Lewis, pastor of the First Church in Syracuse, New York, accepts the Professorship of Rhetoric in Madison University, made vacant by the transfer of Professor Bebee to the chair of Church History.

The Rev. D. E. Burns, late of New Orleans, succeeds the Rev. A. B. Miller in the pastoral case of the First Bantist Church Memphis. care of the First Baptist Church, Memphis,

Tennessee.

The Rev. William M. Pratt, D. D., of Lexington, Kentucky, has accepted the call of the Fank Street Baptist Churrh, New Albany,

-The Rev. W. Codville, formerly a Methodist minister in Canada, was ordained and installed, last week, to the ministry in Calvary Baptist (hurch, in this city.

PHESBYTERIAN. The deputation of Synod sent to investigate the conduct of the Presbyterian congregation of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, have reported as the result of their inquiries that the people were not actuated by a contumacious spirit in procuring the questionable instrument; but that the organ was introduced "as a matter of necessity for conducting the p-almody in public worship in the very peculiar and exceptional state of the said congregation in not having any competent persons to lead or engage without such nid in the public singing," and so they let it remain; the more readily in that the people were renov to become Congregational if the leave was reinsed. Two years muo the Philadelphia yearly meeting of Friends consented, after much deliberation, that one of their influential members might retain and use in his family the legant plane which he had purchased. Before that, it was customary to 'read out of meeting'

any member who kept a plane. At a late meeting of the United Presbytery of Chillicothe, a paper was read from the pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, Ohio, setting forth their format with-drawal, by an almost unanimous vote, from the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. This step was taken, it was stated, in view of the recent decision of the United Presbyterian Church, in the matter of instrumental music in public worship, -Mr. James S. Depuis, a graduate of Princetop. New Jersey, who has for some time been supplying the pulpit of the Rev. Dr. Poor of

Newark, has just been appointed a missionary of the American Board, and will go out to Syria with Dr. Jessup in October. -A committee of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa organized a church at Carrothan, Alabama, a

few weeks since. Three ruling clders and two deacons were elected. Measures were taken for ecuring a house of worship at once, which, it is hoped, will soon be entered by the congregation.

The Rev. J. W. Bain, of Sidney, Ohio, it is

understood, will accept a call to the pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian church in Newcastle, Pa. (Rev. R. A. Browne, D. D., late paster), and will remove thither in October.

-The Rev. Henry Bushnell, lately of tolumbus, Obio, has gone to Oregon to take charge of collegiate institute established at Albany by

resbyterians, who hope that it will grow, ere long, to be their college in that State.

-The Rev. George F. Chapin has resigned

the pastorate of the New School Presbsterian church at Lawrence, Kansas, and will return to the East, on account of the ill health of his wife.

- The annual report of the American Congregational Union furnishes abundant evidence that this association is accomplishing a great work the advancement of common Caristianity It has, during the last year, done more than in any year preceding in assisting feeble churches to obtain places of wership. While the Home Mis-lonary Society is giving to the new churches partors, the Congregational Union is vigorously supplying these new churches with houses of worship. Grants of money have been past the past year to seventy churches, and pledged to thirty-eight more, white a long lister additional applicants was laid over to the beginning of the

-According to a statistical table of Congregational churches in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, there are 102 churches of our polity in e cominion of Canada, with a total memoership of 3682, 369 of these having been received during the past year; 219 by profession, 150 by letter 61 churches have pasters, 5 acting pasters, and 56 are vacant. There are 67 Sabbath-schools, with a total membership of 5848. The entire amount contributed during the past year

-The Rev. William A. Bartlett, of Brooklyn, New York, has been called to the pastorate of the Plymouth Church, Chicago, Illinois, the late pastor of which, the Rev. L. E. Matson, was his

-The Rev. Dr. Slowe has just received from some of his personal friends, most or whom were members of his former congregation, an anumity policy for \$1000 per annum in the Continental Life Insurance Company of New York.

PRESENTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONALIST. -The following table gives the relative membership of the Old School and New School Presbyterian and the Congregational denomipations in the more Northern States. England is omitted, as there are scarce a dozen Presbeterian churches in those States connected with these two branches of the order; and the Southern States are om tied, as Presbyterianism there is not yet reconstructed, and Congrega-

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out the Northwest, with the exception of Michi gan, the Old School are much stronger than the New School Presbyterians not withstanding Dr. Dailing's statements before the Albany Assembly. The table hardly represents the Congrega-tional strength fairly, as the figures are a year offi, while those of the Presbyterians are just usued. Thus the additions of last winter are not reperied in their case. So those churches which, like Dr. Holbrook's church of 560 members, at Homer, N. Y., have just "perfected their overnization," are not coumerated among the Concregational churches, although they belong

EFFORMED.

-The Rev. C D Buck, pastor of the Reformed Church, Peckshill, New York, has been invited o become pastor of the Refermed Church at -On Tuesday afternoon, August 25, the cor-

ner-stone of the new Reference Caurch at Port Jervis, New York, was laid with appropriate EUTIFEBAN. -The Rev. J. F. Wilken, having resigned the

Professorship of the German Language and Aferature in Pennsylvania College, has accepted

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