

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Pastoral Calls. A Brooklyn letter says:—A minister of one of our city churches said last Sabbath in giving out his notices:—"When I ring at a door this week, and ask to see a certain member of the family, I wish to see that person alone; if I desire to see any other of the family, I will send for you." How many times have pastors been unable to converse privately upon the subject of religion with a single member of a family because some foolish person would insist upon remaining in the room! Such a notice as the above, given kindly, is not likely to give offense to any one.

A Missionary Mark. A poor slave girl loved Jesus, and she loved Him so that she wanted to help to send the Gospel to tell the poor heathen about this Jesus, who loved and died for them as well as for her. "What can I do?" she asked; not "What can you do," a poor slave girl, who has nothing to call my own, do?" as if she could do nothing; but "What can I do?" showing that a real hearty will can possibly find a way. Before getting to her cabin, the way was found. She had a few chickens which she called her own. Taking one of the finest and fattest of her flock, she tied a piece of red flannel to its leg, and gave it to the Lord.

"Slavery," she said to the chicken, "dis is de missionary mark. Now you's a missionary chicken, 'member dat. All of your eggs, dey's missionary. All of your pullets, dey's missionary too. No go 'bout your business."

Children, put a missionary mark on your hearts, and see how many of them you can give up, in order to help the destitute ones who are crying for the bread of life.—Chloe's Paper.

One Hope. "Whoever believeth in Christ shall have eternal life. All who belong to the 'One Body,' and who are called by the 'One Spirit,' hope then for the same perfect sanctity, the same undisturbed rest, and the same unalloyed happiness throughout eternity. On the ground of the same great work, that which was finished on Calvary, they all hope for the same blessed and glorious immortality. It is true that hope, the same hope, for earthly things has not always, perhaps it would be correct to say not generally, a tendency to unite its subjects. But the reason is that the things hoped for are limited in value. In proportion as they are divided their worth necessarily diminishes. It is not with the objects of Christian hope. Whilst all men enjoy the light of the sun, every individual may have as much of it as if it shone in the heavens for himself alone. How much more is this remark applicable to the Sun of righteousness, who is the light of the heavenly world, the source of all its joy!

There is force, great force, in the argument under consideration. How can those be forever wise than united who expect soon and forever to dwell in the same heaven? "What, you here?" we can imagine one saint in light saying to another. "You, whom I suspected, talked, and wrote against, felt unkindly towards, separated from and refused to pray, or labor, or commune with in yonder world!" Let Christians act now as ten thousand ages hence they shall wish that they had done. Let not those fall out by the way who are soon to be in the land where they shall have nothing to hear with, the one from the other.—Church Union.

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

PRESBYTERIAN. —The Rev. Robert Court, late of the Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, is now pastor of the most western church in Iowa City Presbytery, Malcolm, near Grinnell. —H. M. Schieffelin, Esq. of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorkers, N. Y., who for several years sent an annual contribution of five hundred dollars to the Disabled Ministers Relief Fund, has recently crowned his liberal gifts with the magnificent sum of eight thousand two hundred dollars toward the Permanent Fund. —Since the Week of Prayer, the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Illinois, has enjoyed a peculiar revival. Thirty have been added recently. Seventy-six have been added in a year and a half, and about half of these on profession of faith, many of them heads of families.

The Allen Street Presbyterian Church, in New York city, has received eighty additional to its communion within the last ten months. The late communion season was one of even unusual interest for this spiritually prospered flock. The great body of communicants were deeply moved by the Rev. Dr. Newell, the pastor, called the names of fifty persons who had been received by the session of the church. —Bellevue Female Seminary, near Louisville, Kentucky, was entirely consumed by fire on Friday morning, April 1st. The building was built up and sustained by its efficient principal and proprietor, the Rev. W. Hill, D. D. It was conducted with great success, and its destruction is a calamity to the whole community and to the Presbyterian Church of the States.

The friends of the North Tenth Street Presbyterian Church, below Grand avenue, of which the Rev. Matthew Newark is pastor, will be pleased to learn that its membership is rapidly increasing, and that its recent prosperity has enabled the trustees to have it unholstered throughout, to purchase a new organ, and make other improvements. It is now one of the most comfortable and beautiful churches in the city. —The West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Dr. Willis), is making a vigorous attempt to free itself of the burdensome debt which has rested upon it for a long time. To effect this, the interest and efforts of the members have been enlisted, and we understand a good portion of the sum necessary has been already secured. We hope that complete success will crown this movement, and that this church will be set free to do the work which, from its importance and position, it may readily accomplish.

The Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sidney, Virginia, has secured, as the result of the late visit of Rev. Dr. Smith to the Brick Church, in New York, the sum of \$8000. A correspondent of the Presbyterian calls attention to the fact that the General Assembly of 1897 elected that churches should report to their Presbyteries, and do the latter to the General Assembly, the number of un baptized children within their bounds, and compare that out of 14 Presbyteries only five reported.

The Rev. S. S. Balton has presented to the Presbytery of Le Clair, Pa. (United Presbyterian), the following paper:—"Having failed in the repeated effort to remedy the deplorable condition of some of my people, I am driven to the necessity of retiring from the field, as to me unprofitable. I therefore tender to Presbytery my charge of Le Clair Presbytery, and I solemnly declare in favor of maintaining the principles of the Church on the subject of proslavery doctrine."

A majority of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Hermon, Pa., has joined the Old School Presbyterian, because of the action of the Synod in the case of George H. Stuart. The authority held by the Synod is "suffer wrong rather than to go to law before unbelievers," although they had paid all \$100 of the expense of the old church, they resolved, though in the midst of winter to build new worshiped that in a fortnight they would worship

in their new church. And they did it! The first day they hauled logs to the mill, the next day they sawed the boards, and by the second Sabbath they were sitting in their new church with the seats and stoves put up, listening to a dedication sermon from Dr. Junkin, of New Castle, on the text, "The people had a mind to work."—Independent.]

RAPPORT. —At Columbus Grove, Ohio, a church was recognized March 11. —A church was recently recognized at New Richmond, St. Croix county, Wisconsin. —A church was recognized at Waterford, Mich., on March 15. They expect to build shortly. —The Baptist church at Colchester, Vt., was publicly recognized on the 17th ult. Rev. G. S. Chase is the pastor. —A church was recognized at Mount Olive, Ind., Feb. 29. It was called the Olive Branch Baptist Church.

At a late meeting of twenty-four Baptist ministers in this city it was found that thirteen—more than one-half—had been "sprinkled" in infancy. —The Baptist Annual shows in New York State 820 churches, 781 ordained and licensed preachers, 491 baptisms last year, and 96,703 members. —The Rev. R. Furman, D. D., after a visit to Charleston, reports the interests of the Baptist church in that city as in an encouraging and hopeful state.

The Evangel for February 3 gives a list of forty-six Baptist churches in California, with a total membership of 5601; also, a list of thirty-three Baptist churches in Oregon, with a total membership of 1481. —A Massachusetts correspondent says:—"The good work of revival goes on in many parts of the State. God is graciously hearing and wonderfully blessing the prayers and petitions of the people. At the last pastoral conference in Boston a very large number of baptisms were reported. The work is evidently deepening and widening, and we hope it will go on all through the coming summer. It is thought to gather such impetus now as will carry us over the hot sand bar, and not leave us high and dry when the July tides run out." —Rev. W. C. Van Meter writes from Macon (Ga.) Dr. Blackall, St. Louis, under date of March 10:—"No language can describe the interesting tour I am having among the prisons, reformatories, orphanages, and with the earnest Christian workers through this desolate but inviting country. I am here as the messenger of the Gospel, and I am glad to be present to the earnest Sunday School and other Christian workers in the South, earnest assurances of fraternal regard, and to ascertain in what way the brethren of the North, through the society, can aid them in the great work which God has committed to them. The cordiality with which I am received everywhere, by white and black, those who were in the Rebellion and those who were against it, is most cheering. Without hesitation I go to the most prominent of all parties, speak frankly, and make known the object of my tour. How inviting is the harvest here, and how cordially will prudent, earnest, independent workers be welcomed!"

EPISCOPAL. —An American Episcopalian named James Crystals has been baptized into the Greek and Latin will go back to New York as a missionary. —Rev. Marshall B. Smith, lately an editor of the Protestant Character, has sent a letter to Bishop Odenheimer, of New Jersey, withdrawing from the Episcopal church. His reasons for leaving are the example of Mr. Cracraft, as found in his belief that the Frayer-book is not thoroughly Protestant. He says:—"The baptismal, communion, and other offices of our Church are more in harmony with the views of the High Churchmen than the views which I have always conscientiously held. 'Priest,' 'altar,' and 'sacifice' stand forth throughout, either in the letter or in the spirit of the liturgy and service-book. As a true Protestant, and by no means a heretic, I can no longer give to the present Book of Common Prayer, containing as it does germs of Romanism, my hearty endorsement, or honestly use certain expressions which it contains."

The action of the Protestant Convention he regards as un-Protestant; and, as he does not wish to violate ecclesiastical law, and recognizes the legal right of his Church to make and enforce unchristian canons, he feels compelled as a matter of conscience to withdraw. "I love the mode of worship of our Church, and could never leave it did I see any possibility of a revision of its offices, the suppression of a Polish and other corrupt practices, and a just guaranty to the subject clergy; but I have ceased to hope for such result. To leave a Church endeared to me by so many precious memories and associations of private and pastoral life is no easy matter, and involves solemn responsibility, but duty to an honest sense of duty and the obligations of conscience compel the sacrifice. I assure none who differ from me or who may misconstrue my motives; to Christ I judge they and I are alone accountable, therefore withdraw, and leave the example of Mr. Cracraft as found in the minority of the particular Church known as 'The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.'"

He thoughtfully adds a request that the notice of his departure may be accompanied by the statement that it was at his own request, and for reasons not affecting his moral character. Does this mean that the effort to found a separate evangelical church is hopeless, or are such cases as his and Mr. Cracraft's the first steps of a shower?—Independent.

CONGREGATIONAL. —The First and Second Congregational Churches in Quincy, Iowa, have united. These churches were located near each other, but they expect soon to organize in the suburbs of Quincy a new church. —Plans are already devised for rebuilding the Union Park Congregational Church, Chicago, Illinois. The South Congregational Church has commenced the erection of their new edifice at the corner of Indiana avenue and Twenty-sixth street. —The society of which the Rev. Dr. Wolcott is pastor at Cleveland, Ohio, have purchased a site for a new church at a cost of \$15,500. The location is "up town," and every way desirable. The church on University Heights, having completed their new sanctuary, have extended a cordial invitation to the Rev. T. K. Noble, of Louisville, Ky.

METHODIST. —The Methodists have organized a colored conference in Kentucky, at the request of the Rev. C. L. Street M. E. Church, Chicago. It is a business book on a corner. The two lower stories are for \$92,000; the two upper stories are used for church purposes. —A New Orleans Church Extension Association has been organized, and will purchase of lots eligible for churches and parsonages, and for the erection of church buildings on them, has been formed. —The question of lay delegation is to be voted on June 1 by the entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, male and female, above the age of twenty years. The progress of sentiment in that church on this subject has been most marked. In 1896 Rev. D. B. Dorsey was elected from the Baltimore conference for the position of lay delegate to the General Conference of 1898, when the expansion was combated. This resulted in the secession of the "Methodist Protestant Church" which, with its offshoot, the "Methodist Church" now numbering 122,000 members. In 1890 General Conference said:—"We should prove recalcitrant to the treat committed to us were we in the slightest degree to yield to the spirit of innovation." In 1892 the General Conference applied to the Synod to increase membership in the proposed changes, and that it was "inexpedient to alter the economy of the Church." In the same year the Philadelphia Christian Advocate was started in the interest of lay representation. Action was taken to vote to approve the introduction of lay representation "when it shall be ascertained that the Church desires it." That conference provided for a general vote on the subject in 1894, but the vote was cast by the Synod, and a "light vote" was cast, and the plan was rejected by a vote of nearly two to one of both

clergy and laity. In 1890 the Methodist was started in New York in furtherance of the movement, and its influence, and that of Zion's Church, in Boston, has been steadily felt in favor of the "popular movement." Last summer the General Conference received numerous petitions in favor of the measure, and finally matured a plan by which laymen might take a share in the councils and government of the Church, and voted to refer it to the membership for their adoption or rejection. In order for it to be finally adopted, it will be necessary for a majority of the members to vote in its favor, also three-fourths of the members of the General Conference to support it. It can be consummated by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference of 1892. Although this seems like a long process, with many chances of failure, the measure is so strongly supported by the official Advocates ventures to oppose it; some of them cover it, and the unofficial Methodist press is strongly committed to it. The Southern Methodists have already adopted it, and propose to do so at their next conference. Not one of the far had the entire management of the Church, and have done it well. It remains to be seen whether it will now be done any better.—Independent.

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SALE BY ORDER OF HEIRS.—ESTATE OF ANN CORRELL, deceased.—THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers.—On Tuesday, April 4, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, the following described properties, viz:—No. 1—Three-story brick dwelling, No. 1016 Olive street, west of Tenth street. All that lot of ground, with the three-story brick building thereon erected, situated on the west side of Olive street, between Tenth and Fourteenth streets, containing in front a lot of ground, 57 feet wide, and in depth 57 feet 3/4 inches. Subject to an irredeemable yearly ground-rent of \$60. —No. 2—Gentle three-story brick store and dwelling, No. 418 North Tenth street. All that lot of ground, with the three-story brick building thereon erected, situated on the west side of Tenth street, 83 feet wide, and in depth 125 feet, and extending in depth westward to the width between lines parallel with Columbia avenue 116 feet to Fawn street, and extending in depth 125 feet to Fawn street, and extending in depth 125 feet to Fawn street. Clear of all incumbrances. 327 43 10 Nos. 139 and 141 S. FOURTH ST.

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