OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

A Sweet Temper. A gendeman reports that he once found Mr. Wilberforce in the greatest agitation, looking for a despatch which he had mislaid; one of the royal family was waiting for it—he had delayed he search until the last moment—he seemed at length quite vexed and flurried. At this unucky instant a disturbance in the nursery overhead occurred. My friend, who was with him. said to himself, "Now, for once, Wilberforce's temper will give away." He had hardly thought thus, when Wilberforce turned to him and said, What a blessing it is to have those dear little children! Only think what a relief, amid all other hurries, to hear their voices and know they are

The Dying Thief.

Do not misuse the example of the dying thief. Now is the accepted time: do not put it off till to-morrow. Putting it off till to-morrow is resolving to serve the Devil to-day. If there s one here who says, "I will repent to-morrow." he means to say, "I will serve the Devil today." It is awful for a person to resolve to be religious in a certain time to come; for that is deliberately saying he will serve sin till then. Now is the accepted time. Here is a man in a dungeon. "Escape there is the door aiar: it only wants a little touch, and you can escape." "No: I'll wait till to-When he looks, some one has morrow," some and put a stone against the door. "Escape now." "No; I will wait till to-morrow." There is a second block, and to-morrow there s a third block, and so on until the door is fastened up and he cannot get out. Here is a nan in chains. "Break those chains." "No; I will wait till to-morrow." He is diseased, and gets weaker and weaker every day, and each lay an enemy comes and rivets those chains faster, and yet he says:-"It will be easier tomorrow." But when to-morrow comes he is weaker, and those chains are on tighter than ever.-Newman Hall.

The People of Sorrow.

All Jews have not the same cast of features. We can distinguish two types, the extreme of the one being of exceeding, almost ideal, beauty -pensive, sad, spiritual, and noble; that of the other being almost equally repugnant, and culminating in what we might almost term a Judas expression. Between these two extremes, of course, every variety and modification of beauty and ugliness are to be found. In general, the hair is either black or red, the nose peculiarly formed, the lips slightly swelling, the chin prominent, the color pale, the stature small-an air of dreamy sadness pervading the face, as if the ploughshare of sorrows had graven on the nation its furrows long and deep. As their past history, so their present continu-

ance is a mystery, which we firmly believe can only be solved by a reference to their future destiny. Israel has been and will continue a peculiar people. Even in their dispersion the prophetic utterance concerning them still holds rue: "Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."-Sunday Magazine.

Church Accommodation in the United States According to Wilson's Presbyterian Historical Almanac, in 1860, with a population of 31,443,321, there were in this country 54,009 churches, dis

tributed as follows	\$		
Methodist1	9,883	Dutch Reformed	440
Baptist	2,150	Unitarian	264
Presbyterian	6,406	Jewish	77
Roman Catholic	2,550	Adventist	70
Congregational	2,234	Swedenborgian	58
Episcopal	2,145	Moravian	49
Lutheran	2.128	Spiritualist	17
Christian	2,068	Shaker	12
Union		Minor Sects	26
Friends	726		
German Reformed	676	Total54	,009
Universalist	664		
Those churches	cost	\$171 398 532, and c	bluo

rive seats to 19,126,751 persons; population in United States over fifteen years old, 18,709,305; the average cost of each church, \$3173.

CITY RELIGIOUS NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE. -An important event in the annals of Philadelphia Sunday Schools will take place during the coming week. A Sunday School Institute will be held by the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, in the Bethany Sabbath School Hall, Twenty-second and Shippen streets. Beginning on Sunday evening, April 18, at 8 o'clock, and continuing Monday, April 19: Tuesday, April 20; Wednesday, April 21; and Thursday, April 22. Afternoons at 3 o'clock and evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. Messrs. Eggleston, of Chicago; Vincent, of New York; Trumbull, of Hartford; and other leading Sunday School men will take part. Everybody is invited. All other services in the various churches on those evenings will doubtess be suspended, and a grand rally at the Be-

—A Sunday School Institute was held on Tuesday and Wednesday last in connection with the West Jersey Baptist Association. It was conducted very ably by that earnest Sunday School advocate, Rev. G. A. Peltz. The questions of the Relations of the Family and the Sunday School, Improvement of Teachers, the Church and the Bible School, Mission Schools, Uniform Lessons, etc., were discussed, and a valuable essay on sing-ing was read by J. M. Evans, Esq. The occa-sion was one of great interest throughout, and the Camden Sunday School teachers were greatly encouraged by the presence of their Philadelphia

-A splendid marble tablet has been erected in Wharton Street Church to the memory of Mrs. Mary Cornell, one of its original founders, and on the occasion of its erection in the vestibule wall, impressive services took place, participated In by Rev. Messrs. Hamner, Snyder, and Barnes.

—Dr. Newton will preach a sermon in behalf
of the Tract and Mission Society, in the Buttonvood Street Presbyterian Church, to-morrow

night. The Central Presbytery of Philadelphia meet at the mission rooms on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, and the Board of Publication at their

rooms on Tuesday afternoon.

—Rev. William Blackwood, D. D., and Rev. B. McCorkell, represent the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the General Assembly.

—The subject of opening a correspondence with the General Assembly of the Southern Pres-

byterian Church is being agitated,

The Commission of the Synod of Philadel phia will meet at Mifflinsburg, Pa., on the 27th instant. -An ordination will take place in the Central

Church on Monday night. -Seventy-one persons were received into the

membership of Green Hill Church last Sunday, 51 by profession and 20 by letter. Seventy-three persons have been added to

the Alexander Church during the past year.

The Westminster Church has been relieved of its pecuniary burdens.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL,

-Bishop Stevens will officiate to-morrow norning in the Church of the Atonement, and n the evening in the Church of the Covenant. The Old Church of St. Bartholomew, at Eighth and York streets, now St. Edward's atholic Church, will, it is thought, by a late deision of the Supreme Court, again come into the possession of the Episcopalians.

An important adjourned meeting will be held on Monday next, by the clergy, as to the best method of conducting city missions.

BAPTIST. -The rumor of the disbandment of Enon Church in this city is without the least founda-tion. Rev. William Hanna, of Madison Univer-feature. The organ suddenly stopped in the

sity, New York, supplies the pulpit during the

month of April.

Several thousand persons witnessed seven baptisms in the open air on Sunday last at Frankford, by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Coulston.

—Rev. Mr. Perry is making commendable spiritual advancement at the Mariner's Charch

of this city,

Rev. G. A. Peltz and Rev. William Cathcart were present at the recent recognition of a new church at-Herbleton.

LUTHERAN.

St. Andrew's Lutheran congregation have broken ground, and begun the erection of their church, on the southwest corner of Broad and Arch streets. The building will be of the Henderson marble, in the Gothic style of architecture, with a fine tower on the corner. The church, under the pastoral care of Dr. Stork, is in a flourishing condition. Twenty-four persons were added to it a few Sabbaths since confirmation and certificate. This immediate vicinity will be adorned with three beautiful churches and the magnificent Masonic Temple.

GERMAN REPORMED. -On Sunday last the communion of the Lord's Supper was administered in Trinity Reformed Church, Rev. D. E. Klopp pastor. Eleven per-sons were added to the church, six by confirmation and five by certificate. The increase for the year has been thirty-nine, and the communion was the largest had by the church since its or-

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

—Rev. John Thompson, late pastor of St Stephen's Church, Germantown, has been transferred to Frankford, and not Bridesburg, as currently reported.

The committee of the Philadelphia Conference, to whom was referred all communica-tions touching the subject of "lay delegation," have reported a series of resolutions approving the action of the last General Conference on the

CATHOLIC.

-The Forty Hours Devotion will commence in St. Edward's Catholic Church to-morrow morning. -The new organ of St. Malachy's Church, Rev. John Kelly, pastor, will be a splendid affair, having three banks of keys, two octaves

of pedals, and some forty-one stops.

—A grand concert is to be given at the Academy of Music on the evening of the 29th inst., under the direction of Mr. T. E. Harkins, in aid of the Catholic Churches of Holy Trinity. St. Bonifacius, and St. Alphonsus. One will also be given at Concert Hall on the 20th of May, for St. Joseph's new church, Seventeenth and Stiles streets. Preparations of an unusually fine character are being made for each of them.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

METHODIST.

-Methodism in Cincinnati has advanced in membership less than two hundred in the last fifteen years. -A presiding elder said in a conference at

Lowell that the salaries of Methodist ministers in Massachusetts averaged \$1000 a year. —In 1862 the Methodist Episcopal Church had in the States of Missouri and Arkansas about 2500 members; now the membership is 29,949.

Of this number the St. Louis Conference has 17,088 and the Missouri Conference 12,861. —Clarke Durant, Esq., of New York, has given the Methodist church of Pittsfield, Mass., \$8000 as a fund for the aid of students preparing for the ministry. Quite a number of young men

among the recent converts are looking forward to the ministry.

—Boston University (Methodist) has applied for a charter. Its friends are exceedingly hopeful. One gentleman, previously unknown to the officers, has announced to them that he has put down the Boston Theological Seminary in his

will for \$40,000. —It is estimated that the rental of the Methodist Church Block, Chicago, the property of the Clark Street Methodist Episcopal Society, will amount the ensuing year to \$32,000. This income, after defraying expenses, is used for

church extension purposes within the city.

—Mrs. Mary Crowther, who died March 15, in Manchester, England, in her ninety-sixth year, was the oldest Wesleyan Methodist, having joined the Methodist society in Bristol, and received her ticket of membership from Wesle himself, in 1700. She was an exemplary and successful class-leader till she was past ninety.

-Our readers will remember that a Methodist church in San Jose, California, was lately burned down, because the Chinese were instructed in its Sunday School. Since then the superintendent has been obliged to keep a watch against incendiaries over his house and barn. A recent attempt to set it on fire was thus foiled. The

bitterness against the Chinese is still great.

—The Rev. Charles Palmer, pastor of the
Stone River charge, New York Conference, in a note in connection with a revival notice, writes thus:—'Mrs. Maggie Van Cott is a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was recommended by a class of over two hundred members, and the Quarteriy Conference voted her a license unanimously. The Rev. A. H. Ferguson, our presiding elder, gave her a preacher's license. She commands universal respect.

—As nearly all the modifications of American Methodism, such as foreign missions, church papers, and college education, have originated in Massachusetts, we are interested to see the pro-gressive action of the late New England Confe-It advised the formation of young people's societies in the churches, looking towards a union of such societies all over the land; it approved the new Boston University movement, and the raising of \$120,000 for the Boston Theo-logical Seminary, and plenged itself to aid Claffin University, to be founded in Camden, 8. C. But perhaps the most significant movement was that to reserve a portion of the mis-sionary contributions for the home work. It would doubtless have carried, but Bishop Thompson stoutly refused to put the vote, and insisted on the regular methods. It was evident that unless more is done by the parent board to meet the needs of church extension in the conference. an independent local society will be formed, even though it seem a rebellion against the thorough discipline which prevails in that Church.-Independent.

EPISCOPAL -Trinity Church, New York city, has an in-come of \$800,000 per annum. It proposes to spend \$400,000 on the enlargement of Trinity

Church, at the head of Wall street. -Hobart College has the names of sixty-five students on its catalogue. Of these, thirty-five are communicants, and seventeen are looking forward to entering the Episcopal

—St. Clement's Church, of this city, has called a rich rector at a nominal salary of \$1000, and will devote all the rest of its resources to do the Devil's work of ritualism in his most artistic and novel style.—Independent.

-A convention of such of the laity and clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church as do not subscribe to the ritualistic tendencies of the Bishop of the Chicago Diocese and his coworkers, has been fixed for the 17th of June, in

Chleago.

The Episcopalian has learned that there exists in Nassau street, New York, "a regularly organized literary bureau, which professes to provide elergymen with sermons, from any texts themselves may designate, on very moderate terms,

-The new diocese of Albany, New York, embraces the nineteen countles lying north of Columbia, Greene, and Delaware, and west of Otsego, Herkimer, and St. Lawrence, and has one hundred and seven parishes. The number of clergy is seventy-eight.

The Evangelicals (England), and others not

so pronounced, are said to have lay readers—a new order of evangelists. Thus the Bishop of Ely recently had a special service on the occasion of three readers being thus authorized to go forth. To each he gave a Bible, and authorized him to read the appointed lessons in the parish church, and such portions of the morning and evening service in the Book of Common Prayer, and to explain some portion of Holy Scripture, or to read such godly homily or discourse as the incumbent may approve.

The afternoon service at Christ Church, New

middle of a hymn, and not another note was heard from it during the service. It seems the organist had taken offense at something done by one of the officiating clergymen, and in disgust left the church. The effect of such a proceeding upon the crowded congregation, especially in service which requires the organ constantly, may, perhaps, be better imagined than described. HAPTIST.

—On the 31st ult., the corner-stone of a new building was laid for the Second Baptist Church of Williamsburg.

The Church in Taunton, Mass., has just raised \$13,000 to remove its debt, and \$2000 more for repairs and a bell.

Rev. Dr. Patton, of the Tabernacle Church,

Utica, N. Y., has received leave of absence during the coming summer. He will leave about the first of May for a tour of Great Britain and the continent. The Rev. W. C. Van Meter has resigned his

charge of the Howard Mission, New York, and publishes a eard, intimating that it grows out of persecution of him as a Baptist. However, the Board of Directors have elected another Baptist

to take his place.

—Sixty-eight received the hand of fellowship at Carrellton, Himois, on Sabbath, March 28.

"The oldest members of our church," writes the pastor, "say it was the most memorable occa-sion in its history," Seventy-four have been re-ceived since the year commenced, and it is hoped that there are still many to be gathered in.

The Baptist women of New York city have
put their hands to a work that must receive the warmest sympathy of all hearts. It is to establish, in some suitable location easy of access from the city, and at a cost of not less than \$100,000, a home for such aged and infirm mem-bers of Baptist churches as have no means of

support. We learn from the Christian Secretary that Rev. Dr. Turnbull preached his last discourse as pastor of the First Church, Hartford, Conn., on Sunday morning, April 4. He baptized two candidates on the same occasion, and in the after-noon, after the communion, he addressed some words of counsel to the church, in the course of which he stated that 958 had been received to membership during his twenty-four years' pastorate. On the preceding Thursday his residence was visited by members of the church and congregation, and Mrs. Turnbull was presented with

a purse of \$200 by the ladies.

The Trinity Baptist Church, New York (Rev. J. S. Holme, D. D.), are looking about for lots on which to creet a house. The church, at present, worship in a hall. They occupy a vast field otherwise destitute of Baptist influ-The first duty of New York Baptists is to furnish Trinity Church with a permanent home.
(A Holme they already have, and we hope he will be permanent for years.) But land costs in New York. Prices are fancy and astounding, and there must be hard lifting and solid giving

ere so desirable an end is accomplished.

—The First Church, New York (Rev. T. D. Anderson, D. D.) are in that unhappy chrysalis state consequent always upon an up-town move-ment. They are erecting a beautiful chapel, which they hope to occupy about the first of June. The whole edifice, when completed, will be one of the finest Baptist meeting-houses in the country. It is designed with special reference to the pulpit and baptistery, as every Baptist church ought to be designed. The baptistery will be of white marble, and have half the front made of plate glass, so that the ordinance itself, and not merely the standing in water of the cau-didate and administrator, can be seen.

PRESETTERIAN.

—The Cumberland Presbyterians North and South have reunited. They had before the war 588 ministers and 48,000 members. Their church edifices number 800, furnishing accommodations for 262,978.

-Wabash College has been left \$10,000 by the wards Conege has been left \$10,000 by the late Mrs. Jane Turner, of Rising Sun, Indiana, formerly of Cincinnati. Her husband is a wealthy Englishman, who is laboring abroad for the conversion of the heathen.

—The Southwestern Presbyterian says:—"In

many of our churches in the Southwest they are keeping up Sabbath service by means of a faith-ful eldership. These brethren, in the absence of a pastor, assemble the congregations, and read sermons and conduct devotions.' -The Rev. G. A. Caldwell, pastor of the

enn save th tion and the entire community have enjoyed a remarkable outpouring of the Spirit of God. During the last six weeks about seventy persons have been added to the Bristol Church on profession of their faith in Christ,

—Till last November the New School Presby-

terians were doing as a church nothing for freedmen. Then six brethren were sent to South Carolina, and 70 teachers have since been commissioned. Presbyteries will soon be organized in South Carolina and Tennessee. The committhe needs \$10,000 immediately.

-The Rev. H. J. Coe, for fourteen years the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, having retired from office, the Rev. H. R. Wilson, D. D., has been unanimously chosen to act in his place. All communications on the subject of church extension are in future to be addressed to him, Post Office box 2773, St. Louis, Missouri.

The Western Presbyterian says: health of Dr. R. J. Breckinridge has not been so critical as the anxiety of his friends led them to apprehend. He is now much improved, and expects to be able to attend upon the duties of his Professorship in the Seminary (Danville, Ky.) at the opening of the session on the first of next month.

—Last Sabbath week was communion in the Central Church of Rochester, New York. Fiftytwo were added to its membership by profession. and eleven by letter—sixty-three in all. It will be remembered that only one year ago this church dismissed eighty-two members at one time to form the Westminster Church. But the additions since made have restored its numbers to what they were, seven hundred strong.

The Park Church, of Hartford, Conn., has sucd W. N. Matson for \$1000 subscribed by him to assist in building the church. The lower Court has decided in favor of the church, but an appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court. Were it not for 1st Cor. vi. 7, we should recommend the precedent to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago, to which Cyrus McCermick refuses to pay \$25,000 promised in

h's bend .- Independent. -Sunday, the 4th instant, was a solemn and interesting day at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Utica, New York. It was their communion season. And the communicants were deeply affected as the Rev. Dr. Fisher, the pastor read off the names of fifty-five persons who had been received by the session of the church. Forty-six of the number united on their faith in Christ. Several of them were heads of families, but a large majority of them were youth connected with the Sunday-school whose ages ranged from twelve to nineteer

The Presbyterian Church in Maysville, Kentucky, have erected a handsome house of worship for their use in a part of the town know as East Maysville. It is about sixty-eight feet in length and thirty-four wide, and cost \$6500. It was dedicated on the 21st of March, the Rev. Mr. Worrall, of Covington, Kentucky, preaching the sermon, The church in Maysville is divided, part adhering to the Assembly, and part going with the Declaration and Testimony Synod. Each party occupies the old and new church buildings on alternate Sabbaths, and so unseemly strife is happily avoided.

—A new and spacious church bullding is about to be erected by the Second Presbyterian Church at St. Louis, Missouri (Rev. Dr. Niccolls'). A chapel is already completed, and has been in use for some time. The corner-stone of the new church building was laid on March 23, and it is expected that it will be finished in about two years from the present time. It is to be a Gothic structure, and will cost, it is estimated, about \$150,000. The congregation is large, and abundantly able to rear a large and beautiful church for the service of God. CATHOLIC.

The Roman correspondent of the Pittsburg Catholic says that Pius IX enjoys the best of health, all rimors to the contrary notwithstand-

such cost.

-The Monitor, a Roman Catholic paper of San Francisco, says there are 50 Catholics among the Chinese of that city, and that some of them had been educated in the Catholic seminaries of China, and are well acquainted with Latin and speak it with some fluency. A late missionary at Hong Kong has been appointed to look after their spiritual wants,

—A circular from the Cardinal Prefect of the

Propaganda has been sent to the Bishops of the Latin Rite, defining what vestments, etc., they are to take with them to Rome at the approaching Conneil. 1. Episcopal vestments of the form prescribed in the Roman ceremonial, and a black biretta; 2. A cappa; 3. An amice and three copes, white, red, and violet, which, however, are not to be embroidered with gold or silver, nor worked with a needle; 4. A mitre of white

—The English Benedictines have lately lost a very useful and valuable member of their body, in the person of the Rev. F. Joseph Hewitt, who died at his mission of Wooten on the 11th of March. He was a convert, and went to St. Gregory's Downside, in the year 1839, at the age of 26, to enter the religious state and prepare for the priesthood. He was professed in 1841, ad-mitted to the priesthood in September, 1846, and

soon after went upon the mission.

—The Paris Univers tells us that the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna, the Cardinal Archbishop of Prague, the Archbishop of Saltzburg and Olmutz, the Bishops of Linz, Saint Polten, Brixen, and Seckan, are now at Vienna, holding a conference at the archiepiscopal palace as to the course to be pursued with regard to certain acts of the Government which affect the marriage

laws and schools. -We learn from the Unita Cattolica that a supplication has been addressed to the liely Father that he would deign, on the occasion of Father that he would deign, on the occasion of his Solemn Jubilee, to open to the faithful the treasure of Indulgences. A letter from his Eminence Cardinal Joseph Berardi to that journal announces that his Holiness, desirous to encourage such an opportunity of united prayer, has ordered the publication of a brief throughout the whole Catholic universe, in which the successor of St. Peter grants to all the faithful a planary indulgence, on condition that they pray plenary indulgence, on condition that they pray on the day of the Jubilee for the conversion of sinners, the propagation of the faith, and the triumph of the Church. It is unnecessary to add that the indulgence can only be obtained by those who approach the Sacrament on the same occasion. The Cardinal also announces that on the 11th of April the Sovereign Pontiff will celebrate his Mass between 7 and 8-his usual hour being half-past 6-that all the faithful may unite themselves in spirit with the intention of their common Father. The address to be pre-sented to his Holiness by the clergy of Great Britain is rapidly filling up.—London Tablet,

March 27. -The programme for the 11th of April seems now to be settled. The Holy Father will say a Low Mass at the High Altar of St. Peter's at an early hour, and will afterward; assist from his apartments at a review of the Pontifical troops in the Piazza of St. Peter's. A hymn will then be sung under his windows by the youth of Rome, in the court of San Damaso. Illumina-tions on a scale of extraordinary magnificence will take place in the evening, and the Pope will drive through the city to witness the joy and festivity of his loyal people. The next day being the anniversary of his preservation at St. Agnese, and of his return from Gaeta, he will go to the above-named church without the walls in the afternoon, where there will probably be another great ovation on the Nomentan way. Deputa-tions from every country in Europe are arriving for the purpose of tendering the allegiance of their respective countries to the Holy Father, and of offering their help and co-operation in the present crisis of the Ocumenical Council.—

MORAVIAN.

The statistics of the southern province of the Moravian Church in America, compiled on the 31st of December, 1868, show the following:-

Churches, Communicants, Ministera Bethabara..... 55. . Chn. Lewis Rights. Bethania 124.
Friedberg. 234. Robt. Parmenio Leinbach. Friedland..... 65. John A.Friebele. Kernersville Robt, Parmenio Leinbach,
 E. A. de Schweinitz,

Philadelphia...

Mount Bethel .. 45, . Vacant.

Salem.

Sunday School scholars, 529; teachers, 65; confirmations, 28.

.... 456. G. F. Bahnson & A.L. Oerter

—On Sunday last the services in the Second Moraylan Church in this city were of a very interesting character. At the morning service, in the presence of a large auditory, fourteen per-sons were admitted into the congregation by the rite of laptism, confirmation, and by certificate; making a total increase of forty-three communicants since the first of the year. In the evenfilled, when Rev. Mr. Hoffman preached a highly edifying discourse upon, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and lecture-room was again well are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Church Extension Society of this congregation has two missions under its charge, viz.; at "Harrowgate," where they have a neat little Brother Nice officiating, and the "Bethlehem Mission," on Dauphin street, in the northern part of the city, which was organized within a few weeks. The Sunday school is very well at-tended at present, numbering more than four hundred scholars (the infant class alone numbers one hundred) under the care of efficient teachers. The audience chamber of the church is fast approaching completion, the congregation expecting to worship in it about the middle of next month. At the east end of the room is the chancel and pulpit, and at the west end will be placed the organ, and gallery for the choir. The walls are plastered in imitation of granite, and are very neat. The pews, when completed, will be very comfortable, and seat about six hundred persons. The ceiling will be painted, and the gas fixtures of the latest designs.

CONGREGATIONAL. -The Congregationalists of Central New York will soon issue a local religious paper, the

Within the last two months three Congreational churches have been founded in the outh-two in New Orleans.

The bequest of \$10,000 by the late Herrey Sanford, of New Haven, to the American Congregational Union, will not be paid till next year, The Union is now aiding in the crection of fifty -We hear that a missionary in Brownsville,

Texas, has succeeded in uniting all the Pro-testants— "Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans"—in one Congregational Church, -The new edifice of the Victoria Park Conregational Church, London (formerly Rev. H.

D. Northrop's), was dedicated on March 23. large number of ministers and friends were pre-

sent. The new building seats comfortably 2000

persons, with standing-room for 500 more. The church was organized six years ago, and has had a growth unparalleled in the history of Congregationalism in London. There is a single German Reformed church in Philadelphia into which more adult converts from Romanism have been received during the last few years (numbering between 60 and 70) than all the Roman Catholic churches in that city taken together have captivated during the ame period. And in that same church several converts from Romanism are now passing through a needful preparatory course of instruction in Gospel doctrines, with a view to their admission before long. This good work is going on "with-out observation" or noise, but it is being very

effectually done .- Independent. UNITARIAN. The Supreme [Court of New Hampshire has issued a decree, couched in strong language, forbidding Rev. F. E. Abbott, who had pub-lished his renunciation of Christianity, from The stalls for the prelates at the fortheoming Romanist Council are estimated to cost from Transis E. Abbott, or any other person, to preach

£9000 to £10,000, and subscriptions are being | and inculcate in the meeting-house of said soul-raised on the Continent and in England to meet | ety doctrines subversive of the fundamental principles of Christianity as generally received and holden by the denomination of Christians known as Unitarians; or to suffer or permit to preach in said meeting house any person who rejects Christianity altogether; or who teaches that, as a system of religion, Christianity is partly true and partly false; or who preaches or incul-cates a disbelief in the doctrine of the Lordship and Messiahship of Jesus Christ as taught by him in the New Testament Scriptures, or a disbelief in Jesus Christ as the great Head of the Church, or of his divine mission and authority as a religious teacher, as thus

taught by him; or who preaches and inculcates a denial of the dectrine that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament do contain a divine revelation given by inspiration of God, and con-taining a sufficient and perfect rule of faith and practice. And that said Francis E. Abbott, and all and every other person or persons, be forever strictly enjoined and forbidden to occupy said neeting-house of said society for the purpose of reaching and inculcating said disbellers, denials ad doctrines hereinbefore specially prohibited to be taught therein, and any and all other doc trine or doctrines subversive to the fundamenta principles of Christianity as generally received and holden by the denomination of Christians known as Unitarians."

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pieces Paris epingline, jaspe.
pieces Paris epingline, jaspe.
pieces Paris epingline, chine.
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pieces marl mohairs.
pieces black pure mohairs.
pieces black pure mohairs.
pieces fine madder brilliants.
pieces Faris wool taffetas, superb quality for travelrobes.

pieces Paris plaid popeline super quality for travelling

robes.

— pieces Paris crepe epingle, superb quality "gold medal" make.

— pieces Paris epingline grisaille, superb quality "gold medal" make.

— pieces Paris silk chaine mourning taffetas, "gold medal" make.

— pieces rollod silk chaine taffeta grisaille super quality.

— pieces black and white satin striped skirting.

LYONS SILKS, SATINS, ETU.

A full line superb quality faille de Lyon and drap de Lyon. yon, A full line superb quality drap d'Abyssinie and drap de

affetas. A full line superb taffetas Parisienne and gros otto-A full line superb drab imperatrice and gros grains.
A full line fancy dress silks, black and colored sating

France.
A full line superb quality cachemire a sole and Lyons

SALE OF 2000 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, TRAVEL-LING BAGS, ETC., On Tuesday Morning, April 20, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit, Also, A LARGE STOCK OF A WHOLESALE BOOT AND SHOE HOUSE, with the shelving, fixtures, etc., of the same, by order of assignee, for cash. LARGE SALE OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, On Thursday Morning, April 22, at 10 o'clock, on 4 months' credit. [4 16 2t

LARGE SALE OF CARPETINGS, OIL-CLOTHS, CANTON MATTINGS, ETC.
On Friday Merning,
April 23, at 11 o'clock, on four months' credit, about 200
pieces of ingrain, Venetian, list, hemp, cottage, and rag
carpetings, floor oil-cloths, mattings, etc.
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B SCOTT'S ART GALLERY, No. 1020 CHESNUT G. H. BECHTEL'S SPECIAL SALE OF BEST QUALITY TRIPLE SILVERPLATED WARE.
On Tuesday Morning,
2th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at Scott's Art Gallery, No.
10±0 Chesnut street, will be sold, a full assortment of the
above manufacturer's celebrated plated wares.
All warranted as represented, or no sale.

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IMPORTANT SPECIAL SALE OF OIL PAINTINGS, CRYSTAL MEDALLIONS, ETC., All from the American Art Gallery of New York. Cn Treeday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings, 2th, 21st, 22d., and 23d inst., at 34 before 8 o'clock, at MARTIN BROTHERS, AUCTIONEERS. Secti's Art Gallery, No. 10:20 Chesnut street, will be sold, without reserve, one of the largest collections of oil paintings, crystal medallions, etc. ever exhibited in this city.

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BY PANCOAST & LARGE, AUCTIONEERS, No. 239 MARKET Street. CONSIGNMENTS of American and Imported Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery Goods, and Stocks of Goods [3 27 tf

On Monday Morning, April 19, at 10 o'clock,
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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, ETC.
Comprising 500 lots seasonable goods. [It

C. D. McCLEES & CO., AUCTIONEERS, SALE OF 1266 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS,

On Monday Morning, April 19, at 10 o'clock. Also, a large line of city-made goods. N. B.—Sales every Monday and Thursday. CLARK & EVANS, AUCTIONEERS, NO. 680

Will sell THIS DAY, Morning and Evening, A large invoice of Blankets, Bed Spreads, Dry Goods, oths, Cassimeres, Hosiery, Stationery, Table and Pocket atlery, Notions, etc. City and country merchants will find bargains. Goods packed free of charge.

LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. HOPPER vs. HOPPER. June Term, 1885. No. 42. William W. Hepper Sir: You will please notice a rule in the above case, to show caose, if any you have, why a diverce a vincule matriment should not be decreed, as personal service on you having salled on account of your absence. Returnable on SATURDAY, April 17, 1889, at 10 o clock A. M. Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH A. BONHAM,

Attorney for Libellant.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY

AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., deceased.

The auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the accounts of JOHN, THOMAS H., and CHARLES SAUNDERS. Executors of the last will of JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment on TUESDAY, April 27, 1878, at a clock Pall, at his Office, No. 435 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia.

THOMAS J. WORRELL, 445 tuthest

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PLILADELPHIA.
Petition of ELIZA STEINMETZ for privilege of a female.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to said Court on SATURDAY, April 24, 1869, for a decree permitting said ELIZA STEIN METZ to do business as a few mesole trader under the act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, when all persons desiring to oppose the same will be heard.

1 HOMAS J. CLAYTON, Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE ORPHANS COURT FOR THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of CLAMOR FREDERICK HAGEBORN, Doc'd.
The Auditer appointed by the Court to audit settle, and adjust the account of CODEREY FREYTAG and HERMAN THEOPHILUS PLATE, Executors of the last will and testament of CLAMOR FREDERICK HAGEDORN, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on MONDAY, the 25th day of April, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M. at the office of JAMES W. PAUL, Esq., No. 220 S. FOURTH Street, in the city of Philadelphia. 4 15 thistust

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ROBERT SHOEMAKER & CO., N. E. Corner FOURTH and RACE Sts.,

PHILADELPHIA.

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APRIL 19—Household Furniture, No. 1707 Chesmut.

APRIL 19—Household Furniture, at Paschalville.

APRIL 20—City and Country Residences, valuable
Stores, desirable Dwellings, large Lots, Ground Rents,
Bank and other Stocks and Loans, at 12 o'clock, neon, at
the Kachange.

APRIL 21—Handsome Furniture, No. 2015 Green.

APRIL 22—Furniture, Nos. 122 and 141 S. Fourth.

APRIL 24—Railroad fron, Broad and Market.

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APRIL 25—Gurniture, Nos. 122 and 141 S. Fourth.

APRIL 25—Eigent Furniture, No. 1422 N. Fitteenth.

APRIL 26—Eigent Furniture, No. 1422 N. Fitteenth.

APRIL 29—Furniture, Nos. 123 and 141 S. Fourth.

APRIL 29—Furniture, Nos. 125 and 141 S. Fourth.

APRIL 29—Furniture, Nos. 125 n. Sixth.

MAY 1—Elegant Country Seat, Horses, Carriages, Cows,
etc., corner old York road and Chelten avanus.

MAY 4—Elegant Residence and Furniture, No. 1916

Spruce street.

Full particulars in catalogues and handbills, and adver-Spruce street.
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Peremptory Sale at No. 1707 Chesnut street.
STOCK OF SUPERIOR CABINET FURNITURE.
On Menday Morning.

19th instant, at 10 o'clock, at No. 1707 Chesnut street, by catalogue, the entire stock of superior furniture, including elegant reseasood and walnut parlor suits, various coverings, superior dining-room, library, and hall furniture, bookcases, elegant walnut chamber suits, superior ward-robe, lounges, chairs, etc.

The entire stock was made by Thomas McGuin expressly for his wareroom sales, and is of the first quality, and to be sold without reserve.

Sale in Paschalville, Twenty-seventh ward.
HOUSKHOLD FURNITURE.
On Monday,
April 19, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the residence of John
Ford, Paschalville, Twenty-seventh ward, the household
and kitchen furniture, steves, etc.
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Sale No. 1900 Brandywine street, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, ETC. 2th instant, at 10 o'clock, it No. 1990 Brandywine street, the surplus furniture, walnut lounge, green regs; chairs, eval mirror, whatnot, centre table, cottage furniture, feather bed, carpets, aquarium, kitchen utensils, etc., etc.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS, On Tuesday, April 20, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, ARCH Street, No. 731—Modern Residence, SEVENTH, No. 14 (North)—Genteel Dwelling, UNION, No. 116—Brick Dwelling, ELLEVENTH (North), Nos. 909 and 911—Brick Dwell-ngs.

ELEVENTH (North), Nos. 909 and 911—Brick Dwellings.
YORK, west of Tulip—Brick Dwelling.
KIGHTH AND OX FORD, N. W. corner—Large Lot.
NINTH, above Oxford—Large lot.
MANAYUNK—Stone Dwelling, 2% acres.
SEVENTH AND VINE, N.W. corner—Large Residence.
RACE, east of Twentieth—Large and Valuable Lot.
RIGHTH (South), No. 208—Brick Residence.
EIGHTH (South), No. 124—Store.
CALLOWHILL, No. 124—Store.
CALLOWHILL, No. 126—Hotel.
TULPEHOCKEN, Germantown—Stone Residence.
CHENTER VALLEY—Residence, 3 sores.
ROPE FERRY ROAD—Victoria Petroleum Oil Works.
BROAD, Nos. 3611 and 3613 (North)—Dwelling and
Large Lot.

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GERMANTOWN ROAD—Frame Dwelling.

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MOUNT VERNON, No. 1707—Modern Residence,

CHRISTIAN, No. 1621—Genteel Dwelling.

PULASKI AVENUE, Germantown—Modern Dwellings.

ELLSWORTH, No. 1323—Modern Dwelling.

THIRD (South), No. 771—Store.

MONROE, No. 217—Brick Dwelling.

GROUND RENT, irredeemable—\$26\[\) a year.

EIGHTEENTH AND CATHARINE—Store and Dwelling.

g. EIGHTEENTH (South), No. **766**—Brick Dwelling. GROUND RENT—8600 a year. GASKIIJ., Nos. **361** and **303**—Brick Dwellings. JEFFERSON AND STILLMAN, N. E. corner—Brick

JEFFERSON AND STILLMAN, N. E. corner—Briek Building.
FEDERAL, No. 1626—Brick Dwelling.
500 shares North Carbondale Coal Company.
500 shares Union Bank of Tennessee.
11 shares Greenwich Improvement Company.
505 shares Dielaware Division Canal Company.
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505 shares Oil Creek and Allegheny Valley Railroad.
51 shares Phila, and Southern Mail Steamship Company.
510 shares National Bank of North America.
524 shares Empire Transportation Company.
510 shares Freedom Iron and Steel Company.
510 shares National Bank of the Republic
1 share Philadelphia Labrary Company.
527 shares Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank.
55000 loan of the City of Philadelphia, 6 per cent.
600 shares Bordentown Gas-Light Co.
500 shares 2d and 3d Streets Pass. Railway Co.
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Sale at No. 2015 Green street.

HANDSOME FURNITURE, FINE CARPETS, ETC. On Wednesday,
April 21, at 10 o'clock, at No. 2015 Green street, by catalogue, the entire furniture, including walnut parlor suit, hair cloth; elegant etagere, marble top and mirror; handsome centre table and reception chairs; fine English Brussels carpets; walnut hall and dining furniture; superior extension dining table; buffet sideboard, marble top; china and glassware; walnut and green reps; sitting room furniture; suit elegant walnut chamber furniture, cost \$760; handsome cottage suits, marble tops; very fine hair mattresses; fine blankets, etc. etc.; kitchen furniture, refrigerator, etc.

The furniture has been in use but a short time, and is in excellent order.

No. 529 CHESNUT Street, rear entrance from Minor. POSTPONEMENT.

The extensive sale of the household furniture, estate of the late Josinua Longstreth, deceased, announced for Tuesday next, is postponed. Due notice of the sale will be 417.2t

Assignees' Peremptory Sale at the Auction Rooms.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF UPHOLSTERY GOODS,
Lace and Heavy Window Curtains, Very Fine Window
Shades, Reps, Terries, Cornices, Tassels, Cords, Fringes,
Ginps, Etc.

Gimps, Etc.

On Friday Morning,

23d inst., at 10 o'clock, at the auction rooms, No. 529

Chesnut street, by catalogue, by order of assignees, the large and extensive stock of upholstery goods, including fine lace window curtains, reps, terry and chintz lambroquins, fine reps, terries, very fine window curtains, cords, tassels, fringes, gimps, tacks, walnut and gilt cornices, curtain bands, bell pulls, etc.

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curtain bands, bell pulls, etc.

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TO BANKERS, MERCHANTS, AND OTHERS.
Peremptory Sale, No. 639 Arch street.
EXTENSIVE STOCK OF CHILLED HRON FIRE AND
BURGLAR-PROOF SAFES, MADE BY LILLIE &
SON: SECOND-HAND FIRE AND BURGLARPROOF SAFES, MADE BY EVANS & WATSON
AND FARREL & HERRING, MONITOR AND
DUODECAGON COMBINATION LOCKS: TWO
FINE LARGE HORSES, LARGE TRUCK, ETC.
On Thursday Morning.
April 29, at 10 o'clock, at No. 639 Arch street, by catalogue, to close the Philadelphia Agency of Messrs. Lillie &
Son, the entire stock of very superior Fire and BurglarPioof Sales, including—3 extra large chilled iron doubledoor fire and burglar-proof safes; 30 superior chilled iron
fire-proof, burglar-proof safes; 40 superior chilled iron
fire-proof, burglar-proof safes; 40 superior chilled iron
fire-proof, burglar-proof, and fire and burglar-proof safes,
of various sizes, with the celebrated Monitor and Duodecagon combination locks.

SECOND-HAND FIRE-PROOF SAFES.
A number of superior second-hand fire and burglar-proof
safes, made by Lillie & Son, Evans & Watson, and Farrel
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Suitable for banks, vanit-doors, etc., of the Monitor and Daodecagon make.

FINE LARGE HORSES, TRUCK, ETC.
Large and very fine white stallion; large white draft-hase; large and superior heavy truck; heavy harness; quantity of rope, rigging, etc. THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS CHESNUT Street; rear entrance No. 1107 Sansom St.

Sale at No. 441 North Eleventh street.

HANDSOME FURNITURE, LARGE MIRRORS,
PIANO-FORTE, ETC.
On Tuesday Morning.

April 20, at 10 o'clock, at No. 441 North Eleventh
street, will be rold the furniture of a family declining
housekeeping, comprising elegant chony and gilt parlor
suite in green terry; large pier mirror, richly carved walnut
frame; mantel mirror; rosewood plano-forte; walnut
chimber suits; wardrobes; secretary; extension dining
table; beds and mattresses; carpets; china, glass, and
plated ware, etc.

table; beds and mattresses; carpets; china, glass, and plated ware, etc.

Also, the kitchen furniture.
Catalogues will be ready at the auction store on Menday.

The furniture was all manufactured by Measra, W. & J.
Allen, and is hearly new.

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DiPORTANT SALE OF HIGH-CLASS MODERN
PAINTINGS.
On Wednesday and Thursday Evenings,
April 21 and 22, at half-past 7 o'clock, at the Auction
Store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be sold, without reserve the entire collection of Paintings of Mr. J. E.
McClees, previous to his departure for Europe. The cataloane will comprise many fine pictures, worthy the attention of connoisseurs and admirers of art; embracing original works of

logue will comprise many fine tion of connoisseurs and admi-nal works of Midwood, of London, J. F. Herring, do., Wainwright, do., James Webb, do., Kock Kock, do., Van Lemputten, J. G. Brown, New York, W. L. Sentag, do., W. M. Brown, do., A. T. Beilows, do., Edward D. Lewis, A. T. Bellows, de Edward D. Lewis,

Wm. Thayer, Sr.,
Litschour,
De Vos,
Boogeord,
Cortez,
Meadows, London,
Edw. Moran,
George F. Bensell,
James Hamilton,
W. Sheridan Young,
Isaac L. Williams,
on Mondon The paintings will be open on Monday for exhibition, and remain open day and evening until the sale. 4 17 5t

POWELL & WEST, AUCTIONEERS, No. 28 South FRONT St. and 29 LETITIA St. UNEXPIRED TERM OF LEASE, GOODWILL, STOCK AND FIXTURES OF THE OLD ESTABLISHED LIQUOR STORE of the late E. P. Middleton, decased. April 20, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, No. 5 North
Front street, will be sold, by order of Executors, the unexpired term of Lease, Goodwill, valuable stock of fine old
Liquors, in casks, demijohns, and bottles, belonging to
estate of the late E. P. Middleton, deceased.

Catalogues three days previous to sale,

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KEENAN, SON & CO., AUCTIONEERS, NO. 112 N. FRONT Street.

BY LIPPINCOTT, SON & CO., AUCTION-EERS, ASHHURST BUILDING, No. 240 MAR.