OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Effect of Prayer. Among the elegant forms of insect life there is a little creature known to naturalists which can gather around it a sufficiency of atmospheric air, and, so clothed upon, it descends into the bottom of the pool, and you may see the little diver moving about dry, and at his ease, protected by his crystal vesture, though the water all around and above be stagmant and bitter. Prayer is such a protector-a transparent vesture, the world sees it not; but a real defense, it keeps out the world. By means of it the believer can gather so much of heavenly atmosphere around him, and with it descend into the putrid depths of this contaminating world, that for a season no cyll will touch him; and he knows when to ascend for a new supply. Communion with God kept Daniel pure in Babylon,-Dr. Hamilton.

Ritunlism.

The following clever diagnosis of Ritualism is taken from an English paper :--

"Ritualism is medheval in the same way that the plays of Corneille and Racine were classical, and doserves its disciples favorite epithet of "beautiful" as much as the bloom on the cheeks 'repaired' by the art of Madame Rachel. The real men of the middle ages, puerile as were some of their notions and tille as were their scholastic disputations, were yet genuine, the natural products of their age. If they talked about the 'mind of the Church,' it was because there was in their days only one Church, and it had something like a mind. If they gioried in symbols, it was because, before the art of reading was universal, symbols, whether in churches or over shop doors, served better than words. If they believed in transubstantiation, it was because they also believed in any amount of other prodigies, winking pictures and bleeding roads. If they ate in 'refectories,' and slept in 'cells,' and read their books on 'lecterns,' and washed their hands in a 'miscina.' It was because the English language did not yet contain the words for dining-room and bedroom, reading-desk and washhand-basin. But our pseudo-Meduevalists do not do these things, and use these terms naturally, but only as Freachmen, a century ago, aped the sayings and doings, dress furniture, and ideas of the Romans and Greeks, Robespierre, with a wig a la Bratus, was just such an anachronism as Brother Ignatius."

CITY RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

BAPTIST. -The Enon Baptist Church] having decided, at a meeting held May 3, 1869, not to relinquent the field now held by them, the Fifth Church has resolved to take no further steps, at present, towards the estabishment of a new church in the northern section of

The hand of fellowship was extended to thirteen persons on Sunday last, at North Church, by the paster, Rev. Mr. Cole. Thirty have been haptized as pastor, Rev. Mr. Cole. Thirty have been baptized as the fruits of their recent revival. In the evening, Rev. M. V. B. Makamson, a young blind preacher from North Carolina, delivered an earnest an dimpressive discourse. He read fluently from his Testament with raised letters. The object of his visit to the North, we are informed, is to secure funds for publishing the entire Scriptures in this form.

The fifty-third anniversary of the Second Church Sunday school was held just Sunday afternoon. The

Sunday school was held last Sunday afternoon. sunday school was near that sunday are moon. The exercises were deeply interesting, consisting of singing by the children, and addresses by Rev. David Spencer and Brother J. R. Crawford. The Superintendent reported that there were 697 pupils in all the departments of the school, with an average attend-

ance of over 500 for the year. Forty-two of the scholars had been baptized during the year.

—The May meeting of the Ponladeiphia Baptist Sunday-school Association was held recently in the Eleventh Church. The attendance was good, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested.

The Frankford Baptist Sanday School numbers -The Frankford Baptist Sunday School numbers

348 scholars and 47 teachers; 79 new scholars having been received during the year. The receipts amount to \$634, of which over \$48540 have been expended, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$4854. The school library contains 800 select volumes, to which continual additions are being made. In addition to the above, the Dorcas society connected with the school collected during the year \$161.63, of which a balance of \$108.72 remains in its treasury.

—The anniversary sermon of the Tabernacle Bap-tist Sunday School was preached last Sunday. The services were rendered very interesting by singing and chanting by the children. A collection of nearly \$300 was taken up.

—Rev. Justin D. Fulton, pastor of the Tremont

Temple Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., will lecture at Concert Hall, Chesnut street, above Twelfth, on Wednesday evening, June 2, in aid of Spruce Street Mission. Subject: "Whom Shall we Trust?" The managers of the mission state, in their prospectus, that they feel, in presenting to their friends and the public so eminent and pleasing a speaker as the Rev. J. D. Fulton, they can assure all who will favor them with their presence a rich and rare intellectual treat. LUTHERAN.

-There are two Lutheran churches in West Philadelphia, and an effort is about being made to orga-nize a German mission to accommodate those who

cannot attend the other churches.

The corner-stone of the new Zion Church, in Franklin street, was laid recently. The congregation having sold their old church, which had been used for so many years, are about to erect their "New Zion" in a beautiful locality and in the finest style of architecture. GERMAN REFORMED,

-Jerusalem Church and its pastor, the Rev. Otto Meerwein, were formally received into the Philadelphia German Reformed Classis at a special meeting, held on the 6th of May. The congregation is German, and has hitherto been in conection with the Reformed (Dutch) Church. It was constituted about seven years ago, by members who separated from Bethlehem Church, now under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. G. Neuber, and was organized by the Rev. Mr. Gramm, under the authorities of the Reformed (Dutch) Church. PRESBYTERIAN.

—At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Dr. J. M. Crowell and the Seventh Presbyterian Church was dissolved, and Dr. Crowell was dismissed to the Presbytery of Rochester city, He has already entered upon his duties as pastor of St. Peter's Church in Rochester, New York. The members of the Seventh Church and the Presbytery of Philadelphia have parted from Dr. Crowell with of Philadelphia have parted from Dr. Crowell with

sincere regret.

—The congregation of Abington Presbyterian Church, through the liberality of some gentlemen Church, through the liberality of some gentlemen friends, are about completing their church edifice by putting a spire on the tower, which will add much to the beauty of the church and be a fine landmark to the surrounding country. The congregation also, by resolution of their members, on completion of the spire will take about five thousand dollars of their money, the proceeds of the sale of the parsonage form, and may of the remaining dollars that their money, the proceeds of the sale of the pursonage farm, and pay off the remaining debt, so that their newly-elected pastor, the Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, having accepted their call, and joined the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, may come, with the blessing of Almighty God, to his new people with no weight of debt hanging over him. He will be installed as pastor on the 27th last.

—Rev. H. F. Lee has addressed a communication to the Synod of Philadelphia, calling attention to the following resolutions passed at its last meeting:

following resolutions passed at its last meeting:
"Resolved, 1. That having heard the statement of
the Rev. H. F. Lee, in relation to the Eastburn
Mariners' Bethel, in the city of Philadelphia, and
feeling the great importance and pressing necessities
of that church, we earnestly commend it to the
prayers and liberal contributions of all our churches

and people. "Resolved, 2. That each of our churches be requested and most carnestly desired to take a ion for this object as early as possible during the

He therefore urges a spirit of liberality in behalf of his charge in accordance with the foregoing.

At the First Presbyterian Church seventy-six persons have been added to the church during the year, forty-two by profession. Twenty-one thousand four hundred and forty-one dollars have been raised for all purposes, of which about one-half was for the expenses of the church. Thirty-five teachers have been furnished for the new mission in Lombard

The report of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign —The report of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the year ending May 1, ate thats the receipts amounted to \$335,498, and the expenditures to \$33,798. In connection with the Board are \$3 missionaries and \$6 assistant missionaries. The schools have been attended by 7400 endiren.

—The first anniversary of the McDowell Presbyterian Sunday School, Twenty-second and Ridge avenue, was celebrated last week. The school now numbers over 200 number.

numbers over 200 pupils.

—The new Rethesda Presbyterian Church, Rev.
W. T. Eva, pastor, is now under roof, and the lectureroom so far completed as to allow of worship therein.
The audience chamber will have galleries around
the four sides. The lecture-room is above ground,
and will accommodate 500 persons. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

The Rev. Samuel Durborow, after an absence of four months, during which period he has been travelling and preaching and collecting funds in behalf of the Mission House, has returned to his parochial duties in the Church of the Evangelists, and will preach in his own pulpit to-morrow morning.

—Rev. A. Shiras, at the Mission House at West Philadelphia, has addressed a long communication.

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to Rev. Mr. Durborow, denying certain charges made against the management of the Musion House. The inture of such is indicated by the respective answers as given numerically, and as the document is quite an interesting one, we append it entire, as follows:—
"PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION HOUSE, WEST PHILADELPHIA, May 15, 1869.—My dear Mr. Durborow:—The reports respecting the Mission House of which you spoke to me to-day seem too ridiculous for any thoughtful person to believe. But, as you tell me that they are believed, and hinder your collections for the institution, it may be well to give

ections for the institution, it may be well to give hem the contradiction of which they are hardly worthy in themselves.
"1. As to a student (or students) having been dismissed for once attending at St. Mark's, I beg leave to say that it is utterly untrue. We have dismissed to say that it is utterly untrue. We have dismissed to students except for conduct unbecoming Chris-tians, or evident unfitness for missionary work. Any one acquainted with the instructors at the Mission louse would probably not expect us to approve the attendance of our young men on services so ornate as St. Mark's. Such services are not accordant with our tastes or principles, and form, in my judgment, an exceedingly unit preparation for the severe simplicity of those to be held hereafter by these youths among the heathen. Still, granting a large liberty of minimum and of action, which is because a large liberty of minimum and of action. densive system, we have never put St. Mark's Church or any other under a ban. Some of our students have attended there much oftener than was agreeable to us; but that attendance, though it seems to have a bad effect in every case, has not to my knowledge, inducated to the dismission of a single

sublished works of Bishop White, the simple answer s that those works stand unmolested on the shelves of nearly all. Having sat in early life under the ministry of the Bishop, and revered him as all those who knew him must, I should hardly be likely to object to most of what has come from his wise pen But I confess that it has been to me a very gramatter of regret that one of his works on the C vinistic and Armenian controversy was introductional and armenian controversy was introductional to the control of the co without consultation with ourselves, because I think t inexpedient to disturb, with such speculative maters, the minds of young men going to the heather I should prefer to have their minds and hearts fillwholly with those practical and fundamental truths respecting which most Christians are agreed. Still the work, once introduced, has been suffered to re-main, though the manner of its introduction was distasteful to me, and though the controversial spirit which it fostered I should have wished to leave un-

As to the third story, of students being forbidden to bow at the name of Jesus in the Creed, it is as nearly without foundation as anything well can be. On only one occasion, according to my present On only one occasion, according to my present memory, has this matter come up in any exercises with the students, except in reply to questions asked by them. And on that one occasion, instead of bowing being prohibited, they were told that no constraint was put on them with reference to such things—that the ancient reason for the introduction of the practice, in the wide prevalence of Arian heresy, did not exist in our country at this day, and that the Scriptural texts relied on for it, seemed to refer to something much beyond the outward form. Still, it was said that if any one desired to pay that outward token of respect to the Redeemer, there was, of course, no hindrance to his doing so. All that was asked was, that if the thing were done, it should be done modestly and humbly, were done, it should be done modestly and humbly, not extravagantly, and should be the impulse of a true religious reverence, and not be degraded into a

Protestant Episcopalians here, sincerely we are Protestan representations are sincerely such; are opposed, and, I trust, shall always be opposed, to anything like Romish ritualism, with the doctrines it is meant to introduce; but, within the lawful limits of opinion in our Church, our plan has been to give all reasonable liberty of judgment and action, only striving to have our young men good scholars and earnest Christians, inbued with the holy spirit of the Gospel, and holding honestly us fundamental truths. We have our own views of the great questions which now agitate the Church, and are not likely to relinquish them. are not likely to relinquish them. But as we would not let our liberty be judged by another man's con-science, so neither do we think of binding our judgscience, so neither do we think of binding our judgment of these questions on our pupils as a rule. We
should like to have them think with us, and trust
they may; but if they do, it must be from the conviction of their intellect and conscience, but from any
effort at constraint upon our part. Let them only
turn out good missionaries, and we will be content
to leave it to the Holy Spirit how for they shall be
party men. Speaking for myself only, but probably
also representing my colleagues, I remain,
"Very truly, yours, A. Shirass."

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- The Rector of All Saints' Church announces that an addition is needed, in the form of galleries in the transepts, to make room for the increasing number of Sunday-school scholars who desire to attend church. He advises the people to raise the money first and by no means to run in debt.

—St. Andrew's Chapel is well attended under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Bringhurst.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL,

-We learn that preparations are going forward for the laying of the corner-stone of the new Brandy-wine M. E. Church, on the 27th inst. The society st in the State, services being held there previous to 792. The new church will be located near the his-oric spot where Lafavette had his headquarters at battle of Brandywine, and within a mile of the

-Bishops Janes and Simpson and Dr. Tiffany will take part in the dedication of the Camden, N. J., M. E. Church, on the 10th of June, prox.

—A long and interesting circular or communica-tion has been presented to the laity of the M. E. Church by the committees of several States in rela-tion to the subject of "Lay Representation," to be osed of during the coming month. It concludes as follows:-

You can vote, therefore, for lay representation with the feeling that you have, in so doing, the con-curring judgment of the best minds of the Church This question approaches its settlement without strife; our hope is that it will be decided by common consent. Permit us to urge upon you the importance of a full vote in every church. See that ample notice is given to the societies to which you belong, and that all necessary arrangements for holding the election are seasonably made. The twenty days' notice required by the General Conference can be given most effectually by being repeated on successive Sundays. See that this is done wherever practicable. Let the mind of the Church be fairly expressed, and the friends of lay representation have nothing to fear. nothing to fear."

-The ladies connected with the Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church are making strenuous efforts to raise funds to pay off the remainder of their church debt. \$2625 of its debt was paid last

CATHOLIC. —The improvements now being made at St. Agatha's Catholic Church, West Philadelphia, will add much to the beauty of the edifice. The paintings of

the Crucifixion over the main altar, and the Blessed Virgin and St. Agatha's on the adjoining one, are -The Right Rev. Bishop Wood has purchased a

lot at the corner of Front and Canal streets, in the Sixteenth Ward, 80 by 160 feet, upon which a new church edifice is to be erected. The new church is to serve as an auxiliary to St. Michael's and St. Au--St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at Downingtown, Rev. J. F. Prendergast pastor, is to be entarged and improved. Over \$1000 have already been subscribed

—The concert in aid of St. Joseph's new church, Seventeenth and Stiles streets, on Thursday night last, was successful in every respect, and consider-

able was realized from it.

An entertainment of sacred music is soon to be given in St. Dominick's Church, Harrisburg, under the direction of the leader of St. Michael's choir, which will be participated in by the first vocal talent

of the city.

The commencement of La Salle College will take place at the Academy of Music on the 24th proximo, when diplomas will be awarded to a number of successful students. The college is at the corner of Juniper and Filhert streets, under the charge of the Christian Brotherhood, Bro. Oilver, Director, and is in a highly pressure and designate. Director, and is in a highly prosperous and desirable

THE REFORMED PRESENTERIAN SYNOD.

CEDARVILLE, Ohio, May 21, via Xenia, O.—In the Reformed Presbyterian Synod to-day, Rev. Dr. Douglass presented a report from part of the Pittsburg Presbytery adhering to the Synod, protesting against the action of the suspensionists as illegal, unwarranted, and highly disrespectful to the Synod, and resolving that as the suspension of relations was a secession from the General Synod, the names of these ministers and elders are hereby dropped from the roll of the Presbytery, and that those therein who adhere to the Synod be recognized as such congregations entitled to the names, rights, and privileges, legal and ecclesiastical, appertaining thereto. Referred. THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

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Alexander Thomson, of Nova Scotia, presented resolutions approving the conduct of Rev. Dr. Douglass, Rev. John Alford, and others, who refused to suspend relations, and declaring their Presbytery to be the only Presbytery of Pittsburg recognized by the Synod; approving the declarations of the Pittsburg Presbytery that the members of all congregations under its charge who refused to suspend relations are, and they only are entitled to the legal and ecclesiastical rights of their respective corporations; and resolving that the Rev. George Scott, Rev. John McMillan, and others who have suspended relations to the General Synod, have thereby seceded from her control, and placed themselves beyond her Jurisdiction. Adopted manimously.

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Alexander Comville, commissioner from fifty-eight members of the Second Reformed Preabyts-rian Congregation of Phihadelphia, presented a me-mortal declining the authority of the Suspensionists, desiring to maintain relations with the Synoil, and soliciting her advice and counsel. Referred to

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Rev. Dr. McMasters, chairman of the committee to confer wish committee of the United Presbyterian Church, presented a plan of organization on the basis of the principles of standards held in common under the name of United Presbyterian Church. An excited debate thereupon was terminated by ad-

BUNDAY BOHOOL AFFAIRS!

The Annual Convention of Sunday School Teachers —The Annual Convention of Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents is to be held at Williamsport, Fa., beginning on Thesday, June 1. Arranzements have been made on a liberal scale to make this the most interesting Sunday School Convention yet held in the State. Each Sunday School is requested to send one delegate. Ministers and superintendents are requested to give publicity to this announcement. The realized The railroad companies have agreed to make the costomary reduction to delegates who pass over

MSCELLANEOUS,

"The objects and purposes of the "American Sunday School Union" are stated to be as follows;—

1. To plant Bible Schools among the destitate, in destitute districts in the older States, especially at the South and West, and on the frontier, along the line of the great Pacific Railroad beyond the church and the pastor, but where the Mission Sunday School furnishes a cheaper and feasible means of home evangelization.

To gather in the children, and thus preach 2. To gather in the chauren, and thus preach Christ to the little ones.

3. To harmonize autagonisms, denominational or otherwise, and set to work for the Master all the re-ligious element there may be in a given neighbor-hood. Better to organize and set ten men to work,

than to do the work of ten men.
4. To aid needy and especially newly-organized schools, by donations of suitable books; in the imschools, by donations of sulfable books; in the improvement of existing schools, by visitation and counsel; aiming to elevate the standard of Bible instruction, and to encourage better modes of teaching. 5. Not so much to multiply largely the number of new schools, as to make the work permanent and efficient, and the schools self-sustaining—foreruners of the church and the ministry.

How well adapted this agency is for the work in question may be seen from the following results of its operation in ten years:—
Schools organized in ten years, 13 255; teachers.

Schools organized in ten years, 13,255; teachers, 56,352; scholars, 566,469; schools visited in ten years, and abled in their work, 38,331; teachers, 227,277; scholars, 2,109,759. Total of schools organized and aided in ten years, 52,036; teachers, 382,629; cholars, 2,766,258, —A revival meeting of eighteen weeks' duration recently closed at "The Church of God," German-town avenue and Berks street. Over one hun-dred persons were baptized. The Rev. L. B. Hart-

SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

CATHOLIC.

—The Roman Catholic prelates of this country have concluded a secret conclave in Baltimore, and their pastoral letter is published in the Catholic papers. The first point they make is a strennous opposition to secular education. The faithful are warned that their children must be taken out of the muidle schools and mit into parish schools, where public schools and put into parish schools, where Komanism shall be taught, as "thousands of sonts annually stray away" from this cause. No donot this is true. They then endorse their publication society, and then follows a denunciation of the "Mur-der of the Innocents," This "crying sin of infanti-cide," they say, is "most prevalent in those localities where the system of education without religion has been longest established;" and they confidently be-lieve that those whom they address "are strangers to the unnatural vice" of staining their souls "with the innovent blood of their own unborn, unregene-rate (i. e. unbaptized) offspring." They next attack dangerous amusements, including "abscene theatri-

dangerous amusements, inclaining "obscene theatrical performances," and particularly "German or round dances," as "shocking every feeling of delicacy and fraught with imminent danger to morals." They then urge effort for the colored people, support of orphan asylums, and submission of the ciergy to the bishops. It is an able and fearless document.—Independent.

There have been violent discussions in the meetings of the committee which prepared propositions for the general Council at Rome. The Superior of the Benedictines, of Bavaria, indignant at the pretensions of the Jesuits, has refused to serve longer, and returned home. The majority has agreed on propositions asserting the Pope's intallibility, the temporal power, and the impious nature of modern liberalism.

modern liberalism.
—About 1800 people were confirmed last Sabbath in two Catholic churches of Brooklyn.
—Angecelesiastical dictionary, in two large octavo —An ecclesiastical dictionary, in two large octave volumes, comprising theology, canon law, hagiography, liturgy, ecclesiastical geography, history, biography, and bibliography, has just been published by the Abbe Glaire, Paris. We anticipate that this work will be a great success, for the fiely Father has stamped it with his special approval, conveyed in a letter written at his command to the Abbe by Francois Mercurelli, the Pope's secretary for Latin letters.

letters.

—The Russian Government is said to have under consideration a new plan—for—the reorganization of the Catholic Church throughout the empire. For a long time every measure of the Russian Government with regard to the Catholic Church or to Poland has been an act of barbarism, unworthy of the civilizalion of the nineteenth century, and there is reason to fear that the new plan will in no respect be better than the previous ones.

The Feast of St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Order, was solemnly observed at Highgate, on April 28. High Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Eyre, and a panegyric of the saint was preached by the Hight Rev. Dr. Morris, Bishop of Troy.

The total amount of the gifts presented to the Pope on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his

entering the priesthood is estimated at twenty mil ions of francs. The offertory collections for the Holy Father's Jubilee at the various Catholic churches and chape's in London, on Sanday, the 11th of April, amounted to something more than £500,

PRESEVTERIAN. -The Presbyterian church in Kansas City, Mo. was blown down a year ago, was rebuilt with con-siderable effort, and has now been burned down. —The Declaration and Testimony Presbyterians of Kentucky have perfected the arrangements for an organic union with the Southern Presbyteriaus. It will be consummated at the meeting of the

General Assembly which began at Mobile on the 20th -The Synod of Texas, in their published report state that though the Presbyterian Church has existed in that State more than thirty years, not a single young man born in that State, or even grown up on Texas soil, has ever entered the ministry of that Church.

The Synod of the English Presbyterian Church, at its session, April 22, passed a resolution authorizing the establishment of an order of lay-evangelists in the Charch. That Church contains only 120 congregations, which had last year a membership of 21,697, and 1929 Sabbath School teachers and 17,794 scholars. The average stipend of the pastors was £209, and the total collections of the Church for all irposes was £65,001, or nearly \$15 (gold) for each

member.

—Dr. Albert Smith, of New Rochelle, has purchased and presented to the Presbyterian church of that place a fine house and lot, to be used as a parsonage. A worthy example for others. sonage. A worthy example for others.

—The First Presbyterian Church (New School), of St. Louis, Missouri, of which Dr. Nelson was the late pastor, have tendered a unanimous call to the Rev. Charles A. Dickey, of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Dickey is a minister of the United Presbyterian Church.

—At the recent meeting of Cayuga Presbytery fourteen students in Auburn Seminary were licensed to presby the ground.

to preach the gospel.

—As a part of the fruit of the great revival in Buffalo, 30 were received last Sabbain to the First Pres byterian Church; 70 to the Lafayette Street Church and on the previous Sabbath 30 to the North Church In Lockport, 130 have united with the First Church

about the same number to the Congregationa Church, and 47 to the Second Presbyterian.

—The Southern Presbyterian Assembly comprise to Synods, 48 Presbyteries, 786 ininisters, 51 deculates, 92 candidates, 1298 churches, and 76,949 com —The United Presbyterian Church has 7 Synods, 50 Presbyteries, and about 700 ministers, and 65,612

emmanicants. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has 24 Syonds, 99 Presbyteries, 1500 ministers, and 130,000 ommunicants. The Reformed Presbyterian Syspet has 77 minis ters and 8487 communicants.

METHODIST. -According to a correspondent of the Christian Register, the Unitarian ion and the Methodist lambare lying down together in the sweetest harmony in Meadville, Pa. The graduating theological class includes five Unitarians and one "Christian;" while the junior class has four Methodists, two colored to the four class has four Methodists, two colored to the four class has four Methodists, two colored to the four class has four Methodists. brothers, and two ladies. The fraternal feeling between the Unitarian and Methodist students is quite as close as that between the Unitarian and the Christian. Methodist and Unitarian ministers exchange pulpits there; and the Methodist professors of Allegheny College have aided in the ordination of Unitarian ministers.

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—In Cincinnati there are four German and twenty English M. E. Churches. For local church improvements, and in centenary offerings, the English Churches have lately contributed about \$250,000.

—On Sunday, May 9, the Free Methodists of Brooklyn, N. Y., dedicated a house of worship.

—Clark Street Methodist Church block, corner of Clark and Washington, Chicago, erected a few years since, at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars, has been rented this year for ninety-two thousand dollars. been rented this year for ninety-two thousand dollars, all the church rooms being reserved as usual. —There are now at work in the Methouist Epis-copal Church 7120 effective itinerant ministers.

Semental Street Continued and the So

Methodism, somewhat renowned in the past history of the denomination, and intimately associated in the recollections of the old itinerants with the revered ames of Asbury, Coke, and their coadjutors.

CONGREGATIONAL Some of our exchanges state that the "Congresa

—Some of our exchanges state that the "Congregational Quarterly reports 575 churches not supplied with preaching, and 510 ministers unemployed." This is hardly true. The Quarterly reports 568 without stated preachers; but says that most of these churches have regular preaching. It reports 850 ministers not in the pastoral work. This includes 101 missionaries, besides teachers.

—The Washington (lowa) Press says that the Congregational minister there was recently cought out by a German who had received \$1450 by the accidental death of a brother in Europe. He thought one-half of it belonged to the Lord, and begged to heave \$700 with the minister, to be distributed in his discretion among the benevolent societies.

—The pews of the Centre Church, New Haven, Conn., lately rented for \$18,000. On a subsequent Sabbath the pastor, Rev. G. L. Walker, book occasion to express, in decided terms, his regret at 1th result. The prices paid, he said, could not but be regarded as extravagant, and the gross amount received was larger than the exigencies of the caurch demanded. If the debt of the church was alleged as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church content was marked was been as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church content was alleged as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church content was alleged as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church content was alleged as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church content was alleged as an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church demanded. an excuse, the speaker thought that in a church on bracing so much wealth, many of whose memoers were individually able to pay it without embarrass ment, and who, unitedly, could expunge it at once without a twinge, the debt could not but be considered as, in a measure, a disgrace.—Economist. -Congregational churches were organized in Mis-souri, at Ozark, January 9, with eleven members; at Springfield, February 13, with eleven members; at Lugrange (German), March 28, with twenty-nine

members.

—By vote of council, Rev. A. McLoud was dismissed from the Congregational Church in Topsdeld, Mass., on the 27th ult., and most cordially com-mended to the churches. His pastorate has continued more than twenty-seven years, and he has had the confidence of his own and the neighboring churches. The Boston *Traveller* says:—"No other reason seems to have been given for this change han that some of the people wanted a new er; and the council say that they are rolucts pelled to the conclusion that the opposition to Rev. Mr. McLoud has spring from a spirit of personal hostility to blim, rather than from any desire to secure the real good of the Church itself."

—On Sunday morning, 2d inst., a large accession of new members (fifty on profession and twelve by letter) was made to Mr. Beecher's church in Brookyn. Notwithstanding the tempestuous rain, the house was crowded to its utmost. The first Sunday of a large ingathering by this church, and each re-curring anniversary is looked forward to with pecu-liar interest. The pulpit was laden with flowers— the preacher standing like a florist in a conserva-

The College Street Church, of New Haven, have

called the Rev. H. H. Stebbins, of Rivertale, New York, and a graduate of Yale in 1862, —The Eliot City Mission Society, in Roxbury, Massachusetts, has formally transferred its property on Parker street, consisting of the chapel and lot, to the newly organized "Highland Congregational Society." The new church worshipping there is in a dourishing condition, and the congregation has already outgrown the chapel; so that the subject o plarging, or of building anew, is pressed upon im neolate attention.

BAPTIST. During the past year above 100,000 persons were impersed in England and the United States, according to the Baptist "Almanac and Hand-book."

—Zion's Advocate gives interesting accounts of revivals in Auburn and Lewiston, Maine; also at East Dixfield and Emery's Mills. In the first-named place a new house of worship is in process of erection, at a cost of \$85.000. cost of \$18,000.

The First Baptist Church in Newport has of

ained a charter which includes both sexes in the orporation.

The report of Baptist progress in Great Britain —The report of lapthst progress in Great Britain for the last year shows that 49 churches have been organized the past year, making an aggregate of 2447. The increase in membership has been 9982, a larger accession than any since 1850, and bringing up the total to 261,506 members. There are 261,306 scholars in the Sabbath Schools, and no doubt over a million of the British population dependent on the Pantists for reference instruction.

Paptists for religious instruction.

—The churches of Greene and Ulster counties, N Y., have been in the limit for many years past of doing their own domestic mission work. They are united in a Missiomary Conference which very emnuited in a Missionary Conference which very efficiently prosecutes the work of evangelization in those two counties. They have already planted several churches, which are not only self-sustaining, but aid in preaching the Gospel in the regions beyond. Two missionaries are now employed at \$720 and \$750 respectively. Within the past year a very next and commodous meeting-house has been creeted at Acra, and soon another one will be built within the bounds of the conference. They have quarterly meetings with the churches, occupying one day and two evenings, when, in addition to the transaction of the business, four sermons are preached, and social conference meetings are held, thus promoting brotherly love and Zeal in the work.

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-Exioniner and Chronicle,
- Key, Dr. Sainson says, in reference to the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, as Macon, Ga.; - "Our meeting has been one of the Macon, Ga.;—"Our meeting has been one of the sweetest christian harmony, of unusual practical diversion and efficiency, and rich with promise for the future. The Theological Scatthary was put on a stable basis by the subscription of \$15,000 additional to former collections. Contributions to foreign missions were reported from England and Scotland. One-sixth of all the contributions to Domestic Missions, a noble generosity, came from Baltimore alone. The colored people in South Catolina, even, are seeking the aid and counsel of their white brethren; and those of Georgia seem ready to make contributions to send colored missionaries to Africa. The only visitors from north of Maryland were the Rev. Dr. Armitage, with Brother Root, a member of his church, from New York. He was cordially halled, and invited to address the convention, besides sharing in the appointments for preaching and public addresses. The sessions from commencement to close were characsessions from commencement to close were charac-terized by gracious dews from on high. Next year the convention meets at Louisville, Kentucky."

REFORMED. —The Rev. Dr. Brown, who has been paster of the Dutch Reformed church near Auburn, N. Y., for the last eighteen months, and who was formerly missionary to Japan, under the employment of the Mis-sionary Board of the Dutch Reformed Church, has been called to return again to his foreign field. On Sabbath last he preached his farewell sermon to his people, who part with him with sincere regret. UNITED PRESEYTERIAN.

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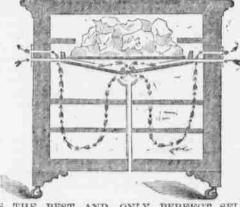
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