OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Prenching. The following is an extract from the sermon preached before the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, in this city, May 12, by Rev. Phillips Brooks:-

And what shall we say of Preaching? Only that if men can preach, and preach the very truth of Christ, year after year, and yet souls, thristy for the water of life, sit at the dry mouths of their well-built channels and thirst in vain for help and salvation, then it must be that the mere telling of the Truth as the mind can understand it and the lips can speak it, is not necessarily the communication of the Gospel Life. If we claim 'the Gospel' as the invariable ministration of Christ to the willing soul, then by 'the Gospel' we must mean, as indeed we ought to mean, something more than mere facts stated most clearly from the most reverend and orthodox pulpit in the land; something more than mere preaching, preaching viralized by some deeper personal power which alone gives it its effect. We talk of sensational preaching. We are rather fond of talking of it and decrying it in our Church. When we rightly deery it we decry preaching that is only sensational. All preaching at the control of t ing at first, and simply as preaching, is sensational. It can create only sensation, which is valueless unless it become afterwards the medium of perceptions and faiths, which alone are the real life.

"And so we put all machinery aside from highest to lowest, and still look for the true communication of life. And is the thing which we know exists, and always infallibly recognize, hard to find, hard to define. Why should it not be? If behind muscles and blood and brain, you know that there is a vital force, which utters itself through them, but which is another thing than they, which would live even if they were dead, then it is not strange to say that be-hind all morality, and order, and rites, and work, and preaching, there is a vital power of the Church, which utters itself through them but which is another thing than they, with-out which they were dead, but which might live though every one of them should die That life-power is Christ always entering into the Church, as truth, and guidance, and love; and always passing out from the Church into hu-manity by the otherwise dead functions, vital-lzed by Him, of teaching, and government, and active work.

It seems perhaps vague and unsatisfactory, but it is not strange, as we just now suggested in relation to the physical economy, that life should be able to manifest itself only through a certain machinery, and yet be some-thing entirely distinct and different from all machinery. And so it is in the Church. The priet moves silently without the bells, but the priest s before and above the bells, and they do not move at all without him. And just this analogy I would trace in all our instances. Integrity must be filled with its true motive, the love of God and Cnrist, or it is not vital. The Church system must be aflame with holy zeal and purpose, or it too is dead. The rites and ceremomust be clearly significant of truth, and not, like the malignant ritualism of our day, significant of error, nor, like the tawdry ritualism of our day, Significant of nothing, a ghost of dead incantations. And our preaching must be full of the spirit as well as true to the letter of the Gospel, or no life passes out of the living Church to make a dead world live. Christ, by whom the Church lives in herself, must be the vitality of every energy which she uses to com-municate her life to His mankind."

CITY RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

-The following churches will take the vote on The londwing charles will take the vote on lay delegation on the days named:—Nazarest, June 7; Asbury, 8; Eleventh Street, 9; Haines Street, Germantown, 9; Bethel and Frankford, 10; Union, Twelfth Street, and Siloam, 11; Green Street, 14; Salem, 15; Nineteenth Street, Wharton Street, Front Salem, 15; Nineteenth Street, Wharton Street, Front Street, and Scott, 16; Fifth Street, Tabernacle, and Cohocksink, 17; Trinity and Summerfield, 19; Kensington, Port Richmond, and Central, 21; Broad Street and Sixteenth Street (Hedding), 22; St. John's, Twentieth Street, Mt. Zion, Manayunk, St. George's, and Flizwater Street, 23; Thirty-eighth Street, 24; Ebenezer and Fortieth Street, 24; St. Paul's, 29.

—A general meeting of the lay members (male and female) of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at the Green Street Church (above Tenth), on next Tuesday evening, 8th inst., at 8 o'clock, to confer on the important subject of lay representation. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Bishop Simpson, Rev. Altred Cookman, Rev. T. T. Taker, Sr. und

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-A note from Rev. Dr. Alday, dated at Liverpool, England, May 18th, has been received, announcing the safe arrival at that point of himself and travelling companions, Rev. C. H. Payne, Rev. W. V. Kelly, with Amos Phillips and Richard Jennings, Esqs.

—We are informed that the friends of the new enterprise at Broad and Spring Garden streets intend

holding a Floral and Strawberry Festival in the hall, northeast corner Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Thursday evening, June 10.

—There is to be a festival and fair in aid of the Hestonville church, commencing on the 10th inst.

—A meeting of the Historical Society will be held at No. 1018 Arch street on next Monday evening. -An anniversary is to be neid at the Old People's Home, on Lehigh avenue, on the 16th inst.

... The interest is still increasing in relation to the work of the Ladles' and Pastors' Christian Union.
Next Monday afternoon will be held the regular
meeting for the present month at No. 1018 Arch
street. Mrs. Wittenmyer is now superintending the
publication of her first annual report.

—The Mariners' Bethel Church have selected

Union Grove, on the West Jersey R. R., again this year as the place for their excursion.

—Rev. J. Stiles, pastor of the M. E. Church at Gioucester City, N. J., baptized twelve candidates in the Delaware river on last Sabbath morning.

Two more were dedicated to Christ by the usual mode before service and twenty-two after morning preaching. Twelve were read into full connection in the PERSEVTERIAN.

-At a meeting of the Second Presbytery of Phila-delphia, on the 20th of May, in the Presbyterian church at Forestville, Bucks county, Pa., Mr. J. B. Krewson, a member of the class recently graduated at the Theological Semmary at Princeton, was set apart to the work of the ministry by the "laying on of hands," and installed as pastor of the Forestville church.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. L. With-row of Philadelphia, the Rev. S. M. Andrews, D. D. of Doylestown, gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. A. M. Woods, of Hartsville, gave the charge

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—At the same neeting, the Presbytery, at the request of the Rev. S. R. Anderson, dissolved the pastoral relation existing between him and the churches of Bensalem, Newportville, and Aurora.

—The annual meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America will be held on Tucsday, the 15th Inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., at the Mission House, No. 907 Arch street. Officers to be elected.

—The annual meeting of the Board of Education will be held next Friday afternoon, when officers of the Board will be chosen.

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The anniversary exercises of the Clinton Street
Church on last Sunday evening were highly interesting, and followed on the two succeeding evenings by
a floral and strawberry festival.

UNIVERSALIST. -To-morrow night Rev. M. Leonard will preach at the Lombard Street Church on the Universalist opi-

nion of human destiny.

—Rev. Dr. Brooks will preach in the morning at the Church of the Messiah, Broad and Locust streets, on the suggestive question "Shall rum ruin us?" and on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday a Strawberry Festival will be held in the jecture-room of the church

-Rev. Mr. Gabelmann, pastor of the First German —Rev. Mr. Guorimann, passes of the First German Church, baptized three persons on Sunday last.
—Eight were baptized by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Lung, into the fellowship of the Third Church, Germantown, on Lord's Day, May 23.
—The Third Baptist Church, South Second street, has just been recarpeted, rewindow-shaded, and renovated. It was opened last Sunday in all the fresh-

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a strawberry and musical festival, in Washington Hall, southwest corner of Eighth and Spring Garden streets, on Tuesday evening, June 18, 1859. They appeal to the friends of the church in this city and vicinity to aid them in this enterprise. No pains will be spared to make it worthy of patronage. One was also begon in the meeting-house of the Baptist Church, Broad street, Beverly, New Jersey, on Friday, June 4, and is to continue through the coming week.

CATHOLIC —The congregation of St. Malachi's Church, Eleventh street, above Master, are in great expectancy as to the grand concert to be given on next Thursday in conjunction with their fine new organ, to which we made reference yesterday. It promises to be an interesting entertainment, and both Father Kelly, the pastor of the church, and his flock, have reason to congratuate them. reason to congratulate themselves on the possession of so fine an instrument, which is one of the best yet made at the manufactory of the Messrs. Knauff. —A grand concert of sacred music will be given on the evening of the 20th inst., at St. Dominic's Church, Holmesburg, under the direction of the leader of St.

EPHLCOPALIAN. Rev. R. C. Mallack delivered a lecture in the Church of the Nativity recently, his subject being "A week in Naples." The lecture was the third and last of a course delivered for the benefit of the Sunday-school improvement fund. The audience room was well filled, and much satisfaction was expressed by those who head therefore. by those who heard the effort

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The annual report of the Parish Association has been presented to the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and is replete with matters of interest. The Sunday-schools and Bible classes of the church and chapel have been very prosperous during the past year, and show an increase of 12 teachers and 113 scholars. The average attendance in good weather has been very large. The whole number is, teachers, 115; scholars, 1700. The sewing schools, mothers' meeting, and night schools have schools, mothers' meeting, and night schools have all been well attended, and have been eminently

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N. Thomas, has been more prosperous than ever. The changes in the arrangement of the building have added to the efficiency of its schools, and a faithful added to the efficiency of its schools, and a faithful and energetic corps of 4eachers have carried them on with vigor and success. The library has received during the past year donations of 400 valuable volumes. It now numbers in all about 1000. In connection with the library, a Young Men's Meeting has been held at the chapel every Tuesday evening since the 1st of May. These meetings are intended to be social and instructive. Various monthly and weekly periodicals are taken, and the library is thrown open. The first part of the evening is appropriated to reading and amusements, and the latter part to a locture on an interesting subject by some one of the lecturers of interesting subject by some one of the lecturers of the city. The meeting has thus far been most suc-cessful. The amount appropriated by the parish to support the chapel was \$2071, and the sum collected at the chapel services, and by means of its organiza-tions and efforts, amounted to \$27242. The official tisms, 28; adults, 5; confirmed, 34; marriage, 1; burials, 19. acts of the minister were as follows - Infant ban

MISCELLANEOUS. —Our citizens will have an opportunity on Monday evening next of hearing Dr. F. R. Lees, the eloquent temperance lecturer of England. He will deliver under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Concert Hall, his popular lecture entitled "Objections Answered." Dr. Lees has attained a world-wide reputation as a writer and comes to us with the highest recommendations from omes to us with the highest recommendations fro England. His wit and eloquence have been much applauded in our Eastern cities.

—The Philadelphia Trust and Mission Society will

SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

—The Southern Presbyterian Assembly, meeting in Mobile, is presided over by Smart Robinson, D. D., notorious during the war for his aid and sympathy extended so publicly to the Rebels that our Govern-ment banished him from the country. This is a testimonial of their appreciation of his conduct then. It was reported that the number of ministers had decreased; but an annual accession of 30 or 40 from the seminaries may be expected the next six years, The contributions the past year have increased 50 per . It was decided to be an infraction of cent. It was decided to be an intraction of rules for a minister to supply permanently a church of any other denomination. They evidently do not believe in the practicability of silently molding other religious bodies. It was reported that there was no practicable way of co-operating with the Northern Church on the matter of labor with the Freedmen. It will be remembered that the only plan which the Southern Presbyterians would agree to was that they should do the work receivily. to was that they should do the work, providing the men, while their Northern brethren should supply the means. It was reported that their Union Theo-

logical Seminary in Virginia had taught 26 students during the year.—Independent,
—A Pittsburg presbytery sent an overture to the General Assembly on the treatment of Chinese, But the members of the Assembly from California deprecated any action on the subject, denying that there was any such ill-feeling on the Pacific coast towards Chinanien, except on the part of a few ignorant frishmen. We are very glad to learn this pleasing state of things, and that prejudice of race is not there carried beyond Christian limits; and we are ially delighted to learn of this happy of things, as it was so contrary to what has been represented here by tourists. By the way, what did the San Francisco Methodist Advocate mean, speaking of the effort to educate the Chinese in San Jose, and of the burning of the church there because its members kept up a Chinese school, when it said that the greatest difficulty there was the ill-will of those who claimed to represent the highest form of Christian culture? It could not have meant the Unitarians or Congregationalists, as they have no church in San Jose; and, of course it could not have meant the New School Presbyterians, who have nave means the New School Pressystems, who have a membership of 180, and have just purchased the largest beli ever cast on the Pacific coast. Probably the reference was to the Roman Catholics .- Inde

-The Reformed Presbyterian Synod (O. S.) has been meeting in Newburg, New York. Nothing of special interest was done, although to outsiders it was interesting to notice the opposition to a pro-posal to raise a fund for superannuated ministers, as being an immoral insurance scheme. It was urged with great force that the Church needed all its money to press forward missionary work, and that such passages as "take no thought for your life," etc., precluded such untrustful schemes.

—The Advance says:—"'Pligrim's' use of the well-known western-coined phrase 'Presbygational,' to denote the mongrel Wisconsin system of ecclesiasticism—part Congregational and part Presbyte-rian—necessitates the editor of the Congregationalis to explain his correspondent's word to the editor of the Universalist, who puzzled over it in vain. He might have added that another but similar mode of denoting the hermaphrodite system is by compounding the denominations in opposite order, and calling it 'Congreterian.' That the more usual form should be 'Presbygational,' putting the Presbyterian element first, is probably due to the same anomaly which calls the State Convention, composed of 124 which calls the State Convention, composed of 124 Congregational and 13 Presbyterian Churches, 'The Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wis-

United Presbyterian Mission among the Copts of Egypt has been established but fourteen years, and has been very feebly manned for about half of that time; and yet, although much of the work has been preparatory, very satisfactory pro-gress has been made. There are now 10 mis-sionaries, of whom 2 are laymen; three young adies, who are teachers of female schools; and about 40 native agents, who labor as colpor-teurs, teachers, and native preachers. The number of chief stations from Alexandria to Assouan are eight, which are surrounded by numerous out-stations. The number of communicants is over 200. The schools are 14, in which about 600 children of all sorts are learning the elements of a Christian education. They have a theological ool, in which 29 men are training for the holy ministry; and a press, which is engaged in giving a Christian literature to the people; and, what is perhaps more indicative of the extent and nature of the work, from 8000 to 10,000 Bibles and Christian books have been distributed—sold, not given away—annualis in the arms.

annually in the past 8 years.

The receipt of \$12,628 during April relieves the United Presbyterian Missionary Society of immediate

—The Cincinnati Advocate denies the assertion of the Baptist Bible Union that Methodist scholars are engaged in aiding in the translation of the Immersionist version. Of those whose names are given as Methodists it says that Dr. Strickland has joined the Presbyterians, and that the names of others are not found in the official minutes.

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attendance upon these lectures has been constantly increasing, until, the lecture-room becoming too smail to accommodate the members, they have repaired to the main audience-room, where, on each Wednesday evening, are assembled a large audiedce, with Bible in hand, comparing the accounts as given by the different evangelists. At no period, in the history of the Church has a deeper interest been manifested in the study of the word of God than now, and although the preparatory labor has been equal to that for the Sabbath, it is believed to have been the means of awakening the immented. have been the means of awakening the impenitent, and preparing the heart for the reception of that religion which the Great Teacher came from heaven to establish."

EPIBCOPAL. In 1860 there were 70 Episcopal clergymen in South Carolina. There are now but 40 at work. Then the funds of the church were worth \$550,000. Now they have all gone in the wreck of Confederate

bonds.

—The Bishop of London, following in the steps of his predecessor, has issued a pastoral, which was read throughout his diocese last Sabbath, appealing for fresh subscriptions to the fund for the diffusion of the Gospel amongst the masses. He recounts what has already been effected by means of it, and what has already been enected by means of H, and says that a population increasing at the rate of 40,000 a year must be provided with spiritual ordinances, and that neglect is fraught with peril to the Church and State in all their relations. About £020,000 of the million originally contemplated has yet to be The Ritualists are striking out fresh develop

The Ritualists are striking out fresh developments. We had lately an open-air procession through a part of the East End of London, and now we have to report that at Falmouth the funeral of a young woman has afforded an opportunity for another exhibition of the same kind. It was preceded by a person carrying a cross twelve feet high; and in the church during the burial service incense was used. The novelty of the proceeding drew together a large crowd, who greeted the officiating elergyman with groans, hisses and laughter. A scuffle followed, in the course of which the rector's surplice was torn.

The Rev. Jolin Tate, feetor of an Episcopal church in Columbus, Ohio, having lately introduced some ritualistic observances into his church, Bishop McIlvaine, his diocesan, signified his objections, and desired their discontinuance. Mr. Tate decilined to desired their discontinuance Mr. Tate declined to comply, and has been presented by the Bishop for trial, on the following charges:—1. "Violation of his engagement to conform to the dectrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America." 2. "Violation of the solemn promise and you made at his ordinate. olemn promise and yow made at his ordination reverent obedience to his Bishop, and of following his godly admonition, and of submitting himself to his godly judgment." The American Church Union, in New York city, are to provide and compensate Mr. Tate's counsel in the trial.

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There are in process of erection in the diocese of Maine seven churches, beside the Cathedral church, says the Churchman.

METHODIST The Methodist Foreign Mission Board ask their patrons to give them \$190,000 during the four months beginning with May. The friends of the American Board contributed that amount last year in two

One of the Methodist papers, in alluding to the itinerant character of the clergy of that denomin-tion, who are transferred every two or three years rom one church to another, states that they subjected to an annual expense of more than \$1,000,000 for moving. Not a small item to come out of their small salaries. This does not include breakage and repairs, of which Dr. Franklin says that "three moves are equal to one fire."—New Fork

Observer.

A large meeting in favor of lay delegation was held in Pittsburg, May 24. Addresses were made by Bishops Simpson and Kingsley.

It is stated that the Methodists in this country. hold a Union meeting in the Presbyterian Church Manayunk, on Sabbath evening, the 6th, at 8 o'clock. Several addresses will be made. Public invited. are building an average of one and a haif church The corner-stone of a new church edifice

laid at Birdsborough, in this State, May 15. The building is to cost \$7000. building is to cost \$1000.

—The Journal of Commerce throws it in the teeth of the radicals that at the Conference of the African Methodists held lately in Newburg, N. Y., forty colored clergymen should have been "quartered among the colored people at the expense of the whole people of the place." Why Afri-can Methodists should not have entertained African Methodists, just as Baptists entertain Baptists, we are not told. And it is certainly some improvement on old times if other churches aid in the

-About 120 years ago there were 101 Nonconformist places of worship in Wales. Now there are 2800, During the last 18 years the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales have built 321 new chapels, the Independents Wales have built 321 new chapels, the Independents 118, and the Baptists 142. Taking Horace Mann'

118, and the Baptists 142. Taking Horace Mann's estimate that a people needs church-silling for 58 per cent, of its population in order to be abundantly supplied, we find that the poor Nonconformists of Wales exceed this provision by 2270.

—The revival in Richmond, Ind., continues to be of a remarkable character. Over 200 probationers have been added during the past 60 days to Grace Methodist Church. The interest among the Friends is very good, their meetings being very similar to those of the other denominations. Mrs. Frame, one of the Society of Friends, is one of the most acceptable preachers. Presbyterians and Methodists are vicing with each other, it is said, for the privilege of having her preacher to the said. having her preach to their different congregations

CONGREGATIONAL. -On Sunday evening last the Rev. John Hall, D. D., preached in Mr. Beecher's church, Brooklyn. On the same evening Mr. Beecher held service at the Plymouth Bethel. The complaint that when a stranger occupies the Plymouth pulpit the audience thins out before the embarrassed clergy-man's face, did not hold good in this case. The throng was dense, filling every seat, and crowding the vestibule. The discourse was plain, practical, and cogent—a warm-hearted and affectionate appeal. Dr. Hall is a Gospel minister of the old-fashioned type, taking a text and sticking to it like wax. He was heard with profit and delight, and will be welcomed in the same place with the faction

will be welcomed in the same place with the heartlest hospitality the next time.

The Congregational Association of Michigan —The Congregational Association of Michigan held its twenty-eighth annual meeting in East Sagi-naw. In the opening sermon by the last moderator, President Morrison, of Olivet College, the statement was made that Michigan has in its churches sittings for only 220,000 of its population of 620,000. The Association reported 167 churches, with over 10,000 members, and 12,000 children in its Sabbath Schools. An important movement was made to establish in each local conference a committee on pastoral sup ply—a sort of bulky presiding eldership, which should provide preachers for the pulpits. The Ame-rican and Foreign ChristianUnion was represented by a pastor from Detroit, who asserted the Papist confessional is a place where servant-girls are encouraged to tell all the family secrets of those for whom they labor; and he told, very considentially, a few things about the "private" operations of the Union in teaching the children of Papists. But the Association voted in effect not to send its aid till a full exhibit had been made of its affairs. Dr. Ballard of Detroit, read a paper on amusements, which was made the pastoral address to the churches. There was not during the meeting a single prayer or speech remarkable mainly for its length,—Inde-

-Since March 1, 1868, six Congregational churches have been organized in California, with an aggregate membership of sixty persons. Nine church edifices have been built, six of which are finished and the three others are ready for dedication. Be sides these, two that were commenced the year previous were finished and dedicated during the present year. The aggregate cost of these eleven churches exceeds \$40,000; debt on the same not over \$5000. During the last five years twenty-eight churches have been organized, of which nine are self-supporting, twenty church edifices built, and three parsonages, at a cost of over \$50,000. at a cost of over \$80,000, three young men licensed to preach, four ordained, and eight installed. Of the forty-five Congregational churches in California, thirty-six were erganized under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society. Only eight of the forty-five have worked on without Home Mission help. Twenty-five of these once missionary churches have houses of worship, and five have parsonages. sonages. - Congregationalist

CATHOLIC. -Bishop Rosecrans offers to have perpetual mass said till the end of the world for all persons who shall contribute \$25 for St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, Ohlo. Or the benefit of the mass may be applicable. at the option of the donor, to any other person,

living or dead.

—The 30 Romanist priests in the capital of Mada gascar seem to be meeting with little success. The London Missionary Society, at its late anniversary, protested against the appointment of an Anglican shop of Madagascar, as tending to excite discords among the recent converts.

—Dean McNeil lately stated in a public meeting in England that in 1801—the Romanists formed 34 per

England that in 1801 the Romanists formed 24 per cent, of the population of Great Britain, while now they are only 17 per cent. The reason is evident: they have been driven to this country.

—The Protestant Congress, which assembled at Worms May 31, was attended by twenty thousand persons, inclinding representatives from all the States of Germany. The Congress, by a unanimous vote, resolved against Papal exhortations to return to the Roman Church, and in condemnation of the encyclical letter and syllabus. The idea of the formation of a united German Church is mooted.

—The Marquis of Bute has built a hospital for lepers at Jerusalem, in token of gratitude for his lepers at Jerusalem, in token of gratitude for his conversion to Roman Catholicism, —The new Roman Catholic Church of St. Charles

—The new Roman Can, was dedicated by Bishop Laughin May 25d.
—We regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. Joseph Culien, of St. Mary's, Stockton-on-Tees. The deceased priest had been stationed at St. Mary's for thirteen years, and was beloved by his flock and respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place on Monday, the 3d of May, and was

attended by the Bishop of Hexham, a large number of clergy, about 2000 of the laity, and 300 children. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Canon Knight.—London Tablet.

-London Tablet. Congregation of Rites Issues a decree con The Congregation of Rices issues a decree con-firming the steps taken for the heatification of the Venerable Anna Maria Taigh, and the previous de-cree of the 16th March. Several most wonderful statances of cure by her intercession have, it is said, come before the congregation. The Pope takes the deepest interest in the process of this holy matron, who predicted his elevation to the Popedom, his trials, his sufferings, and his triumphs. UNITED BRETHREN.

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—The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ met in quadrennial session in Lebanon, on the 26th inst. The body is composed of three delegates from each annual conference, 35 of which conferences are already organized, 12 being mission conferences. The number of home and foreign mission fields is \$73; of homes of worship therein, 198; of Sabbath Schools, 590, with \$425 teachers and \$2,764 scholars. Among the measures recommended by the Secretary is the proposition to open missions in the Chinese population of California, and also one in Germany. A mission commenced some years ago near Shengay, on the West African coast, will probably be abandoned, or at least suspended. The question of lay representation came up; and it was decided best to let the Methodists inaugurate the plan. The engrossing topic was the question of modifying the discipline of the Church so as to allow members of secret societies to maintain fellowship with the Church. This was debated for 24 full hours, much effort being made at least to allow members to be connected with the minor temperance societies, if not with Miscorry; but this was regarded as an entering weige, and the rule maintained that any member who persists ha his connection with a secret society, after being reproved for his fault, "shall no longer be considered a member of our Church." for his fault, "shall no longer be considered a mem-ber of our Church."

CITY ITEMS.

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