

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Preaching. 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, thirty years ago, with the water of life, 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. If we claim 'the Gospel' as the invariable ministrations 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 reverent and orthodox pulpits in the land. We mean more than the preaching, preaching, vitalized 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 deprecating it in our Church. When we rightly deprecate it we deprecate preaching that is not the Gospel. All preaching 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."

It seems perhaps vague and unsatisfactory, but it is not strange, as we just now suggested in relation to the phenomena of life, that life should be able to manifest itself only through a certain machinery, and yet be something entirely distinct and different from all machinery. And so it is in the Church. The priest moves silently without the bells, but the bells are before and behind him, and he can move only 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 Christ, or it is not vital. The Church system must be alive with holy zeal and purpose, or it is dead. The priest and his flock must 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 of life, as true to the letter of the Gospel, or no life will come 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 communicate her life to his mankind."

CITY RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. The following churches will take the vote on July delegation on the days named:—Nazareth, June 7; Ansony, 8; Eleventh Street, 9; Haines Street, Germantown, 10; Franklin, 10; Union, 10; Twelfth Street, and Sixteen, 11; Green Street, 14; Salem, 15; Nineteenth Street, Wharton Street, Front Street, and Chestnut, 16; Fifth and Tabernacle, and Cobleskill, 17; Trinity and Summit, 18; Kensington, Port Richmond, and Central, 21; Broad Street and Sixteenth Street (Hedding), 22; St. John's, Twentieth Street, 23; Second and Locust, 24; and Fitzwater Street, 23; Thirty-eighth Street, 24; Eleventh and Fourteenth Street, 24; St. Paul's, 25.

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 subject of the representation of the laity. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Bishop Simpson, Rev. Alfred Cookman, Rev. T. T. Tasker, Sr., and others.

A note from Rev. Dr. Alday, dated at Liverpool, England, May 15th, has been received, announcing the safe arrival at that point of himself and traveling companions, Rev. J. H. F. Prudden, V. Kelly, W. Ames Phillips and Richard Jennings, Esq.

We are informed that the friends of the new enterprise at Broad and Spring Garden streets intend holding a "Strawberry Festival" in the hall of the northeast corner Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Thursday evening, June 10.

There is to be a festival in aid of the Westmoreland Female Seminary on the 10th inst. A meeting of the Historical Society will be held at No. 1018 Arch street on next Monday evening.

An anniversary of the Philadelphia People's Home, on Lehigh avenue, on the 16th inst.

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

The Mariners' Bethel Church has selected Union Grove, on the West Jersey R. R., again this year as the place for their excursion.

Rev. J. Stiles, pastor of the Church at Gloucester 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 at that point after morning preaching. Twelve were read into full connection in the evening.

At a meeting of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the 30th 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 Seminary at Philadelphia, was appointed 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. Withrow 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 to the people.

At the same meeting, the Presbytery, at the request of the Rev. S. H. Anderson, dissolved the pastoral relation existing between him and the churches of Bensalem, Newportville, and Atorra.

The annual meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America will be held on Tuesday, the 9th 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.

A strawberry and musical festival, in Washington Hall, southwest corner of Eighth and Spring Garden streets, on Tuesday evening, June 15, 1869. They appear to be the friends of the church in this city and vicinity to aid them in this enterprise. No plans will be spared to make it worthy of patronage. One was given by the Rev. J. S. Shickel, pastor of the Baptist Church, Broad Street, Beverly, New Jersey, on Friday, June 4, and is to continue through the coming week.

ATLANTIC. 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 the 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 reasons for congratulating themselves on the possession of so fine an instrument, which is one of the best yet made at the manufactory of the Messrs. Knapp.

Rev. R. C. Matlack 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 the hearers on the subject.

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 scholars and 113 scholars. The average attendance in all the schools was 1,400. The number of members, 115; scholars, 1790. The sewing societies, mothers' meeting, and night schools have been well attended, and have been eminently useful.

Trinity Chapel, under the charge of the Rev. R. S. Thomas, has been more prosperous than ever. The changes in the rectory will have added to the efficiency of its schools, and a faithful and energetic corps of teachers have carried them out with vigor and success. The library has received during the past year several hundred volumes. It now numbers in all about 1000. In connection with the library, a Young Men's Meeting has been held at the church every Sunday evening since the 1st of May. These meetings were intended to be social and instructive. Various monthly, and weekly periodicals are taken, and the library is often open, a part of the evening is appropriated to reading and amusements, and the latter part to a lecture on an interesting subject. The amount of money collected in support of the chapel was \$2917, and the sum collected in aid of the same was \$1900.

The Methodist Foreign Mission Board ask their patrons to review the \$100,000 of their contributions beginning with May. The friends of the American Board contributed that amount last year in two months.

The Methodist papers, in alluding to the itinerant character of the clergy of that denomination, who are transferred every two or three years, are unequalled in durability, brilliancy, tone, and interest. The American Board is no exception among the colored people at the expense of the whole people of the place.

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attention upon these lectures has been constantly increasing, until the lecture-room became too small to accommodate the audience. They were paired to the main audience-room, where, on Wednesday evening, were assembled a large audience 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 manifested in the study of the word of God than now, and the preparatory labor has been equal to that for the Sabbath. It is believed to have been the means of awakening the impatient, and preparing the heart for the reception of that religion which the Great Teacher came from heaven to establish."

EPISCOPAL. In 1860 there were 70 Episcopal clergymen in South Carolina. There are now but 49 at work. Then the number of churches was 1000. Now they have all gone in the wreck of Confederate bonds.

The Bishop of London, following in the steps of the Archbishop of Canterbury, has issued a pastoral, read throughout his diocese last Sabbath, appealing for fresh subscriptions to the fund for the reunion of the Gospel in the East. He points out that a population increasing at the rate of 40,000 a year must be provided with spiritual ordinances, and that neglect to do so is a crime against God and State in all their relations.

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attended by the Bishop of Hexham, a large number of clergy, about 500 of the laity, and 300 children. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Canon Knapp, London 7th July 1868.

The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ met in quarterly session in Lebanon, on the 30th inst. The body is composed of three delegates from each annual conference, 36 in all; conference are already organized, 12 from mission conferences. The number of homes and foreign mission fields is 373; of houses of worship therein, 195; of Sabbath Schools, 691, with 3425 scholars and 22,700 scholars. The number of members recommended by the Secretary is the proposition to open missions in the Chinese population of California, and also one in Germany.

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DIED. CURRY.—On the 2d instant, JOHN CURRY, in the 72th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his son, Benjamin C. Curry, on Allen's Lane, Mt. Airy, on Sunday afternoon, June 6, at 3 o'clock. To proceed to Philadelphia Cemetery.

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