# OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN. An American Peculiarity.

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The Rev. Mr. Punshon, writing to the Methoflist Recorder in England respecting the dedicatiop exercises of the new Methodist church at Washington, makes this criticism on oar national lack of reverence .--

"Phrenologically speaking, the American has finely developed head, but I have sometimes shought that where the organ of veneration should be there must be a perfect hollow. There Is an infinitesimal reverence for sacred places, days, and things. I have seen the hat worn almost up to the altar, the newspaper read during the sermon, the reporter writing his leading article during the minister's prayer. I should rather welcome than rebuke anything that would have a tendency to increase the national reverence, for as the expressions of holy things languish, the things themselves are apt to become enfectled and die. Time-honered, moreover, as the American practice of raising money for churches on the Sabbath has become, and great as may have been its success. I should like to see it buried in the 'tomb of all the Capulets,' and I should feel, as I followed Its funeral, that a sworn foe to the higher interests of churches lay there interred. We spent eight hours in the Metropolitan church on the day of dedication-five in the house of God, and three in the house of merchandise-that is, five hours were spent in worship, and three in raising money."

# SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

#### PRESETTERIAN.

-The Presbytery of Ontario asks the united General Assembly, which will meet in Pittsburg, Pa., if, as there seems no reason to doubt, the presbyteries of both bodies shall vote for reunion, to inaugurate a movement for raising neveral millions of dollars for educational and denominational purposes. —The Cumberland Presbyterian Church

(colored) at Leavenworth, Kansas, has voted to become Congregational. The presbytery had voted that colored men could not be members of presbytery, but only under its care; and the pastor and church chose to go where it could

enjoy equal rights. \_The Cumberland Presbyterians have taken hold of the matter of establishing a church in Ban Francisco in earnest. The Rev. J. A. Baird, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., has been officially called to act as missionary in this field, and his decision is awaited with great interest by the Irlends of the denomination. \_The Rev. Thomas H. Law, for several years

evangelist in Charleston Presbytery, has received a call from the church at Spartanburg Court House, S. C., which was recently under the care of the Rev. Dr. A. A. Porter.

-A new church was organized at McMinnville, Warren county, Tennessee, and held its first communion on Sabbath, June 13. It has bixteen members, one elder, and one deacon.

-At a special meeting of East Hanover Presbytery in Richmond, on the 22d of June, leave was granted to the Presbyterian Church

the Presbytery of Montgomery, for the pastoral Bervices of the Rev. James P. Smith. —The Committee of Domestic Missions in the Presbytery of Chesapeake has invited the Rev. Dr. J. D. Mitchell, pastor of the Lynchburg Second Church, to act as an evangelist within

the bounds of that presbytery. —The slow process of Presbyterian Church civilization in the Synod of Canada has not yet reached by a great deal the point reached by the Jewish Church in the time of David. We see that the late meeting of the synod in Hamilton was vexed with the question what should be done with the Knox Church of Montreal, which has introduced the organ. At the meeting last year the matter was brought up and passed over; but meanwhile the Presbytery of Montreal has rebuked the Knox Church, but without success in banishing the profane wind in-strument. After a long discussion, the synod passed a resolution mildly rebuking the

Italy as a missionary. \_\_\_\_\_The Trustees of the Northwestern University at Evanston, near Chicago, Illinois, the leading Methodist institution in the West, have decided to admit ladies upon the sam i terms as male students. The institution has an endow-ment of over half a million dollars. President E. O. Haven, of Michigan University, has been elected its President.

#### CONGREGATIONAL.

-A new Congregational church was organized a few days ago in Brownville, one of the out-skirts of Brooklyn. It begins with thirteen members

-Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, pastor of the Congregational Church of Elmira, says the Ameri can Fresbyterian, 'has preached a most remark-able sermon on Presbyterianism; distinctly, ably, and earnestly advocating that system of church organization as the most simple, natural, scrip-tural, and practicable of all systems."

The Congregational churches of Maine held last week an interesting conference in Bangor. During the year a Congregationalist has given \$100,000 to the Freewill Baptist College at Lewiston. Resolutions were passed in support of a prohibitory liquor law and against easy divorces. The Vermont conference reports an increase of membership in every county. There are in the State 196 Congregational churches, representing 50,000 of the population, and con-tributing \$46,000 for charitable purposes.

E-A large colony of Congregationalists have settled on Diamond Creek, Nebraska, near Coun-

cll Grove, and will constitute a church. —Rev. Lewis Sabin, D. D., has resigned his charge, in Templeton, Mass., after a pastorate of thirty-two years. --Mr. James H. Chesney was ordained to the ministry at Westfield, Wisconsin, Jane 2.

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 May 29, at Angola, Ind.
 —Rev. Charles Soule died in Portland, Me.,
 May 31, aged 75 years. He graduated from Andover Seminary in 1825.
 —Mr. C. A. Towle was ordained at Sandwich,

Ill., May 20. CATHOLIC.

The Œcumenical Council meets with but little favor among the Romanists of Germany, most of whom are in favor of free thought. It is even thought not unlikely that if, under the influence of the Jesuits, and of Dr. Manning, and the new party of proselytes, the Council should take extreme Ultramontane grounds, as now seems probable, there would be a serious schism in the Roman Catholic Church.-Independent.

-The corner-stone of a new Romish church was laid at Clyde Depot, New York, on June 13. A large company was in attendance, who were addressed by Bishop McQuade, of Rochester.

### EPISCOPAL.

-It will be remembered that letters from cight bishops have been published in Episcopal papers on the subject of the revision of the Prayer Book; all of them admitting that the Prayer Book needed revision, but insisting that this was not the time for it. One other letter was not printed, for the reason, as was said, that it was too long. It is now stated that it was suppressed because it took grounds in favor of immediate revision, and so it was not suited to the purpose of those who wished to discourage

the purpose of those who wished to discourage the movement for the Chicago Evangelical Con-ference, by showing that all the evangelical bishops were opposed to its object. —Rev. Mr. Cheney, of Chicago, says he is not going out of the Episcopal Church, and no man can put him out. Bishop Whitehouse seems de-termined, at least, to put him out of his office as one of its presbyters. His trial is announced to begin this month, in the Bishop's cathedral church. church.

-A New York Conference of Evangelical Episcopalians has appointed a committee for the revision of the Prayer Book, of which Dr. Thrall is secretary. Different portions have been assigned to prominent churchmen.

-The Church Review speaks of the Lord's Day as the "Feast of the Resurrection." In a bitter attack on the efforts to send the Bible to Spain, and to introduce Protestant worship, the Church periodical says :---"In Spain, Protestantism has not the advantage of a religions revolution, or of a reaction from abuses and personal oppression. It is not called in to destroy, and construction is not its forte. Its only chance, at the best, is to make a ruin first, and then strive to benefit by com-parison. But in Spain it has to begin just where it is ending everywhere else. With what face can a system which has made Germany infidel offer to build up a new Christianity in Spain?" Of course it is entirely consistent in a journal which is trying to banish the Gospel from Eng-land to prevent its entrance into Spain. Neither attempt appears to be successful .- Episcopalian. The Convention of the Evangelical Episco--The Convention of the Evangelical Episco-pallans in Chicago met June 16. Of the two hundred delegates the majority were laymen. (The Hartford Churchman says "ladies," and gives the whole number of delegates as twenty ministers and seventeen laymen). The meeting passed resolutions reaffirming the protest against un-Protestant dogmas, which most of them had signed, and pledging themselves to maintain the doctrines of the Church in their purity. The question of the revision of the Prayer-Book was discussed, and resolutions in its favor adopted. The convention marks a step in advance.

Arrighi, one of the graduates, was a soldier of Garlbald, and was sent to the galloys after the siege of Rome, but escaped to this country, where he was converted. He hopes to return to conversion of his sister, Miss Anna Heikel, who is the principal of a deaf and dumb asylum in Finland; and she has proved a very successful teacher of the truth. Her mother and sister are her helpers, but her brother is now studying in Germany. There is a Sabbath-school with 130 or more pupils under her charge, and large meetings are held in the large hall of the deaf and dumb institution. —Mr. Stangnowski tells of a precious revival

THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH, PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY,

-Mr. Stangnowski tells of a precions revival among the children now in progress in Goyden. He says:-"For five weeks we have had a public prayer meeting every evening. Thus far, thir-teen are rejoicing in hope-five adults and eight children in the Sabbath school."-Mr. Berneike, of Konigsberg, writes concerning the imperative need of a new chapel at that place. The popu-lation is 100,000. The Baptist Church has upwards of 200 members. Last year forty-two were baptized; sixteen others were awaiting the ordinance. Notwithstanding their poverty, the church have raised \$800, and have already purchased an eligible lot for the chapel. --The Baptist Convention of Connecticut has

petitioned the Legislature that divorces be alowed only for adultery and wilful desertion and that a second marriage between the guilty party and the partner of his guilt be forbidden. the crime is often committed in order to secure a divorce.

-On June 20 the Warburton Avenue Baptist Church, Yonkers, N. Y., was dedicated. In the afternoon a union service was held, at which all the ministers of Yonkers assisted. The church the ministers of Yonkers assisted. The church was built and presented to the society as a free-will offering by Messrs. Trevor & Colgate, szc-cessful bankers in Wall street. A similar gift was that of Joseph E. Sheffield, of New Haven, who has built there three buildings—an Episco-pal church, with a church home and a church school—and presented them to Trinity parish. They were dedicated June 24. —According to their latest fearers there are in

-According to their latest figures, there are in Missouri 50,000 white Baptist communicants and 10,000 colored. Evidently in Missouri the denomination there is not yet properly recon-structed, or the figures would not be kept dis

tinct. —The committee having charge of the organi-zation of a Baptist Home, have succeeded in purchasing a property in West Philadelphia, in an eligible location, with a large mansion and grounds suitable for the purpose. They have inade one payment, to secure the property, and now desire all who are interested in the move-ment to ald them. In order to give the friends of this worthy cause an organization to show ment to ald them. In order to give the friends of this worthy cause an opportunity to show their love for God's poor people, it is proposed by the committee to hold a public meeting of the Baptists of Philadelphia, in the Fifth Baptist Church, corner of Kighteenth and Spring Garden streets, on Thursday, July 8, 1869, at 8 o'clock P. M. Addresses will be delivered by a number of Baptist ministers and others, and the whole plan of the Home will be fully ex-plained. plained.

-We are sorry to learn that, although while Rev. A. B. Earle "preached to immense crowds" during his stay in California, and "converts were counted by thousands," he did the Baptists "no good, but immense evil." So says Dr. Hendrickson, of San Francisco, in the Memphis Bap tist, and adds:--"I know of no Baptist minis-ter on the Pacific coast that desires Mr. Eaale to return. We are too few and weak to endure another visit like the former. I know what I am saying." Mr. Earle's fault was that he preached on the union plan. Dr. Hendrickson says that the open-communionist Baptist Church in San Francisco, of which Mr. Sawtelle is pastor, is becoming quite strong; and that two or three little churches of similar loose views, and having about a dozen members each, have been organized by Mr. Sawtelle in the vicinity. Cheney, of Boston, has been commissioned to send them a successor to Dr. Thomas.-Inde pendent.

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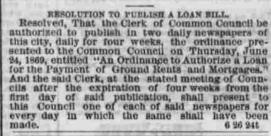
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A N ORDINANCE A To Authorize a Loan for the Payment of Ground Rents and Mortgages. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the Cry of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized to bor-row, at not less than par, on the credit of the city, for the payment of ground rents and mortgages held against the city, for which interest not to exceed the rate of six per cent, per annum shall be paid, half yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The principal of said thirty years from the date of the same, and not be-fore, without the consent of the bolders thereof; and the certificates therefor, in the usual form of the cer-sin state between the same for the first days of the same and form of the cer-fore, without the consent of the bolders thereof; and the certificates therefor, in the usual form of the cer-tificates of city loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional

tincates of city loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars, or, if required, in amounts of five hundred or one thousand dollars; and it shall be expressed in said certificates that the loan therein mentioned and the interest thereof are payable free from all taxes. Section 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue thereof: there shall be, by force of this ordi-nance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates, and from the sum raised by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certificates, and the further sum of three-tenths of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued shall be appropriated quarterly out of said income and taxes to a sinking fuad, which fund and its accumulations are hereby especially pledged for the redemption and payment of said certifi-cates.

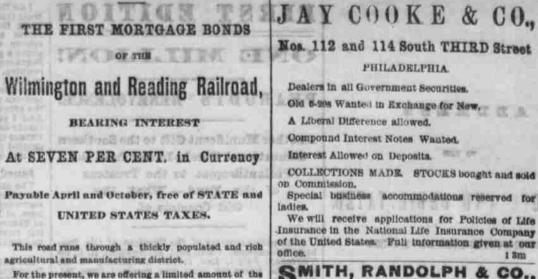




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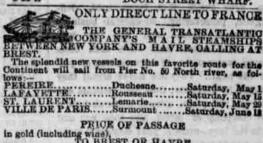
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church for its apparent "contumacy" in "taking a position having some appearance of a disre-gard of the synod authority." The synod was distinctly informed that harsh action would probably drive the church into another denomination. There are now five other churches which use organs, and quite a number of Sabbath Schools which have instruments. It is but a short time since these Canadian churches have allowed even paraphrases of the Psalms to be used in worship. We wonder how they can sing the 150th psalm, which bids people "Praise the Lord" with at least eight sorts of instruments? -Independent.

-The three New School Presbyterian theological seminaries this year graduated 60 and the three Old School 51 young men.

-The American Presbyterian, the only really able organ of the New School, does not intend that the Old School churches shall misunder-School theology is admitted in the proposed basis of reunion. It says for the comfort of Princeton and Allegheny:--

"The great, supercilions, arrogant, rigid, con-servative, persecuting Old School Church is no more. Already at Albany last year tears were shed over its yawning grave. The tenth article, with which the flood of New Schoolism was to be dammed out of its presbyteries, is swept sway. Nothing, absolutely nothing, remains as a defense or a protest against the 'heresies' of the New School in the basis of reunion. Remilon with us is a corollary from the publicly and solemnly admitted fact, stated in the pre-amble to the basis, that we are a sound and orthodox body. This is the logical form of re-union, and distinctive Old Schoolism, as a ruling principle, dies just there."

-The corner-stone of the new "Central Pres-byterian Church, N. L.," will be laid on Thurs-day, July 8, at 5 o'clock P. M., at the northeast corner of Franklin and Thompson streets. We chronicle this fact with pleasure. It is well known that for years the "Old Central" has been struggling to keep its existence in Coates street, below Fourth. Time and experience, however, have shown that its life depended upon its moving into another locality. The old building has been sold to the Germans for church purposes, and the work of erecting a new one in a more desirable neighborhood has been begun. Let the friends of this old church gladden the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone with their presence. Take Union passenger cars north to Seventh and Thompson streets, or Eignth street cars to Thompson.

#### METHODIST.

-The Methodist Freedmen's Aid Society is fairly at work. We hear of an orphan school in Atlanta, Ga., with 100 scholars, of whom 50 are orphans of Confederate soldiers. The school committee of Memphis, Tenn., compliment very highly the colored schools of the Centenary Chapel

-The Methodist bishops appeal to their churches for an increase of \$200,000 above their ordinary collections for home and foreign missions. This is imperatively needed, as the large surplus is now exhausted. Even this will make fions. less than one dollar to each member, and is much less than is given by other large denomi-

-The returns of the vote on lay delegation in the Methodist Episcopal Church, as received by The Methodist, foots up as follows:-

ributions, amounting to \$125,000, previously made by the same congregation to aid in the

The convention marks a step in advance. —In England a movement is on foot to open the museums, public libraries, and theatrical gardens on Sunday. To keep people out of these places, as well as out of theatres on the Lord's Day, the Church Review proposes to in-troduce the theatrical element into the churches, and thus it holds forth:-

"We would urge the clergy to be on the alert to make the Church services more attractive. If the churches hardly fill when churches have a monopoly of Sunday, what deserts of pews may we not expect if museums are to become rivals? Men may talk if they please against Ritualism, but they may depend upon it that it is the way to fill the churches. Why should it be taken as an abstract truth that Divine service is irreconcilable with ritualistic accessories, or only reconcilable with the meanest and barest decorations? At least, the failure of such attempts to dispense with art in painting, music, and poetry, ought to convince the evangelical clergy that they are simply rowing against the stream of natural religion, and must fall. It would be much more honest to give up liturgical forms altogether than to retain them divested of all dignity and attractiveness." -The following has been issued by the Bishop

of the Diocese of Fennsylvania:-EPISCOPAL ROOMS, No. 708 Walnut street, Philadelphia, June 21, 1869.-The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence falling this year on Sunday, the 4th of July, I hereby set forth the following prayer, to be used after the General Thaaksgiving in the morning, or (where there is no morning service) in the evening prayer:

'O God! whose name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens; Who, as on this day, didst inspire the hearts of our delegates in Congress to lay the perpetual foundations of peace, liberty, and safety; we bless and adore Thy glorious Majesty for this Thy loving kindness and Providence. And we humblp pray that the devout sense of Thy signal mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and ibankfulness to Thee, its only Author, a spirit of peaceable submission to the laws and government of our country, and a spirit of fer-vent zeal for our holy religion which Thou hast preserved and secured to us and our posterity. May we improve these inestimable blessings for the advancement of religion, liberty and science throughout this land, till the whiterness and solitary place be glad through us, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. This we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. WILLIAM BACON STEVENS, Amen. WILLIAM BACON STEVEN, "Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

#### BAPTIST.

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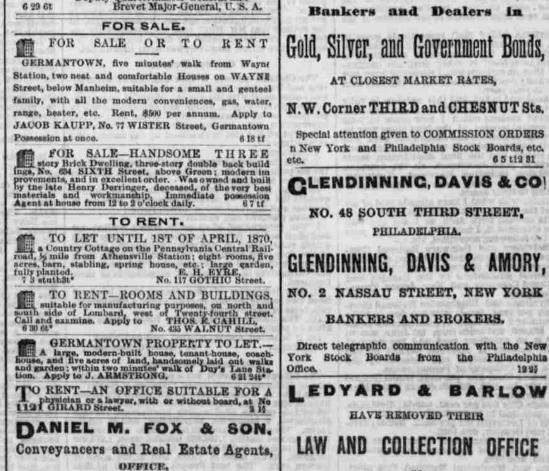
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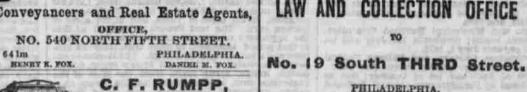
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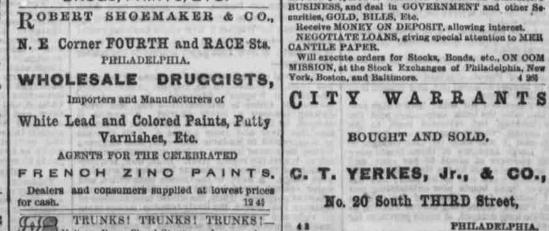


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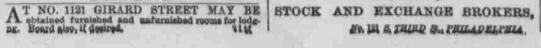
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