

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Our Home. Be true to yourself at the start, young man. Be true to yourself and God. Ere you build your house, mark well the spot. Test all the ground, and build you not On the sand or shaken soil.

Expensive Funerals. About the saddest sight that can be seen in the streets of New York—if only one chooses to look at it in the right light—is a trades' union or benevolent society funeral. It is sad, because it causes such a waste of money. We see one of these funerals every day from our window, on an average—and our window is not a particularly good place for funerals either—so that the whole number of them in the course of a year must be very large.

Summary of Church News. Methodist. The late John Dempster, of California, left \$20,000 for the purpose of founding a Methodist Theological Seminary on that coast.

Presbyterian. The Rev. Francis M. Kip, Jr., for the past two years settled over the Reformed Church at Livingston. Praying and singing were the order of the day in the Reformed Church at Fultonville, Montgomery county, Pa.

Episcopal. The Rev. Dr. Peter Cartwright, of the Illinois Conference, who has been in the city for a week, received the appointment of conference missionary. He is eighty-six years old.

Baptist. The Rev. Dr. H. B. Hackett has accepted the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Rochester Theological Seminary.

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The ecclesiastical authorities of Rome have just published a census for the present year. The regular clergy is composed of 235,935 persons, including Cardinals, 32; bishops, 37; priests and monks, 1,999; and students at the ecclesiastical colleges, 841; the religious communities count 521,525 nuns, 299,939 men and 23,956 women; the lay population amounts to 196,198; soldiers in garrison, 10,207; prisoners under sentence, 323; Protestants, 637; and Jews, 29,821, making a total of 2,901,632, or an increase of 51,94 over the year 1898.

Lutheran. The Lutherans have an English Mission Church in St. Louis. It was organized two years ago. Recently, a meeting house has been erected, at a cost of about \$15,000. Of this amount, \$5,570 remains to be paid, and the church is feeble.

West Pennsylvania Synod has resolved to raise, during the coming year, \$1500 for church extension in the West. This Synod has had fourteen ministerial students on its list of beneficiaries, the past year, at an expense of \$2,000.

During the recent session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, the condition of the Emmans Institute, at Middletown, Pa., was reported upon. Attached to it there are nearly five hundred acres of good land, a mill property, and about forty negro and white, whose income annually is \$2,000. The entire value of the property is at least \$110,000. There are now thirty-three orphans in the Home, but there are accommodations for eighty.

The corner-stone of the new Divinity school of Yale College was laid September 22. The ceremony was held at the church of the church at Middletown, Massachusetts, on October 7.

Rev. Daniel Clark, of Plainfield, Ill., was recently drowned while riding through a bayou of the Da Pra river.

Samuel A. Hitchcock, of Brimfield, Mass., who has been since a liberal donor to the Amherst Seminary, has made an addition to the endowment of the Hitchcock Professorship of the Hebrew Language by the gift of forty thousand dollars. The object of the donation is to increase the salary of the Hitchcock Professorship, to add to the value of the Hitchcock scholarships, and to any surplus remains, annually to enlarge the general fund of the institution. Mr. Hitchcock has also accompanied this gift by the same amount to Amherst College.

At the last session of the General Synod a hymn-book, prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose, was adopted for general use in the churches.

W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, has accepted the call made upon him some time since by the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, of Newark, N. J.

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Rev. G. H. Mandeville, pastor of the Reformed Church of Newburgh, N. Y., has accepted the urgent and unanimous call of the Reformed Church of Harlem, N. Y., to become their pastor.

The Christian Intelligencer stated some time ago that at least one-fourth of the ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church are without charges, and that at least \$50 in the Old School Presbyterian Church are in the same position.

Rev. Professor J. J. Conroy, of Middletown, will temporarily fill the professorship in the Theological Department of the New York Union Seminary.

The Presbyterian Church South has 11 Synods, 54 Presbyteries, 837 ordained ministers, 460,000 members, and 1,000,000 communicants. Funds contributed last year, for all purposes, \$774,400.

A Presbyterian committee, having settled the difficulties in Danville Theological Seminary, Ky., and secured the resignation of the three trustees, will now take in hand their Seminary of the Northwest, Chicago, and try to settle the quarrel between Cyrus H. McCormick and Professor Lord.

At the late meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod of New York, the Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary at Newburgh, N. Y., tendered his resignation on the table until next year.

The present term in Lane Seminary has opened very auspiciously. Thirty-four students are already on the ground, and two others will shortly arrive, making the whole number at least thirty-six. Of these twenty-two are new students, two in the Senior, five in the Middle, and fifteen in the Junior class.

NEW-YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 1899. The Marriage Season. Whatever may be said of tith-bearers, it is nevertheless true that no many marriages in high life have not taken place for many a season as have been celebrated this.

The unrepentant Magdalen was sent back to her rooms in a coach, by her injured and weeping husband, and Mrs. B— tells the story of her own disappointment and credulity with the romantic air of one who has had an "experience."

Decline of Wallack's. The "Decline-and-fall-of" Wallack's Theatre is the subject of comment among its oldest patrons. Neither the audience nor the actors are what they used to be, and he who has frequented the house during the last five or six years cannot have failed to notice the gradual declension of the style where with new pieces are produced.

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