MORE ROOMS IN OUR CHURCHES. Time was when a church edifice was considered amply furnished with all needful accommodations if it had, in addition to a main audience-room, another and smaller, designed for the double purpose of Sunday-School and prayer-meetings, a small room with a gallery for an infant class, and several class-rooms. But of late years, as the working and social power of the Church has gradually developed, the want of additional rooms has been felt, and this want, we are happy to say, is supplied in many of our best churches.

Our Sunday Schools need better accommodations than they have usually had. The church conscience ought not to be satisfied with putting living children for two hours every Sunday in a depth of earth where only the dead should be placed; yet there are under many of our churches just such dark, miserable holes in the ground, as deep as graves, and almost as damp. They are considered good enough for the children. The Sunday School rooms should be as cheerful and pleasant as they can be made. We do not plead fer extravagant adornment of art, yet they ought to be attractive. By all means, let them be above ground. We heartly wish that not another church might be built with a basement underground, even to the depth of a foot. There ought also to be rooms for adult classes and for infant classes, the latter with galleries; and all rooms, large and small, should be well ventilated.

The complaint is often made that "there are not nights enough in the week" for all the meetings that are necessary for church purposes. This difficulty arises in many places from the fact that every week three or four evenings are taken up with class meetings. Now, we cannot make any more nights in a week than the orthodox seven which our ancestors have handed down to us, but we might make more class-rooms, so that all the classes, even in a large church, need not occupy more than two evenings in each week. With the help of Sunday, these surely ought to suffice, and thus a night or two might be gained during the week for other purposes.

### SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL. —The Episcopalians are opening church read-ing-rooms in Boston. They hope to secure a building at an expense of \$40,000. -Trinity Church, New York, gives an annual donation to several churches, enabling them to

remain where they are, and thus securing opportunities for worship to down-town residents.

-The Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr.'s, church lately took up a contribution of about \$8000 in aid of the House of the Evangelist, a new theological

school to educate young men to preach the Gospel to the neglected in New York city. This is said to be the largest collection ever taken up in an Episcopal church in this country.

—A correspondent of the Churchman says that at Asheville, N. C., efforts are being made

to establish a Theological Training School where there are now three students. The only minister who has ever maintained a permanent location in the mountains of Western North Carolina is Rev. Jarvis Buxton, there being ro other parish priest west of the Blue Ridge. He has been there twenty years.

—The Hartford Churchman says: -"There is

an Episcopal mission in Salt Lake City composed of Bishop Tuttle and two devoted clergymen. They have for three years occupied a field abandoned by every other Christian minister who has attempted missionary work there. Now this mission numbers nearly 100 communicants, with a Sablath School of 135 pupils, and has contributed \$9000 to the work there in the three years. Three young men, sons of Mormons, are

under instruction for the munistry."

—Rev. Colin C. Tate, rector of St. Paul's
Church, Columbus, Ohio, in a note dated February 28, informed Bishop McIlvaine "that the surpliced choir and processional singing in St. January 2, 1870." This communication having been laid before the standing committee, that body adopted the following resolution, whereby Tate's standing is restored:-

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Rev. C. C. Tate has officially notified the bishop of the diocese of the discontinuance of the objectionable practices in St. Paul's Church, Columbus, and for which he, the Rev. C. C. Tate, was presented for trial, the Standing Committee withdraw the presentment. METHODIST.

On the Vineland (N. J.) Seminary, \$30,000 have been expended, and \$22,000 more will be

required to complete it. The Rev. John Dickinson, brother of the celebrated Miss Anna Dickinson, is at present supplying the pulpit of the church in Guilford,

Conn. He is a very popular preacher.

—The Christian Advocate reports the vote among the clergy on the lay-delegation ques-Forty-one conferences cast 3357 votes, of which 2718 are for and 639 against lay delegates -more than four to one. Methodist Episcopal church has been

erected in Fultohoa, in Bulgaria, bordering on the Black Sea. It numbers twenty-one members, and is the first Methodist church ever built in Russia. -The Baltimore Methodist Conference ap-

cointed a delegation to visit the conference of Southern Methodists, in session at the same time and place; but the latter declining to receive the delegates in their official capacity, they withdrew. -The largest contribution ever made in one

year in money to any religious or benevolent society was made last year (1869) to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely, \$618,226.61. This is an advance of \$20,064.92 over the preceding year -During the recent session of the Kentucky

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, two members of the conference were invited to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which they did, and several of the ministers of that Church were introduced to the

-The largest salary paid last year in the Lexington (Ky.) Colored Conference was \$500; the smallest \$8.75. The Methodist for March 26 reports the vote on Lay Delegation thus far as 3320 for and 845 against. Total, 4165. This includes the vote of fifty-one conferences, and gives the required three-fourths vote, and 196 to spare.

—The Advocate sums up 3194 clerical votes thus far in favor and 818 against lay delegation. It reskons that the remaining votes will make a total of 4446 for and 1602 against it, which would make 90 negative votes in excess of the would like 90 negative votes in excess of the one-quarter necessary to defeat the measure. We notice that the New England Conference has just given a negative vote considerably stronger than the "guessed" by the Advocate. It is certain that there is great doubt whether the measure will be adopted. Its strongest opposition comes in the Eastern Conferences that are yet to vote.

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The Methodist papers we still engaged discussing the reports of the Book Committee, and the official papers are earnedly abusing the Baltimore Conference for sustaining Dr. Lanahan and Dr. Slicer, and voting a want's confidence in the Sunday School Society, under the financial management of Mr. Goodenough, see of the parties implicated by the minority of the Book Committee. Mr. d. H. Vincent, of the Sunday School Society, the come out in a card strongly defending his colleague. Zion's Herald strongly advocates the position of most of the outsiders advocates the position of most of the outsiders that the matter be reinvestigated before a committee of practical business men.

BAPTIST. -In the New York Independent the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith denies the report that he had resigned the pastorate of Lee Avenue Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and come out for

-The Rev. Dr. Jeffery has just completed the first year of his pastorate over the Ninth Street

Church, Cincinnati. Ohio, during which one hundred and fifty-four new members have been

-The Rev. Mr. Walsh, a recent Congrega-tional minister, was immersed by the Rev. Dr. Fish, of the Academy Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, lately.

—The Louisiana Baptist tells of an Incendiary who lately set on fire a Baptist church in that State, but who first plously removes the Bible and hymn book, putting them on a log out of

reach of the fire.

—Dayton, Ohio, has been visited by a gracion outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The paster of the Wayne Street Church has baptized eighty-eight converts since the meetings began, and at the First Church fifty-eight have been baptized.

The work is still in progress.

—The Baptist Church in Paris would not be allowed to immerse their converts in the Seine, or in public anywhere. As their place of wor-ship will not admit a baptistery, they are obliged, in bastizing a convert, to bring in a large box for the purpose.

—The Baptist papers show different degrees

of opposition to open communion. The Spare Hour, of San Francisco, is a little semi-mouthly sheet, edited by Dr. Sawtelle, and earnestly in favor of the measure. The Walchman and Reflector, of Boston, the ablest paper in the denomination, and the Journal and Messenger, of Cincinnati, are both temperately opposed to the measure; but do not hesitate to acknowledge those who favor it as sound Baptists, and some-times insert their communications on the sub-The Examiner and Chronicle, of New York, is bitterly opposed to it, and never gives the other side a hearing. The less able papers of Chicago and Philadelphia are satisfied with giving denominational news, without attempting to mould denominational sentiment. Then we have such Western and Southern papers as the Baptist, of Memphis, which would not even allow an exchange with or any recognition of unimmersed ministers.—Independent.

PRESBYTERIAN. -Rev. Willis Lord, D. D., of the Northwestern

Seminary, has been elected President of Wooster University, Ohio.

—The Presbyterian Board of Education has

received 3006 candidates for the ministry since its organization. -Rev. W. M. Cunningham, D. D., recently elected President of the Oglethorpe College, Georgia. died at Lagrange, on the 10th ultimo,

of pneumonia. —The number of students now in Union Theological Seminary is thirty-five—equal to that of its palmiest days. The present year is spoken of as a highly prosperous one in all respects.

The Rev. Hugh McKelvey, of Centralia, Ill., has withdrawn from the Western Presbytery of

the Reformed Presbyterian General Synod and joined the Presbytery of Alton.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a

membership of 140,000, and now enters on the sixtieth year of its history. It is considered more settled in its operations and fixed in character than at any previous time.

—The New York Observer says that on a recent Sunday Rev. Dr. Hall administered the

communion to eleven or twelve hundred com-municants in his church—both pews and aisles being crowder . Kingsbury, after being pastor of the Presidentian church, Putnam, Ohio, for thirty years, has tendered his resignation, in

consequence of his advanced age and increasing infirmities. His resignation was declined, as the congregation desire his pastoral relation to continue for life, and propose employing an assistant.

-A very interesting question to those who support our benevolent societies is that opened by a correspondent of the Evangelist, who be lieves that not only should the several boards of the two Presbyterian bodies be consolidated, as has been contemplated, but that this ought to be carried so much further as to merge the half-dozen boards into two or three. He says that the mission work of the Church properly divides itself into domestic and foreign, and that two societies are enough to take it all He sees no reason why there should be a separate church-erection department, when this can as well as not be attended to by the secretaries of the Board of Domestic Missions, who are in intimate correspondence with the churches that need such aid. it should be a bureau in that office. So there is no reason why the freedmen should be set up into a separate department, or why the Domestic Board, with a proper supply of clerks, could not also attend to the education department, or to the colportage branch of the Board of Publication, which is, in fact, the only function of that board which it is proper for an ecclesiasti-cal body to attempt. The only really strong argument for the multiplication of societies is hat thus it is supposed more money will be contributed.

-Besides the large Presbyterian bodies in this country-in which we include the reunited Presbyterian Church, the Cumberland Presbyte rians, the Southern Presbyterians, and the United Presbyterians—there are numerous smaller bodies, mainly of Scotch origin, which refused to join in the combination which formed the United Presbyterian body. There are the Side Reformed or Covenanter Church, 80 ministers and 86 churches; the New Side Reformed or Covenanter, which had a little while ago 55 ministers and 60 churches, but which has been split into two by the expulsion of Mr. George Stuart; the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, with 68 ministers; the Associate Synod of North America, with 13 ministers; and the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, with 11 ministers. This makes 7 Scotch Presby-terian bodies. Besides these are the Declaration and Testimony Presbyterians of Missouri, and a small body of Old School Presbyterians in the same region that refuse to go into the Union To these should be added another faction, lately organized in Charleston, S. C., whose name we do not know. This gives us a total, so far as known, of 13 Presbyterian Churches.

LUTHERAN. —The Lutheran Visitor says, speaking of de-nominational interests in the South:—"The Southern Church is not now a missionary church. It has not a single missionary. The Southern Church must ere long be pastors: It has not a single theological student. -The Scandinaven has a weekly circulation of about 8000 copies. The Lutheran Observer says:—"As there are sixteen Scandinavian journals in America, this will give some idea of the Scandinavians as a reading people.

REFORMED CHURCH. -Rev. J. H. Wagner, late a pastor of the German Reformed Church in Pittsburg, has seceded to the Roman Catholics. On the 3d inst. he was "baptized" and confirmed by a Romish priest in Lancaster, Pa.

-St. John's German Reformed Church, West Philadelphia, recently voted to transfer their congregation and property to the Presbyterians. The Messenger says that legal and ecclesiastical measures have been taken to prevent it.

CATHOLIC.

-Bishop Strossmayer has caused great excitement in the Œcumenical Council by proposing that the entire concurrence of the Epispocate be necessary for the definition of an article of faith.

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It is said that the Pope refuses to receive in the council a delegate of the French Government.

—It is said that scarcely was the breath out of the body of the late Cardinal Archbishop of Lyons before the Pope telegraphed to the Emperor, recommending the appointment as his successor of a man who was an Ultramontanist. The Emperor telegraphed back his regret at being unable to accommodate the Holy Father, as he had already appointed M. de Genouillac who is said to be a man of profound erudition in

who is sald to be a man of profound crudition in ecclesiastical history.

—The position of Dr. Dollinger and the liberal latholics is a chief topic of discussion in the forman press. An address of thanks to him was signed by 150 names in Cologne, including the signed by 150 names in Cologne, including the signest civil and municipal officers, a majority of the Court of Appeals, as well as the principals and teachers of the higher schools. It is openly threatened that the adoption of the dogma of infallibility will be the occasion of a dogma of infallibility will be the occasion of a secession not less memorable than that of

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CITY ORDINANCES.

COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADEL-

CLERK'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, March 25, 1870.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of March, 1870, the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordivance to authorize above the country for the country of the country o Ordinance to authorize a loan for the erection of a bridge across the river Schuylkill at Fairmount," is hereby published for public infor-

JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

A N ORDINANCE
To Authorize a Loan for the Erection of a
Bridge across the River Schuylkill at Fair-

Section 1. The Select and Common Conneils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, that the Mayor of Philadelphia be and he is hereby au-thorized to borrow, at not less than par, on the credit of the city corporation, from time to time, such sums of money as may be necessary to pay for the construction and erection of a bridge over the river Schuylkill at Fairmount, not exceeding in the whole the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars, for which interest not to exceed the rate of six per cent. Fer 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 loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof; and certificates therefor, in the usual form of certificates 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 said loan therein mentioned. and the interest thereof, are payable free from

Section 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue thereof, there shall be, by force of this ordinance, 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 in-come and taxes to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby especially pledged for the redemption and payment of said

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH A LOAN

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to publish in two daily newspapers of this city, daily for two weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on Thursday, March 24, 1870, entitled "An ordinance to authorize a loan for the erection of a bridge across the river Schuylkill at Fair-mount," And the said clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils, after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of said newspapers for every day in which the same shall be made. 3 26 24t

COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA. CLERK'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4, 1870. In accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the third day of February, 1870, the annexed bill, entitled "AN ORDINANCE

To create a loan for the building of a bridge over the River Schuylkill, at South street, and for the payment of ground rents and mortgages," is hereby published for public in-JOHN ECKSTEIN.

Clerk of Common Council. AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A LOAN FOR THE BUILDING OF A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL AT SOUTH STREET, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUND RENTS AND MORTGAGES.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, at not less than par, on the credit of the city, from time to time, one million five hundred thousand dollars, to be applied as follows, viz .: - First. For the building of a bridge over the River Schuylkill at South street, eight hundred thousand dollars. Second. For the payment of ground rents and mort-gages, seven hundred thousand dollars, 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 the said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders there si; and the certificates therefor, in the usual form of the certificates of the City Loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional part of one 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 ordinance, 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 in-come and taxes to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby especially pledged for the redemption and payment of said

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH A LOAN

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to publish in two daily news-papers of this city, daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to Common Council on Thursday, February 3, 1870, entitled "An ordinance to create a loan for the building of a bridge over the river Schuvlkill, at South street. and for the payment of ground-rents and mort-And the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils after said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of said newspapers for every day in which the same shall 3 25 241 have been made.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. The Western Maryland Railroad Company having secured the aid of the city of Baltimore, will soon be in funds sufficient to complete the road from Pipe Creek Bridge to Hagerstown, and will receive Proposals until 9th April for all the unfinished Grading and Bridging on the uncompleted section, the work on which has been suspended for a year,

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