THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. God's purpose in the Gospel is to give to man the knowledge of salvation, even the forgiveness of his sins. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins"from the guilt and punishment of their sins, the loss of the soul. How many say, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins!" Dear friends, the mere belief in the doctrine will never give peace to the sin-burdened conscience; it is like the poor man who believes that there is gold enough in the bank to make him rich, or like the hungry man who is conscious that there is food enough to satisfy his hunger; but both are in

want so long as they have not money or food. Some, when conscience is alarmed on account of sin, try to work for salvation: they turn from outward acts of sin, have recourse to the outward forms of religion, join, it may be, a community of Christians, are zealous in every good work, and all is well to the eye of man-but there is no settled peace within.

Others there are who are well aware that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin, and that without that awful scene on Calvary's top there could have been no remission of sins. They are convinced that all for whom Christ died will be saved, yet they ask, "Did he die for me? is my name in the Lamb's book of life?" They have not the assurance of pardon-the earnest of eternal life.

Now, no man, be he surrounded with every earthly blessing, can be happy for any length of time without a well-grounded hope that not only there is forgiveness with God, but that his own sins are forgiven.

To the anxious and inquiring I say, between the Saviour and the sinner the connecting link ie faith, for without faith we cannot "lay hold on eternal life." Not that faith saves the soul. No! Christ only must save; but faith brings peace. It is an act of the soul, whereby it is enabled to appropriate Christ's merits and rightconsness to itself. Thus the believer, though be cannot look into the Lamb's book of life for his name, yet is enabled to sing:-

"Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died; My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside; His powerful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne,"

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, of Radner, near Philadelphia, is about to be erected as a memorial to Bishop Kemper. -In North Carolina there are 77 Episcopal pariebes and missions, 51 clergymen, and \$239

eommunicants, of whom 222 are colored. In Iowa there are 55 parishes, 40 clergymen, and 2057 communicants. -Rev. Mr. Watkins, of the First Methodist Church, New Haven, Conn., has joined the

Episcopal Church. -Upon re-entering his churck in Chicago, after a recent trip to Europe, Bishop White-house was handed a check for \$16,000, which had been raised during his absence for the liqui-dation of the church debt.

—The Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg, D. D., well-

known as the founder of St. Luke's Hospital in New York city, is about to relinquish his posi-tion as "Bouse Father" of the institution.

-In Nevada the Episcopalians, while not yet having material for statistical returns, have still outstripped other churches in laying the foundation for future operations. Thus far they have three well-attended churches, while 110 persons have been confirmed; 1600 Sunday-school pupils have been instructed, the present attendance being 600, among whom are Jews and Ro-

England, and perhaps in the United States, is St. Paul's, Wickford, R. I. It was erected in 1707, and has been long disused as a place of worship. One pleasant Sabbath afternoon, not many summers since, service was held in the old St. Paul's. The thick dust was brushed from its pews and pulpit, aucient prayer books were brought out, and there assembled for worship under its sacred and venerable roof many of the oldest people in town: and, as in the long time ago, the praise of God was sung and spoken by devout and trembling tongues. It was a solemn and affecting scene and will long be remembered. After the service the doors and windows were boarded up again and the old church left to its decay.

-A legacy of about \$5000 has lately been left Miss Stocker, of Boston, to the Assistant Bishop of Ohio, in trust, for the education of young men for the ministry. Only the annual interest of this sum will be available for the purposes of the trust.

METHODIST.

-Fifty-five years ago there was but a single Wesleyan minister on the continent of Australia, and not one in the islands of the South; now there are in the former 179 ministers, and in the latter 62, besides 57 native assistant missionaries. The members have increased from 18 individuals

-The Methodist episcopate, which normally consists of nine members, has been reduced by death of two, and the infirmity of two other of bishops, to but five capable of discharging their duties. These duties have become so operous that a permanent increase in their number is talked of. Among Methodist ministers mentioned as likely to be included in the list of candidates are the Rev. Drs. Curry, Peck. E. O. Haven, Eddy, Foster, Foss and Gilbert Haven. -Rev. James E. Latimer, D. D., of the East Genesce Conference, has been elected to the chair of Historical Theology.

-The Methodist says:-Rev. I. James, M. D., of Bustleton, Pa., has the honor of being the oldest Methodist in the world. He is in his ninety-fourth year, being born January 28, 1777. He joined the Methodist society in 1790-eighty years ago. He was licensed to exhort in 1708; to preach in 1800; was ordained deacon by Bishop Asbury 1806, and elder by Bishop Morris in 1849.

-A Methodist seminary for children, young men, and young women, is to be opened at Salt Lake City the current month. It will be couducted by the Rev. Erasmus Smith and his wife,

-The Rev. Dr. Rounds has resigned the Presidency of the Willamette University, Oregon. Prof. T. M. Gatch has been elected to succeed

-The Methodists of Omaha, Neb., rent the stores attached to their church for \$10,000 a year, which sum they propose to devote an-nually to the cause of church extension.

The Rev. W. F. Watkins has resigned his position as pastor of one of the Methodist Episcopel churches in New Haven, for the purpose, it is said, of joining the Episcopal church.

-The Indianapolis correspondent of the Western Advocate states that the United Brethren Church at Indianapolis has come over bodily to the Methodist Episcopal Church, including several prominent ministers and congregations in and adjacent to the city. Already a new church—"Massachusetts Avenue"—is projected by "Brethren." The cause of this de-fection is the extreme measure adopted at their last Annual Conference touching secret socie-

-A new Methodist monthly magazine, illustrated, is to be started this mouth, under the direction and auspices of the General Conference of Lae Methodist Episcopal Church South. It promises to be characteristically a Southern magazine, but not at all sectional. It will also be characteristically Methodist, but probably not at all sectarian. How it will accomplish this difficult task its published prospectus does not advise us. Rev. W. P. Harrison is the editor. Its point of publication is to be Nashville,

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN. | leyans show 348,359 members in full conne tion, 20,407 probationers, 5758 deaths, 16,188 losses by removal, 5443 Sunday-schools, 105,502 teachers, 622,580 scholars, and in the reduction of church debts and newly erected churches an expenditure of \$1,752,000.

The average salaries paid by the Methodist Church in the Boston District, which includes the city and vicinity, is \$1430. Many of the churches have parsonages attached.

The Methodists are about to open a seminary for young ladies and gentlemen at Salt Lake City. Subscriptions have already been proferred for the erection of a church. CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Congregational Church, East Haddam, Conn., established in 1704, has had but five different pastors since its formation, and in the interval of one hundred and sixty-five years has been without an ordained minister but about two years? The first church, built in

1705, was thirty-two feet square, and was then considered a commodious structure. —John Smith has made the offer of \$25,000 to Andover Seminary for a Memorial Hall, and John Dove and Peter Smith have pledged \$10,000 more, on condition that \$25,000 be subscribed by others-the building and land to cost not over \$30,000, and \$20,000 to be invested, the interest only to be spent for a library, reading-

-The First Congregational church of Stock-ton has extended a call to the Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D. D., pastor of the Congregational church of Homer, New York. —The Rev. O. W. Merrill, superintendent of

the Congregational mission in Nebraska, wants another "Andover Band." He says he could give to ten men each a county for a parish. The Rev. George E. Adams, D. D., has left Brunswick, Maine, for Orange, N. J., where he will assume charge of a new parish. Dr. Adams has been connected with the Congregational church in Brunswick for more than forty years.

-The falsehood of the proverb, "figures never 'receives a new illustration in the misleading statistics of the Congregational denomination in California. The figures show 66 churches in the State, of which 10 are in San Francisco. The fact is, there are 58 in the State, of which but 5 are in San Francisco. Of these 53 several are corpses, and several more lie at death's In several mining towns are empty church buildings. The town has decayed, and the church with it; or the American workmen have been supplanted by Chinese. There are really but two strong Congregational churches in San Francisco. One, which recently extended a call to Mr. Wright, of the Berkley Street Church, Boston, is reported to have had no session but a Sabbath-school session for many months. Dr. Stone's people are building a new church, the spire of which is to be 230

feet. What a mark for an earthquake! PRESBYTERIAN. -The N. Y. Observer publishes the following interesting "General Summary" of the Presbyterian body as now united, for the year 1870:-Synods.... Presbyteries.... 259 Candidates..... 541 Licentiates.....

Ministers dismissed to other bodies, reported..... Ministers deceased..... Churches organized, reported..... Churches dissolved, reported Churches received from other bodies. reported..... Churches dismissed to other bodies,

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> Sum total . \$8,440,121 -On the third Sabbath of July the Rev. Alexander Cowan, of the Presbytery of Nashville, was installed pastor of the Church at Hendersonville, in Sumner county, Tennessee. The church building will soon be finished. It is quite a handsome building, and speaks well for the liberality of the people.

-The Church at Pass Christian, Mississippi, is the only Presbyterian Church on the coast between Mobile and New Orleans. It was organized, notwithstanding the strenuous opposition of other denominations, with lifteen The Rev. W. H. Stratton, of Anderson Court House, is its pastor.

-In the Southern Presbyterian Church during the last year, the cause of Sustentation, in-cluding domestic missionary work connected by presbyteries and synods, has received an increment of \$10,188; foreign missions, \$4672; publication, \$2379; education, \$1004, con publication, \$2379; education, \$1094; congregational, \$71,264; miscellaneous, \$6358; whilst the whole contributions for all purposes have gone up \$97,955.

-The Irish Presbyterian Church has 126,000 members and an annual income from the British Government of £94,000. It has 1094 Sunday schools, with 8050 teachers and 16,305 scholars. -Last year was one of prosperity to the Camberland Presbyterians, some 10,000 new members being added. They how have 25 synods, 100 presbyteries, 2000 churches, 1400 ministers, and 150,000 communicants.

BAPTIST.

-The National Baptist says that there are ten counties in Pennsylvania, with an aggregate population at the present time of 300,000, in which there is no Baptist church; seven other counties, with a population of 200,000, in which there is only one church in each. Outside of Philadelphia the largest number of Baptist churches in any one county is Luzerne; next come Chester, Bradford, Allegheny, Tioga, and Wayne counties, in each of which are over seventeen churches. The county whose churches have the largest membership, outside of Philadelphia, is Chester: next come Allegheny, Luzerne, and Montgomery: each of which has

over 2000. -The Lower Dublin Baptist Church is building a chapel in Bustleton, in the Twenty-third ward, Philadelphia, in which Sunday-school and Sunday evening preaching services will be held. It is expected to have it ready for use some time in October. This will be the second building of the kind erected in this field, the first at Foxchase, where a flourishing mission is now in

Nearly five hundred volumes were added to the library of the American Baptist Historical Society, at No. 530 Arch street, during the last year. Its growth and the remarkable prosperity of the American Baptist Publication Society, with which it is intimately connected, would seem to render a large fire-proof building indispensable. A liberal Baptist citizen of Philadelphia recently offered to give twenty thousand dollars for a new building for the Publication Society provided four others would do the same in any part of the United States.

-A prosperous Mission Sunday-school con-nected with the Tenth Baptist Church has been recently established at the corner of Montgomery avenue and Twelfth street. The location is a good one, and the teachers are earnestly engaged in their good work.

-The North Philadelphia Baptist Association will meet with the Nicetown Baptist Church, on Germantown avenue, above Sixteenth street, on the last Tuesday in September. This associa-tion has a prosperous fund known as the "Church Building Loan Fund." to aid in paying church debts and erecting church editices. Each member of the churches belonging to the assoclation is expected to make a small donation annually, and the money thus raised is loaned to the churches needing it, without interest, to ... The reported statistics of the English Wes- | be repaid in ten annual instalments.

The Lutheran Observer says:—The position of the first Professorship in Thiel College has been accepted by Rev. H.W. Roth, of Pittsburg. He will act, for the present, as executive of the -At and near Brandonville, West Va., several new Lutheran meeting-houses are about to be

—Difficulty is experienced in filling the vacant Presidency of Mount Pleasant College, N. C., Rev. Dr. Bittle having declined the position. Rev. T. W. Dosh was elected, who also de-

clined. -The oldest Luthern minister in the country is said to be Father W. Weendsen, who is now in his ninetieth year; for sixty years he has been devoted to the work of the ministry.

-The Southern General Synod of the Luthe-

ran Church reports 116 members, 194 congregations, and 17,300 communicants, distributed in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

CATHOLIC. -A Roman Catholic priest of St. Louis thus announces the purpose of that sect to prosecute a missionary work among the negroes. He is right in his declaration of the need of the negro race. It is not different from that of the white

race-moral culture:-"Only the Catholic Church can control the flery passions of the negro. With them to be a Methodist or a Baptist requires little else than a knowledge of the chants used in the service of these sects. There is scarcely a colored bawd in the city who is not a member of one or other of these sects. What they need is moral culture; not frenzied, uproarious prayer, or the singing of stupid hymns. They must be taught the principles of religion; they must be taken by the hand and led on the way to Heaven. And this instruction and guidance they prefer to receive from a white person, owing to the knowledge they have of the superiority of the white race in education. There is no need of our supplying them with colored priests, if the white ones already among them have the zeal to devote themselves actively and absolutely to the cause in which the venerable Brackmens labored so successfully."

—In Lexington, Ky., in response to an application from a priest for \$500, to aid in the support of a Catholic school in that city, the city council has just voted the appropriation.

THE DUNKARDS. -The Missouri Dunkards have just been holding their annual meetings. They have no church buildings of their own, but preach in other churches or in sheds and barns—in short, wherever they can get a chance. They have no ordained preachers, baptize by immersion, face foremost, and maintain as a religious ceremonial feet-washing, the men washing the feet of the women and the women of the men. The sacrament fellows a feast of bread and lamb soup. In dress and daily habit the Dunkards cultivate a severe simplicity, and their honesty and integrity are said to be proverbial. FRIENDS.

-The report of the yearly meeting of the Soclety of Friends shows 4500 members in New England, among whom there have been during the year 34 births, 75 deaths, and 35 admissions.

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It is ordered that the testimony in the case be coosed on the first day of November next, that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the eleventh day of November next, and that said petition be heard on the sixteenth day of November next.

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