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SEED-TIME AND HARVEST. Fret not thyself so sorely, heart of mine, For that the pain hath roughly broke thy

That thy wild flowers lie dead upon thy Whereon the cloud-velled sun hath ceased to

Fret not that thou art seamed, and scarred, and That clods are piled where tinted vetches were; That long worms crawl to light, and brown rifts bare Of green and tender grasses, widely yawn.

God's hand is on the plough. So be thou still. Thou canst not see Him, for thine eyes are

But wait in patience, put thy trust in Him, Give thanks for love, and leave thee to His will. Ah! in due time the lowering clouds shall rain Soft drops on my parched furrows; I shall sow In tears and prayers, and green corn blades

I shall not wish the wild flowers back again. I shall be glad that I did work and weep,-Be glad O God, my slumbering soul did wake .-

Be glad toy stubborn heart did heave and Beneath the plough,-when angels come to reap: Be glad, O Father, that my land was tilled, And sown, and watered, in the harvest day,— When Thou wilt cast the weeds and tares away, And when with ripened fruit Thy barns are filled.

Keep me my faith, I pray! I cannot see, And fear to intermeddle with Thy work, Oh, though I wince and fret I would not shirk The discipline that is so good for me.

I know that Thou wilt make my grief to cease Wilt send the cool, soft drops of healing rain, And make my scarred heart green with springing grain;

That after patient wal ing cometh peace. That after faithful labor I shall rest,

And after weeping have my fill of joy, Thou breakest down to build up-not de-Thou doest right, O Lord! Thou knowest best. -Sunday Magazine.

> "IN CHRIST JESUS." EPHESIANS II, 13.

If we consult the Scriptures we find that the choice of God's people was in Christ—the blessings in Christ—the covenant was made with Christ-the justification of the soul-the sanctification of the soul-the pardon of the soul-the reconciliation of the soul-the redemption of the soul-the holiness of the soulthe peace of the soul, all is in and through Christ, as also the gift of the Holy Spirit is through Christ; and the work of the Spirit is to lead the soul to Christ, to enlighten the soul in the knowledge of Christ to take the merits of Christ, and show them to the soul-to lead the soul through the invitation to Christ—to persuade the soul to cast its burden on Christ—to satisfy the souls of them that thus come to Christ, that He will never on any account cast them out-to make known the promises to be all in Christ, and apply them to the souls in union with Christ—to give the soul to experience all true peace in Christ—to make the everlasting righteousness of God known to the soul in Christ—to make known the efficacy of the blood of the covenant to the soul in Christ—to make known the everlasting love of God the Father, drawing us from every false way and work to Christ; yea, to raise our souls to believe and hope in Christthe sealing testimony of the Spirit is made known in Christ-I can never know my interest in God's eternal love, but as the blessed Spirit leads me to the knowledge of the merits of Christ—Christ is that point to which the whole word of God directs us, and the Spirit leads us; hence we gain the only certain evidence of our interest in God's eternal love, and in Christ's atoning blood.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL. -Mrs. Livermore (Unitarian) officiated in an Episcopal church in Epping, N. H., several weeks ago, reading the prayers and going through the service as if an ordained "priest." She did not need to wear the robes, of course. Some trouble occurred about it, and the vestry have invited her to officiate there a whole Sunday this month.

—The Episcopal Convention of the Diocese

of Illinois passed the new canon making it an offence, punishable with immediate suspension from the functions of the ministry, for a clergy-man to appeal to a civil tribunal to prevent or avoid any ecclesiastical proceeding.

—The Rev. Samuel Ralph Asbury, a Congre-

gational minister without settlement residing in this city, was admitted to the Diaconate in St. Stephen's church, Boston, on the 2d instant. He is an Englishman, and, according to the Churchman, was at one time a missionary in India, and one of the translators (from the

German) of Lange's Commentary.

—Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal
Diocese of New York, announces in the Churchman that, "for causes not affecting their moral character, he has deposed from the ministry of the Church the Rev. Rowland H. Bourne, pres-byter, and the Rev. John Cromlish, presbyter, who have declared their renunciation of the in any of the offices thereof." Mr. Cromlish was admitted into the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church last April, and is officiating at Huntington, Long Island.

-The Sotuhern Churchman, noticing the baptism by the Rev. G. S. Barten, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Norfelk, of twelve persons who preferred the primitive scriptural mode, says:—"This is just as it should be. If persons prefer to be baptized by immersion, it should always be done.

-The new Episcopal Church at Plainfield, N. J., was erected at the expense of the Rev. Mr. Embury. It cost about \$25,000.

—The Episcopal Board of Missions acknowledge total receipts from "Mite Chests" since October 1, 1809, of \$114,388 70. The sums col-

lected and forwarded by each chest range from a few cents to twenty dollars, the average, per-haps, being about three dollars.

—The Episcopal Church in Missouri contri-buted this year to objects other than salary one

hundred thousand dollars, nearly three times the sum reported last year. The communicants number 3100, being an addition of more than twenty-five per cent.

—The Episcopalians report 500 confirmations and 9024 communicants in the Diocese of Long Island, 782 confirmations and 11,392 communicants in Massachusetts, and 1665 confirmations

and 22,035 communicants in the diocese which

—Some English Churchmen are scandalized because the rector of Whitechapel has allowed a Baptist minister to preach in his chapel. It is even said some Dissenting ministers are to receive the "bishop's license" to officiate in Episcopal churches.

-The Christian Observer says: "A letter from the Rev. F. G. Strahan, dated Georgetown, Ky., September 6, 1870, advises us that three more of our churches have been greatly revived and encouraged in the work of the Lord. The churches are the Providence Church, the Station Church, Bourbon county, and Boyer's

—Fifty or sixty members have been added to feeble and vacant churches within the bounds of the West Lexington Presbytery, as the re-sult of evangelical labors of its ministers since

last spring.

Of the 1469 congregations in the Southern Presbyterian Church, only 400 have pastors, about 600 have regular or partial supplies, and about 430 are destitute of any stated ministry.

The Board of Trustees of Westminster Col-

ized a church at Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Mr. John Ferguson and Dr. C. H. Leland

were elected ruling elders.

—At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Caledonia Mr. Martin Grove appeared as commissioner from the congregation of Geneva, with a petition requesting leave to withdraw from the care of this Presbytery, with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Geneva. The petition was received and laid upon the table until the next meeting of Presbytery.

—During the past year not a minister of the United Presbyterian Synod of New York has

died, and only one or two have been laid aside from their work by ill health, —Dr. Paxon's Presbyterian Church in New York reported last year that it had raised

\$141,729 for religious purposes; and this year its columns foot up \$160,153, an average of \$534 for each of its 300 members. Only \$14,012 went for congregational purposes, there being \$53,610 for home missions, \$33,508 for foreign missions, and smaller sums for other objects. Dr. Hall's Church raised last year \$118,102, of which \$19,928 were spent to support their own worship. These two wealthy churches raised last year one-eighth of the entire benevolent collec-tions of the Old School Presbyterian churches. -A discussion is now going on in several of

the Presbyterian papers of the question whether it is wise to appoint in Chicago a district secre-tary of domestic missions, whose business shall be to relieve presbyteries of their work in standing between unemployed men and vacant churches. The Synod of Northern Illinois lately recom-mended a gentleman to that office; but it is now said that many voted with the understanding that he was to do missionary rather than office

-The Presbyterian reunion makes a decrease of from 259 to 166 presbyteries. The last Assembly had 623 members entitled to appear. Now a full assembly could not run over 425 members, and probably would not count over 375 in at-

LUTHERAN. -The Illinois University has succumbed to its pecuniary embarrassments. Its largest creditor, the Pennsylvania Synod, purchased the building for the amount of its claim, a little more than \$5000, and the Lutheran announces that a collegiate institute has been opened under

the name of St. Paul's College.

—At the recent meeting of the Augustana Synod, thirty-four congregations were added to that body, and four young men were ordained to the work of the holy ministry.

METHODIST. -Under the provisions made by the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Bishop Wightman organized a South Carolina Colored Conference at Newberry

Court House on the 3d inst. The occasion is described as being one of much interest. -The missionary company of six left the port of San Francisco in the steamer China for Japan and China on the 1st instant, having as fellow voyagers ex-Secretary Seward and his son, who goes out a consul to one of the ports of China. -The Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists in England have an increase of 4000 for last year.

Three other bodies of Methodists record a decrease of 505 during the year. -During the last 10 years the Methodist membership in Canada has increased from 53,634 to 64,688, and the membership in their Indian Mission from 1790 to 2159. The ministers and preachers have increased during this time from 421 to 588, although 34 have removed to the United States. There are 800 Sabbathschools now where there were 620 then, and the scholars have increased from 34,874 to

56,606. -A correspondent of the Christian Advocate says that at present it looks as if the next Methodist General Conference would select one bishop from an Eastern and two from Western institutions of learning.

BAPTIST. -The General Association of Colored Baptists for Kentucky, at its recent session in Paducah, decided to organize a theological school this winter, on its hill property at Frankfort (fifty acres, bought and paid for).

—The twelfth session of the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary opened with thirty-seven students, precisely the number present on the first day of last session.

-The two hundredth anniversary of the conference of the Six-Principle Baptist of Rhode Island has been held at South Scituate, R. I. Island has been held at South Scituate, K. I.
The meetings, which continued through three
days, were largely attended and of great interest. The exercises closed with the delivery of
a historical discourse by Rev. C. H. Malcom,
who had been invited by the conference to
preach the commemorative sermon upon that

—A correspondent of the Examiner and Chronicle thus writes from Atlanta, Ga.:— "Oglethorpe University, under the patronage of the Presbyterians, is to be removed here. It is the Presbyterians, is to be removed here. It is a pity that Mercer University could not have been induced to locate here. It has settled upon Macon, which city is to give it \$150,000. There is to be a female college of high grade established. Howard University, established by the Freedmen's Bureau for the education of colored young men, and the Storrs school for young colored women as teachers, are in operation.

CATHOLIC. —The Catholic Bishop of Nimes, France, has issued a document so full of instnuations against the Protestant population there of sympathy with Prussia in the war, that for some time the lives of the two Protestant pastors were in the greatest peril. The telegraph reports that, on the proclamation of the republic in that department, some descendants of the in that department, some descendants of the Huguenots tried to hunt down and kill the Bishop of Nimes, who had traduced them, and that an American Catholic family fied to the woods to escape. The Univers has attacked the Protestants in Alsace, telling of a pastor who denounced the French one Sabbath, and the next day left, "carrying one Sabbath, and the next day left, "carrying lint and bandages, to put himself at the service of the Protestant army." Pastor Bersier replied in L'Univers that the pastor referred to was a Bavarian, who had never had a regular charge in France, and since the war had returned to his own country. The French Protestants insist and prove by their forwardness in all labor for the care of the wounded in the Franch army that their religion does not inter-French army that their religion does not inter-

fere with their patriotism.

—Bishop Verot, of the diocese of Savannah, has been transferred to the new Roman Catholic See of St. Augustine, Florida. It is suggested that his vehement opposition in the Council to infallibility has something to do with the transfer. He is succeeded in Charleston by Ignatius Persico; who, says the Christian Union, has had a romantic history. was born in Italy, and was consecrated Bishop of Agra, in India, about twenty-six years ago. He remained in India sixteen years, built a cathedral and established religious houses, the whole of which were destroyed during the Sepoy mutiny, and was driven from his diocese. He brought suit against the East India Company for damages incurred by the destruction of the property of the church, and recovered the sum of ninety thousand pounds sterling. Having been driven from his see in India, he remained in Naples eight years, and came to

remained in Naples eight years, and came to South Carolina about two years ago, at the earnest solicitation of Bishop Lynch, of Charleston, during which time he had charge of Catholic Missions in that State.

—The Chicago Journal says that Mr. Lintner, a leading citizen of Clinton, Ill., sent his daughter to a Catholic convent in Bloomington for a four years' course, stipulating in a contract that her religious views should not be interfered with or molested by Catholic instruction. A few weeks ago he discovered, to his surprise, that she had been a member of the Catholic Church, and known as a Sister of Charity in Bloomington for two years. The mother superior and sisters wished to keep her a fifth year, when she should graduate with honors; but the father was indignant, believing that their real object was to make her a nun and secure her property for the Church.

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—Cincinnati has received some genuine relics, being the bones of St. Aureliana, taken from the Catacombs of Rome, and said to date back lege have elected the Rev. B. Y. George, of Columbia, Professor of the Latin Language and Literature, in place of the Rev. Dr. Fisher.

—On Monday, August 22, the Rev. J. B. Mack, an eyangelist of Charleston Presbytery, organ-

in wax, a wax body made for them, and then they were handsomely draped in the habiliments of a Roman maiden. CONGREGATIONAL.

-The Congregationalists of Rhode Island are to have their Pilgrim Jubilee in Providence on the 11th of October. Each church is invited to send its pastor and two brethren as delegates the sisters being allowed only as spectators! At the end of two hundred and fifty years since the landing at Plymouth the Congregationalists of Rhode Island have not learned that in Christ "there is neither male nor female!" The exercises of the occasion will embrace a dinner in Roger Williams Hall, a commemorative dis-course by Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D., and ad-dresses by President Angell, of the University of Vermont, Rev. H. M. Dexter, D. D., and

of Vermont, Rev. H. M. Dexter, D. D., and Rev. I. P. Langworthy.

—The Congregational church in Granville, one of the strongest in New Yerk, and hitherto "imperfectly organized," according to Presbyterian parlance, has just "perfected its organization," in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, by electing eight ruling elders. It has been so nearly Presbyterian for some years that it has not been inyterian for some years that it has not been in-

cluded in the Congregational statistics.

—Rev. Robert Collyer publishes, omitting the signatures, a letter received by him from a Congregational clergyman who wishes to join the "Liberal Christians;" and also one from a priest, who is principal of one of the first Catho-lic schools in Chicago, and who is ready to accept the Protestant faith.

THE MORMONS. -In his discussion in the Mormon Tabernacle with Dr. Newman, Orson Pratt ventilated one of his points of difference with Brigham Young. It is the question of the "Adam-God" doctrine which it had been understood that Pratt was to drop from controversy. Brigham has insisted, as we are assured, that Adam is "the only God with whom we have to do;" but when Dr. Newman charged Lamech, the first polygamist, with being a murderer, Orson Pratt went back on Adam, the first monogamist, as having "murdered the whole human race."

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