

A NEW "CITY OF CHURCHES."

According to a letter from Lawrence, Kansas, that young city is preparing to contest with Brooklyn its title to the name of "The City of Churches."

There is about one church building to every four hundred inhabitants, counting Chinese and Chinese.

The mixed religious condition of this town really represents the absence of all cohesion in society.

An ENGLISH MUSICIAN ON WAGNER.—He is known,—Dr. Sparks, of Leeds, England, the course of one of his letters from Gerny, gives his experience on listening to Wagner's operas.

It was impossible to catch more than the fragment of a tune. No sooner did she find a snatch of pretty melody when instantly gave place to another equally every conceivable device seemed to be employed to render every subject peculiarly fragmentary, and yet undoubtedly any dramatic situations were powerful and

especially interesting was the opening scene of the opera at the conclusion of the first and overwrought ovation. Here, in the church, the groupings, and ceasing action of two or three score of the stage, undoubtedly excited interest, and seemed to be highly appreciated by the composer's numerous admirers, who were present in full force, and of whom did their best to impress upon the sublime superiority of this and Wagnerian effusions over the masterpieces of those great musicians whom either

admiration or his prejudices had taught to esteem the highest. I did not hear much of Wagner's music, but what I did I can conscientiously say I did not

DE LARGE.

The South Carolina Contested Seat in Congress. The New York Tribune Washington correspondent writes:—Some of the friends of Mr. De Large, Representative elect from the Second South Carolina District, and whose seat the Hon. C. Bowen, the present member, intends to contest, have arrived in this city.

A Gift to Vice-President Colfax's Son. A child's table-service, in silver, the product of the artistic resources of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, and the gift of Senators of both political parties to the infant son of Vice-President Colfax, is now on exhibition at Tiffany & Co.'s, New York.

AMERICANS IN SWITZERLAND.—A late letter from Geneva, Switzerland, to the Boston Advertiser says:—General Burnside, who came to Geneva to see his wife, who has been in this city some weeks, left last Monday for Brussels.

—In the New Jersey Court of Errors the Vanderwever will case has been decided after twenty years' litigation, and the will which gives the testator's property away from the heirs and family has been set aside.

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