

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

NOTHING TO DO.

"Nothing to do!" In this world of ours, Where weeds spring up with fairest flowers, Where smiles have only a fitful play, Where hearts are breaking every day!

THE END.

The year was ominously begun, and it closes still more ominously. If people will persist in unbelief and self-security they are without excuse. Everything is full of warning, earth, air, sea, sky, the affairs of nations, and the very stones and timbers of men's dwellings, night and day, with ever-increasing portent, are crying to us, or sensibilities to feel, that "the end of all things is at hand."

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

—The Rev. Philander K. Cady, D. D., has declined accepting the Professorship of Systematic Divinity and Dogmatic Theology in the General Theological Seminary in New York City, to which he was elected by the Board of Trustees on October 23.

—The Rev. J. E. DuBois has resigned the pastoral charge of the church at Tallahassee, Fla., and entered upon the work of evangelist of the Presbytery of Florida.

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Zion's Herald gives the following analysis of Methodism in Massachusetts at the close of the decade:—"There are 287 pastoral charges, 38,301 members (an increase of 8083 in ten years, or 26 per cent., while population has increased 18 per cent.), and 45,319 scholars in Sunday schools, an increase of 43 per cent. There are 353 church edifices, valued at \$3,000,000, and 353 parsonages, valued at \$344,000, with seminaries and other church property, making a total of \$4,197,000. In 1850 there was one Methodist to 43 inhabitants; in 1860, one to 40; and in 1870, one to 38."

—Within less than four months over \$100,000 have been raised in cash and bonds towards the new endowment of \$200,000 for Furman University, South Carolina.

—The Rev. Dr. Simmons, of the Home Mission Rooms, gives the following:—"Less than one year ago we Baptists had but ten thousand dollars worth of freedmen school property in the South. Now we have full one hundred thousand dollars worth! We have seven young colleges, in seven different States, and each with grounds paid for."

—The new Lutheran Church at Springfield, Ohio, is expected to be ready for dedication on one of the first Saturdays of the new year. The portico of the college building, so long waited for, is also in process of erection, and approaches completion.

—The new Divinity Hall at Yale College cost about \$150,000, and the studies were furnished by contributions from about fifty churches in the States. There are sixty rooms in the building, and the students number fifty-five. Mr. Torbridge has received the \$4000 worth of books and furniture for the library.

—The annual report of I. A. Fowler, Clerk of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, shows the following condition of the society:—Reported last year, 1864: admissions, 173; removals, 75; net increase, 98; present number of men, 723; present number of women, 1310. Total membership, 1983.

—The expenses of the Music Committee for the year ending May 1, 1870, are as follows:—Mr. Camp, Musical Director, \$2000; Mr. Rockwood, tenor, \$1000; Miss Thurbay, soprano, \$900; Miss Morgan, alto, \$600; Mr. Zundel, organist, \$1500. Total, \$6000.

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—The Rev. Samuel McKinney, D. D., has tendered his resignation of the presidency of Austin College, which has been accepted, and the trustees directed to that responsible position the Rev. S. M. Luckett, of Kentucky.

—The Rev. Mr. Inslee, missionary to China, and family, arrived in Louisville, Ky., lately. He is very feeble, owing to the nature of his disease, which prevents him from resting in a recumbent posture. He has, therefore, had no sleep for weeks, except such as he could obtain while sitting.

to whom she has, during the day, presented a dangerous temptation, and rejoiced over it in the degree of its magnitude.

Woman! woman! Is it not about time that this thing were stopped? Have you a husband, a brother, a son? Are they stronger than their neighbors who have, one after another, dropped into the graves of drunkards?

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