

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

LOOKING FOR PEARLS—AN ORIENTAL LEGEND. The Master came one evening to the gate of a fair city, it was growing late...

And one said, scoffing, "It pollutes the air." Another jeering, asked, "How long to night?" Shall such a miscreant cur offend our sight?

The people at each other gazed, asking, "Who is this stranger pitying the evil thing?" Then one exclaimed, with awe-abetted breath, "This surely is the Man of Nazareth."

HAPPINESS IN DEATH.

The Rev. William Jay, in a sermon on the requisites for a happy death, says: "It requires that you should obtain and preserve the evidences of pardon; without these you cannot be fearless and tranquil in the near views of eternity, since after death is the judgment."

It requires an attention to religion in your families. I pity that father who will be surrounded, when he dies, with children whose minds he never informed, whose dispositions he never curbed, whose manners he never guarded; who sees one an infidel, another a profligate, and all irreligious. I know that you are not answerable for the conversion of your offspring, but you are responsible for the use of all proper means.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

—Joseph A. Dugdale, a preacher among the Hicksite (Unitarian) Friends, whose winning smile has been the "open sesame" which, all through his long and useful life, has admitted him to places usually inaccessible, has been invited, recently, to preach in the Episcopal church at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

—The next General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be memorialized concerning the repeal of the Church canons forbidding the officiating of ministers of other denominations in Episcopal pulpits, and requiring the use of the Book of Common Prayer before all sermons and lectures.

—The First Church, Memphis, on the first Sabbath of the new year, received twenty-nine persons on profession of their faith, and nine by letter.

—The Norfolk Journal mentions that on a late Sabbath thirty-eight persons were received as members of the Presbyterian church of Norfolk, Va., Dr. Armstrong's. A few only of these were upon dismission from other churches.

—There is a rumor that a church of the Presbyterian Church South will shortly be formed in New York, and Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, called to the pastorate.

loving statement:—"The want of increase since 1852 has been owing to two causes, viz.: deaths, and a change of relation—principally the latter. Since 1842, 17 of our ministers have died. During the same period 26 have left us to join other churches; 22 have connected with the Old School Presbyterians and 4 have joined the United Presbyterians North."

—The Northwestern Seminary at Chicago has thirty-eight students, one of whom received his collegiate education in Norway, one in the Netherlands, two in Ireland, three in Canada, and the remainder in above twenty different institutions in this country.

—Mr. Frederick Marquand, of Southport, Ct., has offered to erect, at his own expense, a chapel for the Yale Theological School. The estimated cost is not far from \$22,000. The building will be large enough for the religious meetings of the college and for use for special lectures. It is to be completed in September.

—The Female Cent Society of New Hampshire is a valuable auxiliary to home missionary enterprises. During the sixty-five years of its existence it has collected \$74,829. It has a memorial fund of \$3900. In 1870, its first year, \$500 was raised; in 1870, \$2500—all by contributions of one cent a week from each of its members.

—A conference of the Congregational churches of New York and Brooklyn was held at the Church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn, Wednesday, March 8. The question, "What is the best means of promoting the highest spirituality among Christians?" was discussed by the Rev. Mr. Beecher, Rev. Dr. Palmer, Rev. Messrs. James, Brown, and Everest, and Rev. Dr. Thompson.

—The missionary brig Morning Star, which recently sailed from Boston for the South Sea Islands, metling rough weather, has been compelled to return from Freetown to Boston and reload, there being too much ballast on board.

—The receipts of the American Board for January were \$34,489, which is a falling off of \$17,905 from those of the same month last year; and for the six months ending January 31, the receipts show a falling off of \$17,927.

—The Rev. Jacob Totka, a minister of the German Reformed Church, has been received as a candidate for orders in Minnesota, and the Rev. Joseph T. Hillman, late pastor of the Roman Catholic congregations at St. Anthony and Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been received into the communion of the Episcopal Church.

—Bishop Cox, of Buffalo, has just opened an new Episcopal Church in Tonawanda, N. Y. It cost about \$4000, nearly the whole of which sum was donated by Mr. Sherman, of Avon.

—Bishop Henry Whitehouse, of the Episcopal Diocese of Illinois, has lately given ordination to a young Swede, Rev. Mr. Almqvist, from Gotteborg, Sweden. He is now laboring in Michigan. The efforts of this Church to absorb Scandinavian Lutherans have signally failed of late.

—A new Baptist church was dedicated on March 8 at Hunter's Point, the new city which has grown up within a few years at the eastern terminus of the Long Island Railroad. The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Everts, of Chicago. The congregation was organized in 1869, with nine members. In building the church, which cost \$29,500, it was largely aided by Mr. Horace Waters; the wife of Mr. Waters furnished the baptistery.

—Emanuel Baptist church, at Albany, has just been completed. It takes the place of Pearl street Baptist church, where Dr. B. T. Welch had his long and fruitful ministry, and is now under the care of Rev. Dr. Bridgman. It is situated on State street, above the new Capitol. It will afford sittings for one thousand persons.

—The new Michigan avenue Baptist church, Chicago, has adopted a plan for renting its sittings which presents some good features. Any number of sittings may be rented, from a single sitting to a whole pew, for any period however short, at a uniform rate throughout the house of \$1.25 for each sitting. The preference in the choice of pews is given to those who will pay the rents of the greatest number of seats. The surplus from such extra rentals is to be laid aside to assist those who cannot pay a full rental.

—A correspondent of the Watchman and Reflector has thought that a beneficent and fruitful mission a Christian minister would accomplish if he could go with supplies to the different missionary stations in France, distribute aid to the suffering, comfort them in their affliction, and preach the Gospel of salvation. He could reach at the same time thousands of Romanists, who would welcome such a man as an angel from heaven. He thinks that the French people, believing that their sufferings are a chastisement from the Almighty, will be in a favorable mood to receive such teachings.

—The Committees of the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches, appointed to consider the question of a union of the two branches, met in Pittsburgh during the week, and organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. Dickson, of New York, chairman, and of the Rev. W. J. Keil, of Pittsburgh, secretary.

—The Occident gives a favorable report of the Presbyterian mission to the Chinese in California. It was strengthened by the accession of the Rev. I. M. Condit in June. Having labored at a similar work in Canton, he was able at once to enter into all the work of the mission, as a preacher to the Chinese in their own language. The various departments of the work have been prosecuted during the past as in former years, except that, owing to the great falling off in the immigration, there has been less call for the visiting and preaching to the newly arrived strangers which has heretofore been a prominent feature of the work.

divided into numerous sects. The original body call themselves "Wesleyans." The Methodist New Connection differ from them on questions of government, and the Primitive Methodists on evangelistic measures. Beside these there are the Methodist Association and the "United Methodist Free Churches."

—The Wesleyan missionaries in South Africa find a new field of labor among the multitudes who are flocking to the newly discovered diamond-mines on the banks of the River Vaal.

—Dr. Seminary, Madison, N. J., has received a bequest of \$100,000 from the late Abel Minard, of Morristown, to aid in giving a ministerial education to indigent young women.

—A remarkable work is reported in progress in the Methodist Mission at Lucknow, India. About 50 conversions have taken place in two weeks, about half of them being natives.

—The endowment of \$400,000 for the proposed Syracuse University has been subscribed. The city is to add \$100,000 more, and then there will be nothing in the way of a speedy commencement of the work, and its steady advancement to completion.

—The death of James Osgood Andrew, senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, took place at Mobile on the 2d inst.

—The Rev. Dr. Luther E. Albert asks the following pointed question in the Lutheran Observer:—"Would it not be well to give up, at least for a season, our disputes about our differences, and lend our entire energy towards the extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world? The diversions might be more favorable in the end for purity of doctrine, as well as practice, than those discussions which are frequently stepped more in our own spirit than in the spirit of Christ."

SPECIAL NOTICES. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES. A. MINER GRISWOLD, (The Fat Contributor.)

OFFICE FIRE COMMISSIONERS, S. E. corner FIFTH and CHESTNUT. PHILADELPHIA, March 15, 1871.

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT having been re-organized and a NEW DEPARTMENT placed in operation at...

OFFICE OF THE LOGAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, March 15, 1871.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 218 S. FOURTH STREET. PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1871.

WOODHULL & CLAFLIN. The Lady Brokers of Wall Street, New York, will deliver their argument for Constitutional Equality, the great political issue, at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Saturday Evening, March 18, 1871.

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THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDNIGHT MISSION will be held at the CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, FIFTEENTH and CHESTNUT, Sunday, 19th inst, at 7 1/2 P. M. Sermon by the Rev. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, Pastor of Holy Trinity.

TICKETS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE UNITED LYCEUMS for sale by members of the INDEPENDENT LYCEUM and at J. McCABER'S, S. W. corner of SEVENTH and LOCUST Streets.

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