## RELIGIOUS GOSSIP.

-Rev. S. Henry Bell has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county.

-It is a peculiar fact that the frescoes of a church are most interesting when the contribution box begins to go round. The very mention of a collection seems to rouse the faculty of self-forgetfulness and absorption in some distant object. This abnormal condition lasts until the box has got by you, and then you suddenly recover and are ready to pray that the hungry may be fed and the naked clothed.

-Hebert Spincer calls God the Unknow able, which seems very profound, but which is really only another way of saying "He is so far up that I cannot see Him." Huxley intimates that He is the Substratum, which is another way of saying, "He is so far down that I can't see Him." Now there are two things the people want, which two things they will have before the day is done-First, 100 cents on the dollar from the government; and, second, a sufficient amount of courage on the part of scientific men to say just what they mean. The times are mark ed by political and scientific dodging, and the sooner we get up a new dicirmary with nothing but plain words in it the better. ---We are told by certain critics of Chris-

tianity that religious intolerance and bigotry are confined to those who believe in the But we were reading a very inter-Bible: esting story the other day about a man with the polysyllable name, Nebuchadnezzer. He was a ripe Pagan, if every there was one; and yet, in spite of the fact that he wasn't a Christian, he told these men that unless they knelt to images he would try the effect of fire on them. We have good reason for supposing the story true, though we have not seen it in any of the newspapers of late, and in spite of the fact that a great many who read it here for the first time may not be able to imagine where we got it from. It is a great satisfaction to some of us to know that Christianity is not the author of all ovils with which the world has been afflicted .- N. Y. Herald.

-The Philadelphia Ladger says: At the annual meeting of the Women's Christian Association of Philadelphia, Seventh street below Race, the annual report, which was submitted, stated the boarding house to have been well filled during the year, 68 boarders having been accommodated. The diningroom was taxed to its utmost capacity ; 61, 255 meals were supplied during the year, In the Seventh street house 2159 lodging were furnished, and nine boarders had been received at the same place. In the Employment Department, the number of applicants for employment was stated to be 1636; the number of applicants from employers, 2034 ; situations afforded, 1379. On the library list there were 683 names : during the year 5555 books were taken out, and 3528 persons visited the library. At the Ashbury Park Boarding House, near Long Branch, N. J., 401 boarders were accommodated during the summer. This summer home was enlarged at an expense of \$2100, for the accommodation of 40 extra boarders. The Trensurer's report showed the receipts from all sources to be \$22,699 53, and the expenses to be \$22,446 66, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$402 S7.

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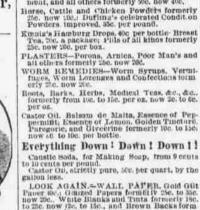


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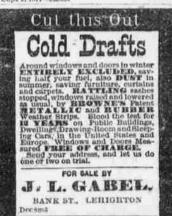
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