

A STRONG MINISTRY.

Few Out of America's 100,000 Clergymen Ever Go Far Wrong.

MEN QUITE LIKE THEIR FELLOWS.

Except That Most of them Successfully Resist Temptation.

THE LOCAL CHURCH NEWS AND GOSSIP.

In round numbers there are about 100,000 Protestant ministers in the United States. Many of them gave years of preparation before they undertook the care of a congregation, and are now doing all that in them lies to show that it is their desire to magnify the gospel.

Amid so many it is to be wondered at that occasionally some should fall by the way, having been led captive by the tempter at some point. But take them as a whole, they stand forth prominently for the uplifting of the race. Still often they feel to exclaim, in reference to those who should stand by them, "Why hast thou forsaken me?" The minister longs for a sympathetic greeting, instead of being treated as one who is paid so much money to preach so many sermons. Church members do not always understand the peculiar cares that are part and parcel of the pastor's life.

How many a faithful minister is constantly an invalid, and the ministry that tends to make the ministers over-sensitive. No one with the finer feelings of a man should be engaged in the ministry. The man who is not a true Christian himself, and who is not a true Christian in his home, will not be a true Christian in his church. The man who is not a true Christian in his home, will not be a true Christian in his church. The man who is not a true Christian in his home, will not be a true Christian in his church.

THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH has lately received 30 members.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL BAPTIST CONGRESS met this week in Toronto.

THE TRINITY CHURCH, New York City, has not been closed a day in 20 years.

REV. W. H. BLACKBURN, of the Pittsburg Conference, died on Sunday.

THE JAMESTOWN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION will meet on Monday next.

TWENTY MINISTERS will be sent to China and Japan by the Baptists of Ohio.

A FRIENDSHIP CONVENTION will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, December 6 to 8.

VERY INTERESTING SERVICES are being held in the Baptist Church at Columbus, Ohio.

IN 1884 the first missionary arrived in Korea. Now there are over 100 Christians there.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH OHIO M. E. CONFERENCE increased over 1,000 last year.

THE 14th CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH reported an increase of \$48,350 over last year.

THE FIRST Y. M. C. A. was started in London in 1844, now there are over 4,000 associations.

IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT \$150,000 was expended last year in improving the Methodist churches.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE "METHODIST BOOK CONCERN" will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8.

THE CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES, of Johnstown, was completely gutted by fire on Sunday night.

THE "WILLING WORKERS" OF THE FOURTH AVENUE Baptist Church gave an entertainment last night.

REV. JOHN H. PRITCH has as a guest at his home in Oakland the Rev. M. Oshikawa, of Japan.

A NEW CUMBERLAND Presbyterian Church will be erected on Shady avenue, to cost \$10,000.

REV. W. B. BARR is at East Palestine, O., assisting in special meetings at the U. P. Church.

WHEELING U. P. Church received ten to its membership on Sunday last, and Greenburg twenty.

THE THIRD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church held a very pleasant social and supper on Thursday evening.

THE AMERICAN BOARD received during the past year \$384,904 in donations, and \$103,633 in legacies.

IT IS PROPOSED BY ARCHDEACON FARRAR to establish an order of monks in the Church of England.

THE ALLENTOWN UNITED Presbyterian congregation will erect a church on Lillian street at a cost of \$10,000.

THE MEETING OF THE SECOND NATIONAL Sabbath Association will be held in New York City, December 10 and 11.

REV. JOHN HALL, D. D., and George W. Cullie will lecture before the divinity students at Yale this winter.

THE "YOUNG PEOPLE" OF Mercer Presbytery will hold a convention at New Wilmington November 29 and 30.

REV. R. M. DAVIS, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hick Hill and Leesburg, died on Sunday last.

THE MACDONALD W. C. T. U. gave a very enjoyable evening in the Sixth U. P. Church, in Allegheny, on Monday evening.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN Church, Allegheny, which has been closed for repairs, will be reopened to-morrow.

HOME INDUSTRIES.

A Trip Through the Panhandle Machine Shops.

NEWS FROM THE NEAR TOWNS

The machine shops of the Panhandle Railroad Company, located at No. 19 Washington street, are one of the points of interest to strangers visiting this city. Here the iron road horses are brought in to undergo a training and put in condition.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Mr. F. C. Schaffer, an employee of the shops, and from him obtained some very interesting information.

"My trouble," said Mr. Schaffer, "began, I think, about two years ago. At that time I was in the habit of riding to work on my bicycle. I had a dull, heavy pain over my eyes. My nostrils would close up, first on one side and then on the other.

"My sight became dim. My eyes would fill with water and become so weak and inflamed that I could hardly see to read. If I would overtake them in the least by reading they would ache and pain me so that I could hardly bear it. Sounds like ringing and buzzing would come in my ears and I could see that my hearing was being affected.

"As the trouble extended my throat became very seriously involved. I would catch cold on the slightest provocation. My throat would feel raw and inflamed and sometimes would get so sore that it would be hard for me to swallow. In spite of everything I could do the trouble kept getting a stronger hold upon me.

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