

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY

In a lecture before the Historical Society of the German Reformed Church, sometime since it was stated that the history of the Church was divided into five periods. The first period extended from 1770 to 1790. This was a kind of colonial period. Accessions from the old world augmented the number, so that at the close of this period the members of the Reformed Church numbered thirty thousand. The second or historic period extended from 1790 to 1810. Emigration and material aid came freely from the fatherland, and synods began to be organized. The third period was given from 1810 to 1830. The fourth period extended from the latter date until 1834. This was a transition period. German began to give place to English in the thinking and preaching of the Church. The fifth period extended from 1834 to the present. The period of struggle. The denomination in the United States now number twenty-five thousand, one thousand one hundred and twenty-two churches, four hundred and twenty-one ministers, and one hundred and sixty-nine and a half hundred and ninety-one members.

Among the bright lights of Episcopalianism that has passed away is the spirit of land recently, was the scholar Rev. Dr. Dappier, President of the Biblical Institute at Evanston, near Chicago. His death occurred the 28th of November. He was regarded as the father of theological schools in the Methodist Church, having founded the Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H., and afterwards that at Evanston. At the time of his sudden death, he was preparing to make a trip to the Pacific Coast with a view to establishing a Biblical school there.

The fruits of the first Jubilee mission meeting of the Wesleyan Methodists, held in England, amounted to £20,000, or \$150,000. Several meetings held since at Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham, have realized the aggregate contributions to about £20,000, \$200,000. And the end is not yet.

The L. E. Parsons announces that the Company of Parsons, has fixed on Sunday, the 20th of May, 1904, to hold special religious services in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the death of Calvin. The work of Calvin and the establishment of the Reformation will be the subject of the sermon.

The vicar of the Catholic Church of Charleston, S. C., is in Paris, asking aid for the suffering Catholics in Charleston and to rebuild certain churches destroyed in the conflagration last year.

The receipts of the American Tract Society for the year ending April 1, 1903, were \$251,000, being nearly \$50,000 in excess of the previous year. In the last eight months of the present year the advance has been still greater, being already about \$50,000.

A new cathedral is about to be erected in Harlan, built wholly of iron, the estimated cost of which is \$1,000,000.

The annual collection for the Scottish Episcopal Church Society, in the Church of St. John, Baltimore, was simply one.

The publication says the Rev. Albert Barnes has reconsidered his refusal to act as a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and has concluded to accept the position.

The General Minutes of the M. E. Church for 1903 show there are 8,156 local preachers in the connection. They exceed the total for 1902. The number of ordained preachers is 903.

The Reformed State Church in the Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, has lately received a purely democratic constitution. The Synod is chosen by a direct vote of the congregations.

The value of missionary work is well illustrated in India. In the last British Government census 175,513 children, at an expense of \$250,000, while the mission schools contain 100,000 children at an expense only \$10,000.

Dr. Dege of the Scotch Free Church announces he will move the Presbytery in solemn protest to put an end among the students to the reading of "papers" sermons.

A correspondent of the N. W. Chronicle (Episcopal) writes from Nashville, Tenn., that out of twenty families, eighteen are vacant of both pastors and services. And the balance, if they are in the parishes of Nashville, are truly "lapsed."

In the year 1861, thirty-three Methodist missionaries went to the amount of \$18,000. Two years afterward (March, 1865), there were eight churches and 175,513 children, at an expense of \$250,000, while the mission schools contain 100,000 children at an expense only \$10,000.

Considerable agitation exists in England on the burial service of the Church. It is proposed in order to settle this question, that it be changed so as to avoid the expression of hope in every case, without regard to religious qualification.

The Rev. J. A. Allen has just closed his pastorate here with the Baptist Church in Jersey city, during the eighth year of his pastorate, of one hundred and thirty-nine members have been baptized.

It is stated fifty German Baptist churches, containing over 3000 members, were recently represented in a general convention at Newark, N. J.

There is a rumor in Turin, among Don Ambrogio who preaches in the public square, to the people with great energy and boldness against the errors of the Church of Rome, exhorting the people to read the Scriptures. His professed will is to be a Roman Catholic.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

Organization of the New Council.—At ten o'clock Friday morning, the members of the new City Council assembled at the Council Chamber for the purpose of effecting an organization, and inaugurating the Mayor-elect, Hon. James Lowry, Jr.

The Select Council was called to order by the Clerk, E. S. Morrow, Esq., when the candidates of the members seated and approved. The roll being called, all the members present except Mr. D. Reed, as follows: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Herdman, Miller, McLaughlin, McMillen, McClure, Morrow, O'Connell, Phillips, Quinn, Thompson, Reed, Wood, Williams, Young, and McAuley, President-elect.

James McAuley, Esq., was unanimously elected President, and E. S. Morrow, Esq., as Clerk. Council held duly organized, the first business in order was the Appropriation of money, which was read three times and passed. The Council then proceeded to the election of the Mayor-elect, Hon. James Lowry, Jr.

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Allegedly in a Nut Shell

We offer an apology to our readers for publishing the following report of Mr. A. D. Davis, Assessor of Water Taxes for Allegheny, as it contains full and valuable information, presenting as it were, the great and flourishing city of Allegheny in a nut shell.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR OF WATER TAXES FOR ALLEGHENY CITY, 1903.

The annual assessment of the water tax for Allegheny City, for the year commencing April 1st, 1903, has been made, and a report thereon is hereby made to the City Council. The total amount of the water tax for the year 1903, has been \$1,000,000.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD

PITTSBURGH MARKETS

Wheat—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 hard winter wheat is \$1.10 per bushel. The price of No. 2 hard winter wheat is \$1.05 per bushel.

Corn—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 yellow dent corn is \$0.85 per bushel. The price of No. 2 yellow dent corn is \$0.80 per bushel.

Oats—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 white oats is \$0.75 per bushel. The price of No. 2 white oats is \$0.70 per bushel.

Barley—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 malted barley is \$1.20 per bushel. The price of No. 2 malted barley is \$1.15 per bushel.

Flour—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 white flour is \$4.50 per barrel. The price of No. 2 white flour is \$4.40 per barrel.

Wool—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 wool is \$1.50 per pound. The price of No. 2 wool is \$1.40 per pound.

Iron—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 iron is \$10.00 per ton. The price of No. 2 iron is \$9.50 per ton.

Steel—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 steel is \$12.00 per ton. The price of No. 2 steel is \$11.50 per ton.

Copper—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 copper is \$15.00 per ton. The price of No. 2 copper is \$14.50 per ton.

Lead—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 lead is \$18.00 per ton. The price of No. 2 lead is \$17.50 per ton.

Zinc—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 zinc is \$20.00 per ton. The price of No. 2 zinc is \$19.50 per ton.

Gold—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 gold is \$100.00 per ounce. The price of No. 2 gold is \$95.00 per ounce.

Silver—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 silver is \$1.00 per ounce. The price of No. 2 silver is \$0.95 per ounce.

Diamonds—The market is quiet and steady. The price of No. 1 diamonds is \$100.00 per carat. The price of No. 2 diamonds is \$95.00 per carat.

FOR SALE

PUBLIC SALE OF CITY LOTS.—The City of Pittsburgh has for sale the following lots: Lot 1, 100x100 ft. Lot 2, 100x100 ft. Lot 3, 100x100 ft.

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CARPETS, OIL, CLOTH, & C.

NEW CARPETS.—A large lot of new carpets, 100x100 ft., located in the city of Pittsburgh. The carpets are well made and are a good investment.

OIL.—A large lot of oil, 100x100 ft., located in the city of Pittsburgh. The oil is well refined and is a good investment.

CLOTH.—A large lot of cloth, 100x100 ft., located in the city of Pittsburgh. The cloth is well made and is a good investment.

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