

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The inauguration of a series of sermons in this city by the ministers of the different churches, noticed from time to time in the local department of this paper, has produced a feeling of unity among the religious denominations of our community, surpassing far the most sanguine expectations of the originators of the movement.

The origin of the English "Poor Law" is traced to the year 1531, when an act of parliament was passed for the relief of the poor, and the first step was taken towards the establishment of a system of public charity.

According to a Tyrolese paper, the "Blue Laws" seem not to be a matter of history only in connection with Connecticut, but to have been in force in some parts of Austria.

The London Record, a Roman Catholic paper, gives an account of a penance at Father Ignatius' Monastery, of a person who had been expelled from the Society of Jesus.

The rebel Governor Brown, of Georgia, in his reply to a note inquiring whether he would be satisfied to be made a member of the Union League.

There are twelve hundred Congregational churches west of New England, and one thousand west of New York, distributed as follows: New York, 203; Ohio, 101; Indiana, 26; Illinois, 21; Michigan, 14; Wisconsin, 16; Iowa, 14; Kansas, 2; Minnesota, 2.

Queen Victoria has consented to act as President of the Female Bible Society, of Berkshire county, in which Windsor Cathedral is situated.

Within a brief period quite a number of Methodist Episcopal Churches in New York, Brooklyn, &c., have been liberated from the bondage of debt.

The reported establishment, in Sweden, of a convent is quite gratifying to the Catholic press of France and Italy.

The seventh anniversary of the Philadelphia Xmas Bazaar is being celebrated in a very interesting manner.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Fire Alarm Telegraph and the Alleged Attempt at Bribery.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Firemen's Association, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of investigating the alleged charge of attempted bribery, for the purpose of securing to Messrs. Kennard & Co., the contract for erecting a Fire Alarm Telegraph in this city, today laid upon Mr. O'Neill, reporter of the Chronicle, to ascertain what authority the statement had made.

Mr. O'Neill declined to give the name of his informant until he had first obtained his consent, and subsequently addressed a note to the party.

Mr. O'Neill declined to have anything to do with the matter, alleging that the price which Kennard & Co. offered for the contract, \$17,000, was extortionate, and that the work done by any member of the Firemen's Association having been approached with offers of money, would be a disgrace to the profession.

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