RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Rev. Rev. B. H. Witherow has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Columbia, Pa.

The Congregational Church at Middlebury, Vt., numbers among its alumni thirty-five Episcopal clergymen, including two bishops.

Rev. Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D. D., of New York, has received a call to the Second Reformed Church, Seventh street, above Brown.

Rev. Rev. J. M. Crowell, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, in this city, has received a call from St. Peter's Church, Lancaster, N. Y.

Rev. Rev. Mr. Rose, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Camden, has resigned. He has had pastoral charge of that congregation for the last three years.

The Baptist Church Extension Society have purchased a site for the corner of Broad and Reed streets. They will build upon it a church, to cost $15,000.

The offerings for "pious and charitable uses," reported to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the last three years amount to $11,291,655.

Rev. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, late of the city, was installed pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, the 22d of March, by the Presbytery of Nassau.

Rev. Rev. Marshall B. Smith, for a number of years Rector of St. John's Church, Passaic, N. J., has written a letter to Bishop Odenheimer withdrawing his name from the roll of the Episcopal church.

Five Episcopal churches have been lately formed in the State of New York—one at Sullivan, called Christ Church, one at Williamsburg, one at Spring Valley, one at East Aurora, and one at Tonawanda.

The authorities of the Second Presbyterian Church of Camden have resolved to abandon the system of renting pews, and hereafter will depend for support upon the free-will offerings of the people who attend.

To-morrow will be devoted in the Methodist churches to the celebration of the Missionary Jubilee. Fifty years having elapsed since the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church came into being as a corporate body.

The Third Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, Pa., Rev. Brecker Pierson, pastor, has adopted the system of rotary eldership, electing three elders each year, for a term of three years. The board of six deacons are put under the same rule. They have not elected any deacons.

In South Jersey, before 1775, there were eight Baptist churches. At the present time there are twenty-two, with 7,500 members. About her in Philadelphia, within a radius of 30 miles, thirteen of these well-attended churches have just subscribed $72,000 (ten of this sum by one man) to pay the debt to found, at Bridgeton, the "South Jersey Institute."

The West Arch Street Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Boyd's church), which has so well to give a vivid picture of the moral depravity of the city, in local papers. He contended that crime was on the increase, while morality was lading in energy. As an evidence of the decay toward a corrupt state of civilization he stated that there are 1,400 houses of ill fame and 1,500 grog shops in New York, and only 350 churches of the gospel. He probably counts none but High Church Episcopalians.

The Congregational Year Book of Great Britain has the following statistics of the denomination: Churches, 4,862; ministers, 4,093; in Wales, 866; Scotland, 72; Ireland, 27; Islands in the British Seas, 16; British and North America, 1,000; Australia and New Zealand, 126; Cape Colony, 12; foreign mission churches, 136—making a total of 6,332; ordained ministers, 5,244; mission stations, 72 evangelists, 1,355; out-stations, including chapels and cottages connected with the country churches. There are 2,628 unordained preachers belonging to the denomination.

The population of Boston is estimated at 248,000. Of this number one-third are Catholics, who have adopted our institutions, and they have three, and frequently four, religious services each Sunday, so that a church that will hold a thousand worshippers meets the spiritual wants of three times that number. There are one hundred and twenty places of worship for the non-Catholics, who number 160,000. Of these thirty-two are free churches, and scattered throughout the city, and divided among the leading denominations. Of the eighty-eight other Boston churches, not more than one in ten is ever crowded at the regular services.

CITY BULLETIN.

CONVENTIONS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—A special meeting was held yesterday afternoon to revise the report of the Committee on Supplies, and to open bids for Brooks' Arithmetic and Spaher's History, and to consider, also, the report of the Committee on the Revision of Studies.

Messrs. John G. Brenner and William H. Stevens, members of the Board, tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

Samuel W. Walker was qualified to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Brenner.

The Committee on Supplies submitted a report in the following effect, which was adopted: Boys' Grammar School $2 50 per pupil; Girls' Grammar School $2 05 per pupil; Boys' Consolidated School $1 75 per pupil; Girls' Consolidated School $1 45 per pupil; Boys' Secondary School $1 05 per pupil; Girls' Secondary School 90c. per pupil; Boys' Primary School 70c. per pupil; Girls' Primary School 60c. per pupil. This distribution gives an aggregate of $60,391 30 to the schools, and $30,000 have been appropriated by City Councils for the same purpose. The balance of the amount appropriated, viz., $30,000, is to be applied to the deficiency in the Normal Schools, and the balance thus left ($8,391 70) will be held to meet any contingency which may arise.

The Committee also submitted the following resolution:

That it is Secretary be requested to furnish the principal of each school in the First School District with a price list of the supplies furnished by the Board, and a copy of the plan of distribution as published.

Resolved, That the principals be notified to order supplies not exceeding the price list, and not to order more than two-thirds of the number of pupils their schools are entitled, and all orders must be in before the 1st of December.

The opening of the bids was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on the Revision of Studies, at this point submitted a report in part relative to the amendment of the rules, which was adopted.

The same committee stated that, at the next meeting, they would report a resolution on the subject of the rules, which was before them for consideration. Adjourned.

THE CONTESTED ELECTIONS.—Messrs. W. F. Smith and R. Dickey, Republicans, held another session yesterday afternoon.

Edward Shields, Hersan Gallen, Patrick Bielice, Hugh McLaughlin, James Harkins, Michael Keegan, James Ray and Owen Sharkey testified that they are counted soldiers in the service of the United States, and subscribed to the Constitution; they voted the Democratic ticket in the Eighth division, Twenty-third Ward, at the October election.

Daniel McNichol testified—I keep a boarding-house and tavern, No. 414 South Eighth street; the only voters in the house last October were Dank McNichol, John McNichol, Wm. Campbell, Jas. McKinney, Joseph Sommers, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Simpson, Wm. McNichol, Arthur Campbell and David Gaddess. The last five named voters are Daniel Jones, Thomas McCauley, Richard Hoy, Jas. Hagan, Edward Cope, Geo. Brown, John Bradley, all assessed at 414 South Eighth street.

John McNichol testified he was recalled, and testified that there are eighty-five names on the list of voters in the house, and that in 1867 the list of taxables of the Seventh Division, Fifteenth Ward, Adjourned.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon, a young man, named Andrew Robertson, son of James Robertson, residing at 1229 South street, was crushed between Frankford and Bridesburg.

DASHBOARDS.—The practice of jumping on the cars while in motion, along the avenue, in Camden, is again becoming a nuisance, and should be stopped at once. Every train that slackens speed in coming into Camden is seen crowded with men, who climb upon the platform and jump off, leaving themselves by doing so. Some measures should be adopted to prevent it.

AN ACCIDENT.—Two men were seen this morning scraping up the dirt on Second street, Camden. Such thoughtfulness on the part of the street committee must conduce very materially towards assuaging any epidemic which may visit the place.

RECOVERING.—After all the sensational reports of the Committee on the dangerous condition of Christopher Dixil, who was stabbed by his father during a frenzy on Wednesday night, the young man is doing remarkably well, and it is said will recover.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

Sermons by Charles Wadsworth, Minister of Calvary Church, San Francisco. Published by A. Roman & Co., New York and San Francisco. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

The Villa on the Rhine, by Amerbach, with portrait and vignette by Sopatt Taylor. Author's edition, *brochè*. Part II, including Book VIII. New York, Leypoldt & Holt. For sale by Turner Bros. & Co.

Lippincott's Pocket-Book edition. Life of Washington. By Washington Irving. In five volumes. Vol I. Boston, Ticknor & Fields. G. P. Putnam & Son, N. Y. J. B. Simon, agent, No. 29 South Sixth street, Philadelphia. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger. Victor Redtenbacher. By William Widgery Thomas, Jr. Boston, Ticknor and Fields. United States Consul at Gothenburg. 12mo, pp. 555. Philadelphia, T. B. Peterson & Bros.

Poems of Alexander Pope. Edited by H. F. Cary, M. A., with biography. 12mo, pp. 96. Boston, Ticknor & Fields. New York, Leypoldt & Co. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

[Plaid-cover Waverley.] Anne of Geierstein. By Sir Walter Scott. Author's edition, *brochè*, price 75 cents. Published and for sale by the same supplemental.

Ben Hur. A Tale of the Christ. By L. Wallace. Translated by Nathaniel Greene. 8vo, pp. 550. Boston, Ticknor and Fields. For sale by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

The Factory Girl. Or, All is not Gold that Glitters. By Miss M. E. Braddon, author of "Lady Audley's Secret." 8vo, pp. 210 *brochè*. Price 50 cents. New York, Leypoldt & Holt. For sale by Turner Bros. & Co.

Leander, or, Heroes of the Priesthood. By Ernest Trumm. 8vo, pp. 76, *brochè*. Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

Lippincott's St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia. Printed by McGalla and Stavely. Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during 1868. Pamphlet. 8vo, pp. 100. Philadelphia.

Journal of the Franklin Institute, for March. *Gore's Monthly*, for April. Gilbert & Gerrish, Philadelphia. *Leisure Hours* for April. Boston, H. B. Fuller.

Harper's Monthly, *Harper's Weekly*, *Harper's Bazar*, *Harper's Young People*, *Scribner's Monthly*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Lippincott's Magazine*, *Every Saturday*, *Ladies' Repository*, *Godey's Lady's Book*, *Peterson's Magazine*, *Our Young Folks*, *Hearth and Home*, *Phrenological Journal*, *Phrenological Journal and Science of Health*, *Scribner's Illustrated Magazine