RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Local and General.

THERE are 363 Sunday schools in this city, with 16,427 teachers and 105,422 scholars.

THE Rev. A. M. Jelly has resigned the call to the St. John's Reformed Church of this city.

THERE are in all the Sunday schools in the United States four million of children and four hundred thousand teachers.

THE Rev. Dr. Rumsey, of White Plains, Westchester county, N. Y., has received a call from the vestry of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown.

THE next Southern weekly union prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next, at 7½ o'clock, at the First Presbyterian Church, Washington Square.

THE Monday Afternoon Union Meeting will be held on Monday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, Buttonwood street, above Fifth.

THE West Arch Street Presbyterian Sunday school of this city is supporting five Sunday schools in North Carolina—three for white and two for colored children.

THE membership of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, is 1,234, being the largest membership ever reached by any Presbyterian Church in America.

THE Lee Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, is to be deprived of the further pastoral care of the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, who intends to branch out on the "open communion" basis.

ALTHOUGH Spain has been open to Protestant labors for more than a year, there are not more than thirty laborers of all classes engaged in the work among eighteen millions of people.

A PRIVATE letter received in New York, from an American traveller at the Papal Council, expresses the opinion that the Council will not accede to the Pope's demand to declare the dogma of infallibility.

THE report of the Water Street Mission, New York, for 1869, gives 314 as the number of meetings held, with a total attendance of 22,000, and about 875 rose for prayers, and 666 signed the temperance pledge.

The Rev. Chester D. Bromwell, of New Brunswick, N. J., having accepted the call of the First Congregational Church, Jersey City, Russ street, below Fourth, will enter upon his pastoral duties on the Sabbath, the 27th April next.

ACCORDING to the Annual Ecclesiastical Almanac, just published, the ministers of the Evangelical churches in this country number 43,000, or one to every 6,000 of the population. The whole number of church members is stated to be 5,001,976.

THE session of the Sunday School Institute was largely attended on Monday evening last, and the address of Prof. John S. Hart on "Sunday School Literature" was one of the best efforts. Copies are for sale at the rooms of the Institute, 608 Arch street.

THE Rev. J. Blake Falkner, of Bridgeport, Conn., to whom a call has been extended by the vestry of St. Matthew's P. E. Church, Frankville, is expected to preach in the above church to-morrow. He has not as yet accepted the call, as was stated in a morning paper yesterday.

THE first Synod of the German Reformed Church of North America met in this city 135 years ago, composed of thirty-one ministers and elders, representing a few thousand members. Now the Synod has 200 delegates, representing 650 ministers, 1,200 congregations and 200,000 communicants.

THE cure of circumcision is no longer universally practiced among the Jews. Sixty-six Jewish physicians of Vienna, Prague and Pesth, manifests against it, and the Rabbinical Congress of the city resolved that the male child of a Jewish woman is, on religious grounds, by the very fact of his birth a member of the Jewish community.

THE Unitarian Year Book reports two hundred and thirty-five societies, being twenty more than last year. There are twenty-six churches in Boston, and one hundred and seventy-one in Massachusetts. In no other State but New York has over twenty. The names of three hundred and twenty-six ministers are given, of whom one hundred and sixty are installed.

THE following is given as the Methodist statistics for the Conferences included in the following Conferences: The Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wyoming, Erie and Genesee Conferences. Number of members and probationers, 127,471; preachers, 728; Sunday schools, 1,507; officers and teachers, 22,413; scholars, 141,385; church buildings, 1,206; value of churches, $6,030,000; value of parsonages, $647,890; value of colleges and seminaries, including endowments, about $800,000.

THE *American Presbyterian*, of this city, has suspended publication and transferred its list of subscribers to the New York *Observer*. This action was taken in consequence of the union of the two great Presbyterian branches resulting a New School organ superfluous, and also on account of the ill-health of the editor. The *American Presbyterian* rendered good service in the cause which it was started to advocate, and through the great struggle for freedom and union, which has ended so successfully, it contended with great zeal for the cause of justice and right.

A rule has been introduced into the Legislature of this State by which all nunneries and convents, and similar establishments, are made subject to inspection twice every year, by inspectors appointed by the courts. All persons wishing to be released, and to have assigning themselves to the inspectors, are to be terrified with set at liberty. Offence against the law, or resistance to it, are to be punished by fine and imprisonment. The objects of all members of these institutions is to be kept, and false returns of their number is also made a punishable offence.

A LARGE meeting of the friends of the Baptist Church Extension Society was held on Thursday evening, in the Fifth Baptist Church, Eighteenth and Spring Garden streets. The report was read, showing that through the efforts of the Managers a number of mission enterprises had been started, several of which had grown into thriving churches, among which was instanced the Boardman and Memorial Missions, both of which had grown into large congregations. The Treasurer's report showed receipts amounting to $14,551 33, and expenditures at $12,237 59. Rev. Dr. Boardman delivered an address.

THE Rev. C. J. H. Carter, Administrator of the Diocese of Philadelphia, has issued the following regulations for the observance of Lent, which commences on Ash Wednesday, the 2d of March:

1. All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year are bound to observe the Fast of Lent, unless dispensed for legitimate reasons.

2. One meal a day only is allowed, except on Sundays.

3. This meal is not to be taken until about noon.

4. On those days on which permission is granted to eat meat, both meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal, even by way of condiment.

5. A collation or partial meal is allowed in the evening. The general practice of pious Christians limits its quantity to the strength of an ordinary meal.

6. Bread, butter, cheese, fruit of all kinds, salads, vegetables and fish are permitted at the collation. Milk is not generally prohibited.

7. Custom has made it lawful to drink some warm liquids such as tea and coffee, or hot chocolate made with water.

8. Nursing mothers are have authorized the use of lard instead of butter in preparing fish, vegetables, &c.

9. The following persons are not bound to observe the fast, viz.: All under twenty-one year of age, the sick, pregnant women and those who are nursing infants, those who are obliged to do hard work, and persons of weak health, cannot fast without injury to their health.

10. By dispensation, the use of flesh meat will be allowed at any time on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of Holy Thursday, and the second and last Saturdays of Lent.

11. Persons exempted from the obligation of fasting, by age or laborious occupations, are not restricted to the use of meat at one meal only as those days on which its use is granted by dispensation.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bethany Sabbath school, at 897 Twenty-second and Shippen streets, was celebrated on the 17th inst. There were absent two thousand persons present. Mr. John Wanamaker presided and made a brief address, congratulating the officers and teachers on the success attending the enterprise. Kopp—the shoemaker made it appears that the school was organized February 12th, 1858, with 27 children and teachers, since which time it has grown in numbers, there being at present 1,700 scholars and 120 teachers. It is believed now to be the largest Sunday school on the continent. George H. Stuart, Esq., delivered an address.

THE rectors of four Protestant Episcopal churches in the southeastern part the city—Gloria Dei, Redeemer, Trinity and Evangelist—have made the following arrangements for special services during Lent, and which will be held as follows:

Every Friday, at four o'clock P.M., in the Church of the Redeemer—Sonnets's Mission, Church of the Redeemer—Sonnets's Mission.

Every Friday, at four o'clock P. M., in the Church of the Evangelist.

Every Saturday, at half-past four o'clock P. M., in Gloria Dei Church.

Every Tuesday, at four o'clock P. M., in Trinity Church.

The services will begin on Thursday, March 3, and will be continued until the Sunday before Easter, April 10. During Passion Week the services in the respective churches will be in accordance with the notice given in each.

THE Tract Visitors of the Philadelphia Tract Union Society will hold their Spring Union Meetings for March at the following places:

March 4, Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Baptist Church, Broad and Brown streets, in the First District, north of Market and east of Broad.

March 9, Wednesday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Ninth and Wharton streets, in the Second District, south of Market and west of Broad.

March 16, Wednesday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, corner Eighteenth and Christian streets, in the Third District, west of Broad to the Schuylkill.

March 25, Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, Thirty-ninth street and Powelton avenue, in the Fourth District, west of the Schuylkill.

CITY BULLETIN.

—The Board of Directors of City Trusts took formal possession of Girard College yesterday afternoon. The inmates and scholars were gathered in the Chapel and the President of the Board, Gen. Wm. Millward, addressed them as follows: "*Orphans and Officers of the Girard College*—It devolves on me as President of the governing body to announce to you officially that all control over the charitable trusts held by the city of Philadelphia, including this institution and its inmates, has, by an amendment of the charter, passed from the Councils to fifteen city officers, called Directors of City Trusts. Twelve of them are permanent Directors, appointed by the Judges of our Courts, acting together as a Board of appointment, and the others are the Mayor of the city and the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils. In accordance with the law, the Directors of City Trusts are now the Governors of this institution, it affords me pleasure to make the distinct avowal that this change, made at the instance of those who pray for the fatherless children and the widow, does not diminish or decrease the charitable intentions of the testators, without intending to consume any person who now is or ever has been connected with these charities. It also affords me pleasure to state that all the employes and servants of the College are continued if efficient; but if inefficient, it is hardly likely that any political or personal influence will be strong enough to continue them in office. The Directors of City Trusts will endeavor to strictly comply with the intentions of the testators, and will do what lies in their power to make the College, and the use of such money, the most useful institution of its kind in the world." Boys will not be allowed to remain in the college if, after the use of mild means, they prove to their companions for the rest: "habits of industry" will be inculcated, if necessary, by obliging every boy who is able to support himself, immediately, so he may become skilful and steady in applying his powers. The well also complain that the instructors and teachers in the college shall take pains to instil into the minds of the scholars that every one of the boys in the various sections, the change from one section to another, before the boy shall receive the governess or prefect can be generated, and rigidity of discipline consequent upon the present organization, which tends to retard the development of a love of truth and other virtues which the family system, the Board of City Trusts will, at early day, be called on to consider what change may be necessary to carry this important moral requirement of the will into full effect. All that laymen can do will undoubtedly be done to "instil in the minds of the scholars *the purest principles of morality*," as revealed in God's Word, so that on their entrance into active life they may *form inclinations and habits*, and evince *because science and virtue*, *their fitness*.

Yonder marble statue of the Young Soldier, at rest, but fully equipped for duty, serves not only to commemorate the twenty-three graduates of the College, who, in the recent contest for the preservation of the American Union, gave up their lives in defence of the spirit of his last will and testament. It also serves as a lesson for me, in the name of Board, to authorize the officers of the College to continue, as hitherto, at their respective posts, subject to the authority of the Directors of City Trusts, and obeying the rules of the institution, so far as they are applicable to altered circumstances of the institution. I close by presenting to the orphans and officers of the College, through you, Mr. President, the President of Common Council and my other colleagues in the direction of the College, His Honor, the Mayor, and the President of Select Council, being unavoidably absent from the city." Professor Allen replied as follows: "Permit me, on behalf of the officers of the College and myself, personally, to thank you for the terms in which you have alluded to us. We are gratified to believe that you will extend to us the confidence and support which you shall find that we deserve. We can ask no more. If any of us shall be found incompetent or unworthy, we ought to be removed. In the language which you, sir, have just pronounced, no personal or political influence should avail to retain us. Some of us have been connected with the College for many years. We have witnessed a number of changes in its administration and legislation. While all else has been subject to change and modification, the principles of its management have remained substantially the same. Its code of rules have been amended from time to time, to meet the wants which experience has suggested. We are far from claiming that our arrangements are not susceptible of improvement. When you, sir, who have been for many years familiar with the workings of the College, and these gentlemen, your colleagues, shall have decided upon your plan, we will endeavor, in the intention and discipline, I assure you that the officers of the College will cheerfully conform to the rules and regulations which you may deem beneficial to these orphans. It will be also our earnest endeavor to cultivate that harmony of feeling and purpose, and that good understanding between the members of the legislative departments of the College, which are indispensable to the success of our work." Addresses were also made by Wm. H. Rhoads, Esq., Gen. Louis Wagner and George H. Stuart, Esq., and at their close, after singing the hymn, "Rock of Ages," the assembly were dismissed. The Girard Cadets, with the College Brass Band, Capt. Henry Gower commanding, was reviewed.

—A meeting of those in favor of a recognition of Almighty God in the Constitution of the United States was held last night at the City Institute, Eighteenth and Chestnut streets, for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Convention to be held at Pittsburgh, March 1, to consider the proposed amendment. The following delegates were elected: Hon. Judge Allison, Wm. Getty, Samuel Agnew, Wm. Ray, Rev. Dr. Krauth, of the Pennsylvania University; Rev. Dr. Stork, Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Rev. Dr. Conrad, Rev. Dr. Dales, Rev. Dr. Cooper, Rev. W. W. Barr, Rev. S. O. Wylie, Rev. Mr. Calhoun, Rev. Wm. S. Ayres, Rev. Mr. Torrens, Rev. F. Church, Rev. R. J. Sharpe, Rev. Charles W. Quick, Rev. T. C. Murphy, Messrs. Thomas Walker, Wm. McKnight, J. Wright, John Lyons, Wm. Brown, Thomas Brown, W. W. Keys, J. B. Stewart, J. M. Lagy, M. McConnell.

—The Mayor, in compliance with the request of the Governor, has made a full investigation into the alleged abduction of the two daughters of Michael Powell. Detectives Franklin and Tryon were detailed to work up the case, and it is clearly established that two daughters of Powell, Augustana and Annie, with their father's consent, went to reside in the families of Thomas G. Borden and Elmer Cooper, at Bridgeport, Gloucester county, N. J., where they remained until the 19th of February, when they accompanied their brother John to Camden, and thence to Wilmington. A telegram was also received that they arrived safely at that city. This explodes the rumor of the abduction.

—The alarm of fire last evening, about half-past seven o'clock, was occasioned by the burning of several frame houses adjoining the extensive cotton and woolen mills of James Nolan, on the Old York road, below Germantown road. The fire is supposed to have originated in the lower or upper story of the mill, and from thence rapidly communicated to the roofs of the adjoining frame houses on Dorset street, which, with the exception of some dozen of these buildings. Four of the houses damaged were respectively occupied by Mrs. Mary Ann Hays, William Jones and Mrs. Washyler.

—The opponents of Independence Square as a site for the new public buildings held an adjourned meeting at N. W. corner of Merrick and Market streets, last evening. A. R. Fox presided. Several statements in regard to the progress of the different bills at Harrisburg were made.

—Thos. J. Worrell, Esq., entered upon his duties yesterday as City Solicitor, his nomination having been approved. He has made the following appointments: First Assistant, Wm. S. Gensler; Second Assistant, Henry R. Edmunds; Financial Clerk, A. Atwood Grace.

—A large meeting of the friends of the Temperance cause was held last night in the main audience-room of Dr. Wiswell's church, on Girard avenue, near Sixteenth street.

CITY NOTICES.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES.—The elegant and commodious establishment of the firm of JAMES H. DRAKE & BROS., No. 916 Arch street, is daily thronged with fair patronesses desirous of purchasing the superb assortment of goods offered at this popular emporium. Misses McVaugh & Duncan's stock comprises a complete and full line of Ladies' Hosiery, striped muslins, alas, cambrics, percales and nainsooks, in all the popular styles, Ladies' Cloth Sacques and Ladies' Cloth Cloaks, Misses' Sacques and Cloaks, and all the attractive and varied styles of fancy white goods.

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