RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Local and General.

THE Churchman's Year Book contains the names of 51 Episcopal bishops and 2,541 clergymen.

THE ladies' movement to pay the $60,000 debt of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Washington City, has resulted already in the receipt of $10,000.

BISHOP STEARNS will officiate to-morrow morning at St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown, and in the evening at St. Jude's Church.

THE Monday afternoon union prayer meeting will be held on Monday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock, at the Church of the Advent, Old York road, above Buttonwood street.

THE new Baptist Church edifice at Broad and Spruce streets will be completed in a few weeks. In the meantime it will be opened for the use of the Sunday schools from to-morrow.

THE Rev. George H. Rickland, of the Divinity School, West Philadelphia, has become assistant minister in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, and has entered upon his duties.

BOTH the Baptist and the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Boards are likely to end the year with a heavy debt. Both need to receive over $100,000 during the last three months of their fiscal year to cover expenses.

THE Rev. A. A. Willits will preach a sermon especially to the children of the Sabbath school to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Spruce street Presbyterian Church, corner West Arch Street and Arch street. Music by her of Eighteenth and Arch streets. Music by the children. The public are cordially invited.

WHEN the Baptist Mission Board met fifty years ago, they reported one mission, one missionary and one convert, a Burman. When the Board meets next May it will report 600 missions, 13; stations and outstations, 1,800; missionaries, 236; converts, 50,000; converts during the year, 4,000.

A CORRESPONDENT says that Washington is the most slandered city in the world. Instead of being the modern Sodom, it is the most quiet and orderly city in the Union, and one in which the Sabbath is better observed, and the churches better filled than in any other city on the continent.

THE thirteenth annual report of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry in the Episcopal Church says the great want of the Church is men—not costly churches, nor lands, or endowments, nor more or less freedom, not even more money—but brave, earnest, educated men. Money without men will never answer its purpose.

THE Tract Visitors of the Second District of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society will hold their Spring Union Meeting for Prayer and Report in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Ninth and Wharton streets, on the Second Day (Monday) morning, next, 9th inst., at half-past seven o'clock. Tract for March—"The Seed that Frank Sowed," which is commended for perusal.

THE Blairsville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, in this State, declared dancing to be an amusement which tends to dissipate religious impressions, and cause a loss of communion with God; they therefore enjoined upon all the sessions under their care to use all proper means to dissuade the young from the practice, and if they persisted, to exclude them from the communion of the church.

BAPTISMS have recently taken place in the following Baptist Churches in this city: Twenty-six at the North Church, Rev. Mr. Cole; five at the Broad street, Rev. Mr. Perry, pastor; four at the Third Germantown, Rev. Mr. Lung, pastor; four at the Second Germantown Avenue, Rev. L. Hartman, pastor; five at the Spring Garden, Rev. Mr. Ferris, pastor, and two at Chestnut Hill, Rev. Mr. Cone, pastor.

THE first public meeting of the Branch of the Evangelical Alliance for Philadelphia, reports adjourned will be held in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Wylie, pastor, Broad street, below Spruce, on Monday evening next, at half-past seven o'clock. Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., of the Episcopal Divinity School; Rev. Clement Butler, D. D., of the Episcopal Divinity School; Rev. James McCosh, of Princeton College, and others, will address the meeting.

THE following are the present officers of the Methodist Episcopal Bishop Morris, President; the remaining bishops, with S. A. Purdy, M.D., and Rev. Thomas E. Bond, Vice Presidents; D. Wise, Corresponding Secretary; D. Denham Jr., Recording Secretary; John Lanahan, Treasurer; M. D. C. Crawford, T. Carlton, D. Wise, W. H. Wheeler, Rev. Dr. Newenough, T. A. Howe, Ira Perego, Jr., S. D. Brown and E. G. Andrews, Executive Committee.

THE resolution declaring the infallibility of the Pope, if proposed, will be in the following form: "To the Sacred Ecumenical Council of the Vatican—Most Blessed Father, we humbly and earnestly ask the Sacred Synod of the Vatican to declare in terms plain and excluding all doubt, that the authority of the Roman Pontiff is exempt from error, whenever it determines in matters of faith and morals, and declares what ought to be believed by all the faithful, and what ought to be rejected and condemned."

THE venerable Dutch Church, at the corner of William and Fulton streets, New York, is soon to disappear. The land on which it stands is offered for a twenty-one years' lease, with the privilege of two subsequent renewals for equal periods. The estimated value of the corner lot is $100,000, and that of the four remaining lots $50,000 each. $20,000 a year is asked for the lease of the whole, the lessee paying the taxes and assessments. The neonday prayer meeting will be held for the present on the second floor of the new building adjoining, if the removal takes place.

THE Tract Visitors of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society will hold their Spring Union Meeting for March at the following churches:

March 7, Wednesday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Ninth and Wharton streets, in the Second District, south of Market and east 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 23, Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, Thirty-ninth street and Powelton avenue, in the Fourth District, west of the Schuylkill.

A MEETING of the Presbyterian Board of Publication was held yesterday afternoon at their rooms on Arch street, above Ninth. The report showed that the receipts for publication for the ministry during the eleven months were $6; which number during this time in the theological course, 108; whole number in collegiate course, 115; in preparatory course, 107; total candidates on the roll at last report, 334; entire number of candidates for the ministry received from the beginning, in the year 1819, 3,666. Of the twenty-three who have completed their theological studies at the seminaries of the country. The total receipts from all sources, for eleven months, $38,423 10. For the same portion of the previous year, the receipts were $38,518; increase, $24 10. The officers of the Board are as follows: President—Charles Macalister; Vice Presidents—George Sharswood, LL.D., S. S. Beatty, D.D., H. D. Gregory, H. L. Hodge, M.D., Morris Patterson. Corresponding Secretary—Wm. Adams, D.D. Treasurer and Recording Secretary—Wm. Mann. Auditors—Wilfred Hall, Morris Patterson.

A MEETING of ladies connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the city, was held on Thursday afternoon at the Book Rooms, Arch street, above Tenth, to organize a branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. J. T. Gracey defined the object of the contemplated organization, and stated that the field had been opened by God, the Lord, for the spread of the Gospel by the Society through its missionaries. Having been in the field she was grounded, from personal knowledge, that single ladies are particularly fitted for this work. To carry out this object the ladies of the denomination were expected to take hold of the matter and organize themselves into societies. It is not intended that this Society shall interfere with the collections in the churches for missionary purposes, or the contributions toward the organization will be made by individual giving. The Corresponding Secretary of the Society will be confined to the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. About $4,000 have already been secured for this object by the ladies' societies in the different churches. Mrs. Gracey then gave instances of conversion among the women in India. Similar societies now exist in New York, Boston and Chicago. The constitution of the new Society was then read and adopted after which a committee of five ladies was appointed to nominate permanent officers, who reported the following: President—Mrs. J. T. Gracey. Vice Presidents—Mrs. J. Keen, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. Wilson, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. G. D. Carrow, Mrs. J. D. Taylor, Mrs. Kiet, Mrs. Mc. T. Barry, Mrs. Dr. Newman, Mrs. Hammett, Mrs. T. W. Price. Managers—Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Dr. Wood, Mrs. S. Whitaker, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. Maguire, Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. M. A. Hayhurst, Mrs. J. Windrebeth, Mrs. J. L. Long, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. S. Mullen, Mrs. T. Hare, Mrs. W. H. Brisbane, Mrs. D. N. Sinn, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. L. E. Walker, Mrs. Roupe, Mrs. H. C. Moore. Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Rand. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary Cummings. Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. Townsend.

CITY BULLETIN.

—The Grand Jury empanelled for the February term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of the City and County of Philadelphia made the following presentment to Judge Ludlow yesterday:

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring for the city and county of Philadelphia for February sessions, 1870, respectfully present, that they have discharged all the business brought before them "without envy, hatred, or malice, and without fear, favor, or affection." They have acted upon 262 bills, of which 232 were returned as true bills, and 130 have been ignored. The Grand Jury visited the County Prison, Almshouse, Eastern Penitentiary, House of Refuge, Northern Home for Friendless Children, Associated Institute for Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans, and Girard College. At the County Prison everything seemed to be as cleanly and in as good order as the crowded condition of the building would allow. Many of the cells that were intended for but one person contained three, and in some cases four. Of course the officers of the institution are not to blame for this, but the necessity is so pressing for a *House of Correction* that we most earnestly urge the earliest attention possible thereto, especially so in consideration of the late action of Governor Geary, who "declines (for a certain period of time) to interfere in our criminal affairs, but the necessity is of so vital a character, and the neglect of so imperative a duty must affect the morals of our people in a great degree, that we recommend the necessity of speedy and conclusive action, which we earnestly hope the matter may receive. The Almshouse was found to contain its regular (late) quota, about 3,600 inmates, a number of whom were large, able-bodied men, and should have a salutary lesson taught them for not striving to earn an honest livelihood which there is such a universal demand for steady help without. The condition of the institution throughout was very creditable when considering its *overcrowded character*, and the sanitary requirements unquestionably call for increased accommodations for those justly entitled to our consideration and sympathy. The number of patients about the same as per late report. Bath and washrooms, bakery, &c., were found to be complete and satisfactory, and it affords pleasure to testify to the wholesome bread prepared here for the inmates of the institution. We regret to so far as we could determine, our opinion is that the "management" is able and efficient. The Girard College reflected great credit upon the accomplished president and skilled corps of assistants, performing duties so varied and yet so well that it was a pleasure to contemplate them, which we would fain have the ingenuous youth of our city thoroughly appreciate a work progressing which must go far toward ennobling our whole public school system, and perpetuate the House of Refuge was unexceptionable for order, discipline, and cleanliness. We cannot but congratulate the city upon so valuable an institute in the proper control and education of the young, and would heartily recommend the establishing of a number of such schools for the reformation of those, who, instead of being cared children of both sexes without incurring a criminal character, which attaches in future years to those having a residence here. The present institution might then be—reserved for those only who were "of a refractory character." The Northern Home and the associate institute were found to be in the best possible condition, and we can scarcely find words sufficient to express our admiration and appreciation for labors so arduous and so apparently here where so many young are educated and controlled by so small a staff of officers, but thorough discipline vindicates itself. In conclusion, we desire again to call attention to the "concern, alone" and unfeigned "nuisance" nuisance, and trust that every effort may be made upon the part of the authorities to abate so great a nuisance. Many of the cases before us the present month have been caused by the use, or rather abuse, of liquor, and we have no greater saving to the community in money and morals could possibly be conserved than by arresting some well considered and stringent license system. The Grand Jury thanks the officers of the court for attention and courtesy, thereby facilitating our labors, and we respectfully submit this the report of your Grand Jury for the term ending March 4, 1870.

THOMAS RAMSDEN, Foreman.

Judge Ludlow thanked the Grand Jury for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties, and said how much he regretted that the time had arrived when they must retire against their positions as private citizens. He referred to the fact that the Grand Jury had visited all the public institutions in the county, which they reported as being in a healthy condition, and said it was a satisfaction to know that this was the case, although they could not say anything which was particularly new.

—The U. S. regime Congress went into commission at the Philadelphia Navy Yard yesterday. The following is a list of the officers: Captain, N. B. Harrison; Lieutenant Commanders, R. C. McCook and Stephen A. McCarty; Lieutenants, Commanders, Lewis Clagenge H. Thomas; Chief Engineer, J. W. Wood; Assistant Engineers, Commander Surgeon, William M. King; Marine Officer, Captain C. L. Sherman; Assistant Surgeon, John J. Liggit; First Assistant Engineers, J. H. Fisher; Master, William Watts; Second Lieutenant of Marines, E. T. Bradford; Boatsigns, J. V. Bleeker, Adolphus Marix; Second Assistant Engineer, W. D. Smith; Mates, Charles H. Rodgers, Charles Ridgely, Charles Lamy; Boatswain, William G. Tompkins; Gunner, Samuel D. Hines; Carpenter, Leonard Hanscom; Sailmaker, John J. Stanford; Paymaster's Clerk, W. H. Alexander.

—The operatic of Independence Square as a site for the new public buildings held an adjourned meeting last evening. Daniel B. Smith presided. Mr. Philip Lowry, chairman of the Committee on Petition, reported that 7,432 names had been sent to Legislature during the last meeting, and that 2,000 more were ready for transmission. This would make a total of over 20,000 names sent. Mr. Wm. H. Jones, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported amount on hand $41; bills outstanding over $100. Mr. Poulterer, chairman of the committee on Legislative bills, reported that no bill had yet been passed by the Legislature. After considerable talk by C. A. Walborn, Wm. S. Catlin, Mr. Gumpert and Dr. Gazzam, the meeting adjourned.

—Lawrence and Robert Randolph were arrested last evening on the emigran train from New York, on the charge of robbing Jacob Hienbach, at No. 24 Forsyth street, New York, of a lot of spectacles.

—A man called at the residence of Mrs. Klein, No. 400 South street, about noon yesterday, and asked if she was in. He was told he was not, whereupon he ran past the servant girl, up stairs, and, seizing three watches, made off with them. One was a gold English lever, another a silver lepine and the third a gilt landing watch. A gold chain and hook and a gold seal were also carried off.

—Francis Conner, a youth, was arrested and taken before Ald. Dallas yesterday on a charge of setting fire to the stable of John Grugan, on Christian street, above Twentieth, on Thursday night. He admitted setting the place on fire, and added that he wanted to see some fun. He was held for a further hearing. He is supposed to be weak-minded.

—William Francis Judson, a member of the Philadelphia bar, died yesterday morning, of congestion of the lungs, at his residence, No. 2131 Walnut street, aged 37. He studied law under Henry J. Williams, and was admitted to the bar about 1854. He was a son-in-law of Cyrus W. Field.

—The Grand Jury yesterday found a true bill against Richard Fickes for an assault and battery with intent to kill Arthur Curran. The little boy is out of danger, and is slowly progressing towards convalescence.

—Patrick St. Clair, residing at No. 255 Acorn alley, was badly burned last evening by the upsetting of a coal oil lamp. His hands and arms were burned in a shocking manner.

—Patrick Collins, aged 55 years, residing at Twenty-seventh and Ellsworth streets, was run over by a train of cars on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. His leg was fractured, necessitating amputation.

—Mr. Geo. Getz, late City Controller, has been presented with a handsome gold watch by the gentlemen who were in his employ as clerks.

—J. F. Knorr, of New Haven, was arrested in this city yesterday on the charge of having embezzled a number of watches from a man named Hedges, doing business in New Haven.

—The payment of pensions was continued yesterday. About $3,000 were disbursed. The payments will continue daily in alphabetical order.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

A BOLD VILLAIN.—Charles Ward, a villainous-looking individual plying the vocation of a burglar, was brought before Mayor Grey, charged with having entered the house of Sarah F. Robbins, No. 109 North Sixth street, with burglarious intentions. A lot of burglars' keys and instruments was found in his possession, and he was committed to answer at court.

HORRIBLE.—Anthony Barnard, a colored man residing at Snow Hill, Centre township, Camden county, was arrested on Thursday and committed to the Camden jail, on the charge of having committed robbery, murder and arson. On Tuesday morning last, the residence of a Miss Catherine Murphy, at that place, was destroyed by fire, and she perished in the flames. Suspicions were subsequently aroused against Barnard, and he was arrested. It is said that the evidence is quite strong against him, and the excitement is intense.

THE DESTITUTE.—The present cold snap has hard again on the destitute of Camden. Hopes had been entertained by them that the severity of the winter had passed, and the various philanthropic societies had somewhat relaxed their efforts in supplying many of their pressing wants. We, however, they are again, and are seeking out the most deserving and those who need most stand in assistance. The committees of City Council are likewise energetic in distributing the appropriations directed by that body.

APT QUOTATIONS AND WITTICISMS.

A writer in an English magazine says:

"Of that power for classical quotation which Dr. Johnson spoke, several witty examples are told of Dr. Parr. When, in taking down some books from his shelves, a critical teaching under his tutor, Dr. Short fell upon a volume of Hume, he promptly said, '*Prœsumpsit humi bos.*' When some one opened the window in a room, while he was suffering from a cold, he said, 'That draught of air is too much; at present I can only "par *fœdus* ceda." When a lady, at a musical party, in passing a table on which lay a valuable Cremona violin, accidentally swept it on the floor with her mantua, Parr quoted Virgil's line:

"Mantua, væ miseræ, nimium vicina Cremonæ."

(Ec. ix. 28). When asked for an address to a tea-chest, he promptly gave the words, 'Tu ne quæsieris.' Thou tea-chest,' though this joke is also attributed to his friend, Lord Erskine. A distinguished Dr. Parr was published, representing him as preaching and smoking, and using the quotation, '*Hæ fumo dare* [illegible] Parr, and was opposed by one who made a long and eloquent speech, a Harrow boy wittily quoted the line:

"Si te reperio, non par eris.

"A Mr. Cole, of Cambridge, had a mind to erect St. Clement's Church, Cambridge, on condition that his name was plainly inscribed on the exterior of the tower. It was thus: 'Cole: Deum, i. e., 'Worship God.' Dr. Parr, when asked Dr. John Taylor, editor of Demosthenes, why he was going to sell his horse. 'The Doctor replied that he could not keep the keep a horse in such hard times. 'Then,' said Foster, 'you should keep a mare. As Horace says:

"'Equum memento rebus in arduis, Servare.'

"When Wakefield published an edition of the Hecuba, Porson, who had done the same, said:

"'What's Hecuba to him, or to Hecuba, That he should publish her?'

"And, when Hermann accused Porson of being more dictatorial than explanatory in the metrical decisions contained in his notes to Hecuba, Porson replied to him with an epigram. Hermann's reply was a bitter one, in which he called Porson 'Hermann the German,' which is equal to his other epigram on Professor Brunck and Jonnison. When Hermann's pupil, Passow, published his lexicon, he is reported to have happily quoted Horace (Car. lib. iii. xxx) in reference to Brasse's lexicon. '*Exegi monumentum ære perennius.*' Another ode of Horace was quoted by Bishop Heber, when, after dinner, the removal of the cloth revealed a green baize cover on the table: '*Diffugere nives, redeunt jam gramina campis*' (Car. lib. iv. vii). Bishop Heber also wittily quoted Horace's '*Rosaque stupet Enitus*' (Car. lib. iii. xxv. 9), when the Bishop's chaplain, who was known by a sacrilegious nickname, awoke and asked in astonishment what they were all laughing at? A Vice Chancellor who was unjustly blamed by the under-graduates in the Senate House at Cambridge, bowed to them politely and said, '*Lasdetur ab his!*' When Sir Robert Walpole was talking to his friends of retiring from the cares of office, he quoted Horace (Ep. lib. XI, ii, 214):

"'Linisti satis, edisti satis, atque bibisti: Tempus abire tibi est.

"When Lord Sandwich (who was known by the *sobriquet* of 'Jemmy Twitcher,' and is said to have been the inventor of the sandwich) was First Lord of the Admiralty, and was entertained by the corporation of Worcester, a servant let fall a neat's tongue, and, when Mayor apologized for the mishap, Lord Sandwich said, 'Never mind, it is only a *lapsus linguæ*,' which raised a laugh. An alderman who was present, treasured this phrase in his memory, and quoted it when his servant threw down a leg of mutton, and was greatly surprised at his quotation falling so flat. When Paley took his doctor's degree in 1706, he made a false quantity in his prolusion, pronouncing it *pregŭ*'nan, upon which one of his hearers, quoting from the opening of the Æneid, said:

"'Italian, fato profugus, Lavinaque venit.'

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adding, '*Erat Virgilius, forte profugus est.*' Virgil was a classical lecturer of Trinity College, Cambridge, was laughed at for pronouncing *sinorum* with a long accent on the first syllable. Porson defended him by saying that Horace had declared to Claudius Nero that there was only one person, who really understood the word—(Ep. lib. i. ix. 1):

"Septimius, Claudi, nimirum intelligit unus, Pœnem posuere."

Porson's power of apt quotation were unusually great, and this, together with his prodigious and ready memory, is shown in an anecdote (much too long to be here quoted), in which, commencing with an apology for borrowed plume, he and another friend quoted and capped, in quick succession, felicitous passages from Horace, Theophiratus, Theocritus, Euripides, Bion, Homer and other classical authors.

A Phenomenon in Maine.

A correspondent of the Portland (Maine) *Journal* says a singular phenomenon occurred last week in the fall of John Gould, Jr., in Lisbon. A loud noise was heard in the vicinity, on the same day the shock of earthquake was experienced at Portland. People came out of doors and looked around to discover the cause of the noise, but nothing unusual was to be seen. Shortly afterwards, it was found that a large mass of earth had been lifted from its place in Mr. Gould's field, by some unknown power. The earth removed is nearly in the form of a parallelogram on the surface. It is about twelve feet long, and the first width, and is fully a foot thick, or to the depth of the root. It is as regular, and the edges are as defined, as though cut by a saw, and was thrown out apparently by some tremendous power exerted in the direction of the S. E. It posited "right side up" half its width from the place it formerly occupied. The ground on the side of the hole is puffed up about six inches, to the rising land, about a rod distant.

CITY NOTICES.

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