

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 29.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

An aged Presbyterian minister, Dr. John McDowell, in a semi-pagan sermon, of course, gives some semi-literal facts, and adds this: "The Assemblies of God is the best General Assembly he attended (1807) the number of delegates in attendance was fifty-four—the number in the two Assemblies which met last Spring was four hundred and sixty-seven. Seven Synods were in existence when he entered the ministry; now there are fifty-one; Presbyteries thirty-one; now there are two hundred and fifty-four; now一百二十三; now there are three hundred and sixty-five; now there are three thousand six hundred and seventy-five; now there are three thousand six hundred and thirty-eight, and the number of episcopal claims that was received is thousand eight hundred and forty—one it is three hundred and sixty thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

A well known merchant of Philadelphia named Webber died suddenly last week while at a prayer meeting at the church of Rev. Mr. Abbott.

The religious movement among the French Canadians in the Northern parts of Illinois is progressing. A number of them in Chicago have renounced the superstitions and tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church, and are about to erect a house of worship.

The third anniversary of the Fulton Street Prayer meeting, New York city, occurred on Monday, 24th inst., interesting services were made by Dr. George (Rev. Dr. Verma) and Dr. G. C. Clark. The church was crowded and services occupied two hours.

The preaching of the gospel in Africa, according to the Liberty Christian Advocate, has been attended with much success in winning many of the native Africans to civilization and Christianity.

The Superintendent of the Choctaw mission of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church writes:

"Our mission is doing well. We have seven hundred members among the Choctaws, a number of whom are preparing for the ministry, and giving good service.

Several years ago we were awakened and converted under the ministry of the Rev. C. Willerup, the Superintendent of the Methodist Scandinavian mission abroad. After they were converted, Mr. Willerup said to these two men: "Now you must build a church in Scandinavia." They laughed at the remark; but information has been recently received from the Ministry of New York, that the church is erected, and one of the men is a Swedish missionary in the west.

The American Presbyterian states that Mr. Schneider, the pastor of the largest missionary church, probably in the world, is undisturbed in his labors. He thus writes from Alton, Syria:

"Our work still prosper. The Sabbath School is growing rapidly, and our school is now up to date. Last year we had 1,000 students, and from 1890 to 1899, our school has just contributed eighty dollars a year, a figure showing a decided increase.

—The Rev. Mr. G. J. Gaines, who has a residence in the First Presbyterian Church of this city, is now in England.

A correspondent of the Richmond Christian Advocate writes that Mr. Spurgeon, the celebrated Baptist preacher, when giving out the hymns just before the sermon, said:

"If there are any strict Baptists here, I hope they will not be angry with me, for I assure them this is a Scotch Hymn."

—But our countrymen make the dead,

and continue, "All the people are earth, and the dead in hell, could not make us believe in their God."

—At the recent commencement of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. W. A. Passavant, editor of the *Missionary*, of this city.

—The recent meeting of the National Free Soil party, held in New York, showed a slight increase of members against last year. This arises from the accession of Presbyterians and Friends in the South, in consequence of the anti-slavery action of the General Assembly of 1857.

For the past three years a decrease has been reported because of this action.

—The editor of the *New Western Christian Advocate* writes to the Boston, the Presbytery, to know if the formation of Methodist, Baptist, and other places in the South, is in opposition to the Constitution guarantees religious freedom? He further asks:

"Does membership in the Methodist Episcopal church expose to the hands of an anti-slavery party, the right to bear arms? If so, it would be well to shake the water to oppose the insatiable Moles of Slavery?"

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