RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

School Churches seems possible from the the printing has been done by the celevote of the Presbyteries of both bodies. brated "Riverside Press Company," and, One hundred of the one hundred and if anything, the matter is better. Two forty-two Old School Presbyteries have of the issues, since the first of January, now taken action on re-union since the have contained cuts of "Governor Claflast Assembly met. Ninety-four voto for | lin," of Massachusetts, and Father Tayre-union on the basis of the standards, lor, the noted Chaplain of the Sailors' thirty-seven of these approving also of Bethel, in Boston. The paper is printed the basis sent down by the General As- in the same form as Harper's Weekly, 16 semblies. The great majority of the New | pp. The editor, Rev. Gilbert Haven, is | uge, and to plunge the world into a state School Presbyteries have approved of a talented writer, well traveled, and an of barbarism that has perpetuated despot the basis sent down by the General As- author of decided merit. He is progressemblies. The question of re-union on sive, earnest, and indefatigable in all that the basis of the standards will be order- he undertakes. ed at their meetings in the spring. The The simple fact that eight hundred lamost hopeful sign of re-union is a better dies from Boston, and the neighboring understanding of the terms by which it towns, assembled in Boston recently, in Who think through unbelievers' blood may be accomplished, that at the next spite of a drizzling rain and almost immeeting of the Assemblies, the differences passable streets, to celebrate the first anof opinion may possibly be harmonized, and the good work be consummated. The conflict of ideas and old settled views on certain doctrinal points and polity, is in a transition state, while the assimilation great significance. No one will surely of hearts seems to be complete, and nothing is now wanting but to adjust the supposed barriers, and forms necessary to complete the re-union.

The Independent gives some curious facts in regard to the practice of infant baptism in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the New England Confer. ences the adult baptisms are about seven times as many as the infant baptisms, and one infant only is baptized to about one hundred and torty-three members. In the Baltimore Conference, said to be the ed, and one infant baptism to about nine members. Taking the average of the whole number, infant baptisms is infant to twenty-seven Church members. These facts indicate that in New England the duty enjoyed by the Church, for parents to have their children baptized is neglected, while in Baltimore the Disciplinary obligation is genrally observed.

From correspondence touching the late session of the Mississippi Conference, mainly composed of colored ministers, presided over by Bishop Simpson, we are informed that so strong was the social prejudice that but two white men were present during any part of the Conferfact will serve to illustrate the barriers whom the services are a dead language, Mohamedan traditions, by one vigorous against the efforts of the Methodist Epis and who prevent those around them from and simultaneous effort, and if all that is

Last week over eleven hundred conversions and accessions to the United Brethren Church were reported in the Religious Telescope, the organ of that denomination. This week's issue about seven hundred

and fifty are reported. Presbyterianism is growing in Boston. notwithstanding the disadvantages hitherto in the way. The Evangelist thinks Presbyterianism in that city is an exotic struggling for an existence among the overshadowing forms of ecclesiastical life, native to the Puritan soil. Rev. Mr. Dunn, lately called to the pastorate of the Beacon street church in Boston, is enjoying a refreshing season, and many are joining the church every week.

Bishop M'Ilyaine, of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, thinks very properly that the performance of florid anthems, and the weary repetition of operatic before I could enable it to pass away Sundrains by the choir, of solos and duets, in day pleasantly without them; and of course, I should not allow them to interand the weary repetition of operatio words which might as well be Pottawattomic, as far as any understanding of fere with other persons' enjoyment of until the sunset gun awakens them to the them is concerned, is a nuisance quite in-tolerable:

quiet on Sunday. It is a very difficult problem to solve, I know; but I am sure

The temperance question is agitated with great force in Church and State in Massachusetts. Many of the ministers are preaching a series of sermons on this topic Rev. Mr. Murray, of Park street church, Boston, in his first discourse of the who have, when a little older, asked to series of "Temperance Sermons" took the ground that to save the individual the ground that to save the individual drunkard would never remove the evil.

The people must be so educated as to permit no legislation whatever upon the subject, and therefore banish the traffic little and the subject, and therefore banish the traffic

altogether. Father Doane, who has been soliciting funds for the endowment of the American Roman Catholic College at Rome, would have flowers on Sunday placed at faction of feeling the water upon his been favored with great success in the child's plate; I would strive that Sunparched tongue. the Catholic Dioceses in the East. The funds now amount to over one hundred thousand dollars, and the field has only been partially canvassed. Father Doane, we believe, is now on a tour of the West of the delay of all this might bedone, without disturbing any Christian's church membership, or perling any child's salvation. In the country it is much easier to make Sunday pleasant for children than in the city.

ern cities. The Catholic Chuurch is the patron of vocal and instrumental music in the highest sense, in connection with its services in the public worship. It is represented that St. Martin's (Catholic) Church, of Baltimore, makes its vespers approach very nearly to a concert. Two Sabbaths ago the religious services began with an overture and closed with a march, and between these were selections from "St. Paul," "Moses in Egypt," and "Lombardi."

The Watchman and Reflector says within about fifty years the Baptist churches in Boston have increased from three to fourteen, and within a series of ten miles round the city, from seven to thirty-five.

The opposition to the consecration of Dr. Doang elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, New York, arises In part to his course when he was living in Hartford, in requiring candidates for con-we should throw a pall over the little to go to the mosque for prayers, and home firmation to repeat certain prayers at cer-children. FANNY FERN. firmation to repeat certain prayers at cer- children.

tain fixed hours each day for a period of time, varying at his option, before they vould be admitted to the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist.

The new volume of Zion's Herald' published in Boston, is greatly improved The re-union of the Old and New in its mechanical appearance, since

object to this sort of Woman's Rights.

This is a step in the right direction. The Protestant Churchman takes the ground that the Provincial system just introduced is revolutionary. It regards the organic law of the Church imperiled,

if not already overturned. Revival power has been strongly developed in the Union Centenary Methodist Episcopal church of Etna and Sharpsburg charge, under the pastoral care of Rev. Wesley Smith. Special meetings have been in progress for several weeks. garden spot in Methodism, there are six | The work extends even to the homes of times as many children as adults baptiz. | the people, and a number have been con- and destroy, and to make a glory of his swo-thirds of the adult baptisms, or one have been added since, and the interest is to dispel ignorance, and sowed no seeds unabated. Rev. Mr. Smith has long been a devoted minister and has been instrumental in doing much good in the different churches of which he has had and Persian had been the classical lanpastorál charge.

> WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE LITTLE CHILDREN ON SUNDAY!

"Take them to church, of course," course," when I look about, and see little things of four and six years ald and Mohamedan has become an obsoleteism things of four and six years old, and sometimes younger, fidgeting and squirmence services, and but one white woman ing in their out-door wrappings, in a hot, -and she a teacher of the negroes. This crowded, badly ventilated church, to copal Church to carry on its work in the worship, through pity for their evident Mohamedan in name or spirit were to beuncomfortableness. I don't think it is "of course" when I see this. To be stances, it would be well and rid the world of its greatest enemy, sure, there are mothers whose pockets The Mohamedan sits as an oppressive incontain alleviations for this juvenile rest. cubus upon society, hindering the onlessness, in the shape of sugar plums, or ward progress of some three hundred picture books; but all the time they are being applied, the mother's eyes must be on the child instead of the clergyman, lest sticky fingers intrude upon silk or velvet, or a too hasty rattling of leaves in reading the book drown the sound of the preacher's voice. "They should be taught to behave," gravely asserts some person, who, perhaps, has forgotten his own childhood, or has never been a par-

> This is true; we only differ as to the question whether church is the place to pursue that education. "Well, suppose you keep a child of that age at home?"
> asks another. "Of course he aught not to play with his toys as on other days, and he can't read all day, and no one can read all day to him, and what are you going to do then?" In the first place, I, for one, should never "take away its toys" not the way; we have all known too many sad instances of the terrible rebound many sad instances of the terrible rebound lav," and the prospect of a coffee and of adult years from this un-wisdom. We pipe full of Latakia tobacco when the sun have all known instances where "going to meeting" was not prematurely forced accompany the family to worship, and little pleasure which belonged especially to it. It may be some plain little cakes or nuts of which it was fond. I would always have on hand some stories to read, pleasant for children than in the city. You have only to let them stray into the garden or field, and be happy in the best way a little uninformed mind can be. Or, if the weather interferes with this, the day draws to a close, and they are countricated that a large before supbarn and the animals are a never failing

source of pleasure to it. There are those who might think it "wicked" to do this. The wickedness to me, consists in making Sunday, which should be a delight, such a tedium, that is after years, whenever the word strikes upon the car, or the day returns, the first impulse is to shun and evade it. Oh, let Bunday be what the memory of "mother's room" is to us all—radiant with perfume of flowers and sunshine. The bright spot to look back upon, when old age sits in the chimney corner with the sweet psalm from voices hushed by death, or far removed, still sounding in the ears, with the memory of happy faces over the Sun-day meal; the glad "Good morning" and the soft Good night."

Surely that God who opens the flowers

THE MOSLEM

A young Hindoo has been traveling largely in India, and has written a book therenpon, which is published in England. He does not like the region of India, and of those of Islam he speaks as

It is well that the great Mogul is extinct-and it would be well for mankind if the Grand Turk also were no more. No curse that has afflicted the human race has ever been so baneful as that which Mohomedan rule has proved itself to mankind. The Moslem rose as a storm wave to entomb all the great works of ancient power and wisdom beneath its del ism, ignorance and anarchy for many a long century. He has never been better than a gloomy enthusiast, hating, spurning and slaying all who did not believe and call upon the Prophet;

Lies the directest path to heaven. His history is made up only of burnfemale honor was exposed to the risks of violence. What has been his conduct toward heirs and competitors for the throne, but a quiet disposal of them by the bowstring, dagger, or polson? How did he treat his wives and mistresses for their slips, but with the sack, halter, or living burlal? What other has been the principle of his government than physical force, and plunder and extortion? In what opinion did he hold his subjects, but as beasts of burden and beasts of prey? In what light did he view woman but as a pretty toy, soulless as much as his turban, his pipe, and his amber mouth piece? The Moslem has left the indelible traces of his presence everywhere in the ruin of countries; and in the slavery of nations. His great object was to slaughter of improvement to elevate the condi-tion of mankind. "But for the accident which gave Charles Martel the vicguages, and Islamism the religion of Eu-

tory over the Saracens at Tours, Arabic rope; and where we have cathedrals and colleges we might have had mosques and mausoleums, and America and the Cape, the compass and the press, the steam engine, the telescope, and the Copernican system, might have remained undiscovsays one. Now, I don't think it is "of ered to the present day. Under the pro--and to tolerate his existence is to tolerate an anomaly—a diseased limb endan-gering the soundness of the whole system. It it were possible to destroy all Moham. stances, it would be well for mankind,

cause of humanity. Turkish Fasting and Feasting. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30, 1868. The great Mahometan fast of the Ramazan is in full vigor at present, and a wonderful specimen of religious self. denial it is, too. The Law of the Prophet requires that all true believers shall abstain entirely from food, drink, and smoking, from sunrise to sunset, every day during the lunar month. When the month Ramazan comes at this seasonwhen daylight is dwindled down to the few hours between seven and half-past four-the observance of the fast is not difficult. But when the lunar cycle bring the fast into smeltering June, with its long hot days, then is the time that tries the nerve of the most bigoted Turk. festivities of the night, but for the working classes it is pretty hard to have to go to make Sunday a tedium and disgust, is it for ten hours of hard labor on the remembrance of last night's luscious "pal-

millions of men, and to ignore the evil of

sets to night.

The regulations require good Mohame. upon the restless little limbs of children, tans to be most strict in the observance of the five hours of prayer, and the mosques are consequently crowded, and this been pleased to go. Nor would I de- affords opportunity for relief in one relooking, let some of the water from the fountain run into his mouth. True, he spat it forth right bravely, his conscience wouldn't allow him to swallow

day draws to a close, and they are counting the minutes which clapse before sundown. But at night all changes. Hal an hour before sunset you may see the people flocking to the coffee shops—and there seated in long, glum rows they wai -their pipes charged, and all in silent expectation. Five minutes after sunsetdelay is to make sure the sun has act ually set-five minutes after sunset, bang goes the cannon at the War Depart ment, and before its echoes, caught up from gun to gun, have died on the Bos-phorus, twice ten thousand pipes have suddealy burst into smoky life, and the atmosphere is murky with the fragrant pulls, while in and out among the busy amokers, the dexterous watters dart with precious freight of thick black coffee. Grim countenances relax under the soothing influence of that late breakfast on Sunday, and lets the birds sing, did —the silence of an hour is broken, topics not mean that we should close our eyes of the day are discussed by the smokers. the one or our ears to the other, or that | who, after finishing their pipes are ready

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