

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

METHODIST.—The Rev. M. P. Gaddis, Sr., of the Cincinnati Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, has been called by the Methodist Protestant Church in Cincinnati to serve as their pastor until the next Conference.

—The American Methodists have been doing what they can to spread their form of Christianity in Germany and the Scandinavian countries. But in this work the Baptists have excelled them. In Germany and Switzerland the Methodists have 5238 members, while the Baptists have about 13,000. In Denmark, Norway, and Sweden the Methodists have 759 members, while the remarkably flourishing Baptist mission has 9139 members and 216 churches. All but one of the 199 churches in Norway and Sweden have been founded during the last fifteen years.—Independent.

CONGREGATIONAL.—Of the 113 new pastors recognized last year by the Congregationalists in England, but 76 were educated among them, and the remainder were supplied from other denominations, mainly the Wesleyans.

—There are now fourteen regularly installed Congregational pastors in California. This is a very fair proportion to the number of churches and ministers of the denomination, and compares favorably even with the older States of the Union.

—The South Congregational Church of Hartford, Conn., has adopted a liturgical form of worship, including the Te Deum responsively performed, the Apostles' Creed in unison, and the Nicene Creed, and closed with the Episcopal formula "Thus endeth," etc.—Independent.

—In Derby, Conn., in the church of which the Rev. T. M. Gray is pastor, a great revival has been experienced. Backsliders are reclaimed, many have signed a "locking to Christ." Many who have been careless and indifferent are now deeply concerned for their souls' salvation, and a large ingathering into the church is looked for.

EPISCOPAL.—Mary Josephine Pitt, recently deceased, bequeathed \$100 to the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and \$200 to the Union Benevolent Society of Philadelphia.

—The Rev. Mr. Brown, rector of Trinity Church, will preach a sermon to young men to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Episcopal Church, Thirteenth street, below Spruce.

—Bishop Eastburn, of Massachusetts, has refused to sign the testimonials of Dr. Doane, elected Bishop of Albany, New York. He has said that he cannot identify himself with a man who is so far from sympathizing with him.

—Bishop Eastburn has resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Boston, Massachusetts. This rectorship vacant a second Episcopal Bishopric pulpit in that city, the Rev. Dr. Huntington's acceptance of the bishopric of Central New York having just emptied one.

—Before receiving the signatures of some of the Episcopal bishops to the new constitution, Dr. Doane wrote a letter to one of the leading evangelical bishops, repudiating some of the early errors of his "immature ministry," which he says he now neither holds nor teaches.

—The Church of England holds a simple right to the property worth \$146,000,000 a year, the annual income of which goes to support the clergy. And yet not more than half of the population of England and Wales is loyal to that church, and but forty per cent, in Scotland and twelve per cent, in Ireland.—Independent.

—A comparison of the statistics of the church of Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr. (Holy Trinity, New York), with those of the doctors of divinity who condemned him, shows some suggestive facts. The latter numbered five hundred and 150 years; Mr. Tyng's is 4 years old. The five parishes have 1689 communicants; Mr. Tyng's, with its chapel, 650. The five instruct 1974 Sabbath School children; Holy Trinity instruct 107. The five collected for benevolent objects, \$41,880; Holy Trinity raised \$35,893. The Sunday services during the year of the five parishes were 625; in Holy Trinity and its chapels they were 624.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Rev. T. J. Wilson, under appointment to Oregon, sailed on Tuesday last for New York for his important field, by way of San Francisco, California.

—The good work goes on in Green Hill Church, in this city, with great power. The meetings of inquiry are eagerly sought by a large and increasing number of persons, and hopeful conversions are numerous.

—There has been a decided and extensive awakening in the First Church, Kensington, in this city, the Rev. J. Harvey Beale pastor. Over seventy persons have been baptized, and at least accounts the work was going forward with most encouraging indications.

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the terror of the neighborhood. In the very place where dumb idols received worship, a few voices are now daily raised to the praise of the true God.

—The Roman Catholics are doing all they can to get control of the colored people in the South. They are to spend \$600,000 in gold this year to make proselytes. The "Sisters of Mercy" may be found all along the coast of Florida prepared to convert for rates lower than wherever they can get a hearing. Protestants should be wide awake. The poor black is cared for as well as the white. The Sisters will help the little negro girl to sew. The priest is "well maintained" to the humblest black man. World to God that Protestant America realized the great work that is to be done among the freedmen. There are already 200,000 colored children under instruction in the South by the Roman Catholic Church.—Episcopate.

SHIPPING.

LOBILLARD'S STEAMSHIP LINE FOR NEW YORK.

Sailing Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at noon. The winter rates at which freight is now taken is 20 cents per 100 pounds, gross, 8 cents per foot, or 2 cents per gallon, ship's option. The line is now prepared to contract for spring rates lower than by any other route, commencing March 15, 1899. Advance charges cashed at office on Pier. Freight received at all times on covered wharf.

JOHN F. OHL, Pier 19 North Wharves, N. B. Extra rates on small packages iron, metals, etc.

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THE ONLY SAFES EXPOSED TO THE FIRE IN CALDWELL'S STORE WERE FARRELL, HERRING & CO.

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Gentlemen:—On the night of the 13th inst., as is well known to the citizens of Philadelphia, our large and extensive stock and valuable stock of merchandise, No. 602 Chestnut street was burned.

The fire was one of the most extensive and destructive that has visited our city for many years, the heat being so intense that even the marble cornice was almost obliterated.

We had, as you are aware, two of your valuable and well-known CHAMPION FIRE-PROOF SAFES, and nobly have they vindicated your well-known reputation as manufacturers of FIRE-PROOF SAFES, if any further proof had been required.

They were subjected to the most intense heat, and it affords us much pleasure to inform you that after recovering them from the ruins, we found upon examination that our books, papers, and other valuables, were all in perfect condition.

Yours, very respectfully, JAMES E. CALDWELL & CO.

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We had one of your PATENT CHAMPION FIRE-PROOF SAFES, which contained our principal books and papers, and although it was exposed to the most intense heat for over 80 hours, we are happy to say it proved itself worthy of our recommendation. Our books and papers were all preserved. We cheerfully tender our testimonial to the many already published, in giving the HERRING SAFE the credit and confidence it justly merits.

Yours, very respectfully, HOWELL & BROTHERS.

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Gentlemen:—I had one of your make of safes in the basement of J. E. Caldwell & Co.'s store at the time of the great fire on the night of the 13th inst. It was removed from the ruins to-day, and on opening it I found all my books, papers, greenbacks, watches, and watch materials, etc., all preserved. I feel glad that I had one of your truly valuable safes, and shall want another of your make when I get located.

Yours, very respectfully, F. L. KIRKPATRICK, with J. E. Caldwell & Co., No. 819 Chestnut street.

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