

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

AMATEUR MISSIONARIES.

We are informed in a certain good old book that the primitive Christians who were scattered away from Jerusalem by the first persecution, "went everywhere preaching the word."

These Christians of various names in different denominations, however much they may differ in other things, agree in believing that God hath saved them and called them with a holy calling; that they are heirs of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled; that they have a treasure in heaven that fadeth not.

The desire to spread the knowledge of anything that has proved helpful in household economies, or business, or in medicine, is often manifest in people's conversation. They speak of this invention that lightens labor, of that medicine which cures sickness, and will recommend these things with warmth wherever they go.

Have Christians any such sense of the value of their religion that they have that at heart wherever they go? Are all our watering-places made missionary stations where Christians are daily practising the word?

In the State of Florida since this winter there have been some thousands of strangers and pilgrims—a goodly number of whom are Christians—and Florida is emphatically missionary ground.

Do not some at least leave their religious responsibilities with their hymn-books and prayer-books in the pews of their stated churches when they go into the country for the summer, or to the South for a winter? Is there not sometimes at least a feeling that now they need not be particular in attending religious ordinances—that they are free to take a religious holiday till the time of returning to their own stated churches?

We throw out the inquiry as suggestion and subject of thought for the many Christians who regard portions of the year away from their regular churches. It is well to remember that the first idea of Christianity was a missionary one. Every Christian, wherever he or she went, was a preacher of the word. The Spirit was poured out equally on the sons and the daughters, and they both prophesied.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

The London Church Times (High Church) seriously urges that officiating celebrants at funeral services should wear white, as it would imply that the departed, no matter how wicked, had gone to heaven. Neither, of course, should they be clad in hopeless black; but violet, grey, lavender, or brown chasubles should be worn, the color being lighter or darker according to the character of the deceased and the hopefulness of his state.

A "House of the Evangelists" has been established in New York. It proposes to sustain and educate young men who will devote themselves to preaching the Gospel among the neglected classes of individuals contributing \$500 a year may secure to a young man the benefits of the institution. It is under Episcopal control.

When the Episcopal Diocese of Albany went from that of New York, it was understood that the Episcopal fund was to be divided. But the Diocese of New York refuses; and a bill has passed the State Legislature authorizing the trustees of the Episcopal Fund of Albany to sue their New York brethren for the amount.

A letter from an American Episcopal bishop is printed in England, in which he says that the Thirty-nine Articles have but a slight hold on the Christian conscience, being the work of but one-eyed of a branch of the Church, and that he has all such barriers to union with Eastern and Western churches may soon be done away.

The Journal of the seventy-ninth Annual Convention of South Carolina shows that there are but 2884 white communicants of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Communicants (white) added during the year 228, communicants lost, 191; thus showing an increase of only 37 during the year.

"Father Bradley" came out from England some time ago to establish a Ritualistic mission after the London style among the poor of New York. He cannot have met much sympathy there, although he had the bishop's sanction, he is now in Liverpool, trying to collect money for his object.

The Rev. Treadwell Walden, late of this city, has entered upon his duties as rector of St. Paul's Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. On Sunday, February 6, the collection for the liquidation of the debt of the parish amounted to \$18,000.

W. Welsh, Esq., built the new Episcopal church of Bridesburg at a cost of \$10,000. He also gave the ground on which it stands.

The United Presbyterians have felt obliged to drop their missions in China, and to sell the property of the board in Canton.

The Frankford (Philadelphia) Presbyterian Church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on the 4th of May.

At the Third Germantown Church, on Sunday, 3d inst., the hand of fellowship was extended to thirty new members by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Lung.

Dr. Jeter, a very prominent Baptist minister of Richmond, Va., resigns the pastoral work in which he has been engaged there for thirty-two years, to take charge of the Religious Herald, with which he has been partially connected for years.

Mr. Lowe, Secretary of the Unitarian Association, reports in the Christian Register the aid given to the African Methodists. He says that all sectarian efforts are for the present held subordinate, and the attempt is to supply the pressing need for education and such wholesome guidance as will prevent their falling a prey to disorganizing influences.

Of Methodist ministers in Germany, Dr. Fall is Consul in Rhenish Bavaria; Rev. G. F. Kettell is in the Prussian Colonies, and is succeeded by Professor W. H. Young, of the Ohio Wesleyan University; and Rev. M. J. Cramer is Consul at Leipzig. It is said that they all do our country more credit than the average of our consuls.

Subscriptions have been opened for a new Methodist church in Montpelier, Vt., and \$15,000 have already been subscribed, with a prospect of a speedy increase to nearly \$20,000.

The Free Methodists dedicated a church known as the Church of the Pilgrim, which they have recently purchased in New York, last Sunday. Two thousand dollars were raised.

A meeting in Columbus, Ohio, for April 21, was arranged to be held to take into consideration the subject of holding a Methodist State Convention. Aid is also given to Wilberforce University.

Indiana is to hold a Methodist Convention in the city of Indianapolis on August 9, 10 and 11, 1870.

Bishop James has become possessor of the watch which was once worn by Bishop Hedding.

Rev. Theron Baldwin, D. D., died at Orange, N. J., on the 10th inst. The N. Y. Observer says of him: "He was and had for more than twenty years been the efficient secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Education in Theological Education in the West, and in this work had given such great executive ability, with such indefatigable industry, as to make it the instrument of incalculable good to the whole country."

Dr. A. H. Quint gives in the Congregational Quarterly the statistics of the Congregational seminaries. We find that in 7 institutions there are 240 students, instructed by 39 professors or tutors. Andover has 78 pupils, Chicago 45, Bangor 25, Yale 23, Oberlin 25, Hartford 21, San Francisco 5. There are 74 churches in the Congregational Church in Midway village, is the oldest Congregational pastor in Massachusetts, having occupied his pastorate fifty-six years.

Mr. R. S. Bussing has purchased, on behalf of the Plymouth Church trustees, the church edifice in Pearl street, Brooklyn, New York, for \$70,000. It will be altered and opened as a Second Bethel Mission School, to be attached to Plymouth Church.

The First Congregational Society of San Francisco has purchased a lot at the corner of Mason and Post streets, on which it is designed to erect a new church edifice at an early day. The price to be paid for the lot is \$35,000.

Mr. Isaac Pierson was ordained at the Asylum Church, Hartford, Conn., on the 30th inst. He expects to labor as a missionary in China and the American Islands.

The students of the Chicago Theological Seminary have petitioned the trustees for a chair of elocution.

Rev. C. H. Brigham, Unitarian minister in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has had the past winter a very large Bible class of the young men in the Michigan University. He reports that he began October 21 with 14 students; and at the close, March 27, the class numbered 211, of whom 193 were on the college catalogue, coming from 173 towns and 30 States, and varying in age from 17 to 40. On Sunday morning he read them for half an hour a series of essays on the "Laws of Moses," "Elements of Religious Culture," followed by half an hour's discussion. On Saturday afternoons he has given a series of familiar lectures on the Holy Land. A large part of his Sunday evening sermons is composed of students. He has distributed to all of them copies of Martineau's "Studies of Christianity;" and other works by Bellows, Metcalf, and Eliot, besides doctrinal tracts.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Condon, Catholics, who were married in New Haven during Lent, Father Hart publicly announced, the following Sabbath, in St. Patrick's Church, that unless they appeared and expressed their penitence before and absolved others to have intercourse with them. When Condon was commanded to come forward, he walked out of the church.

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