

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

"UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN." FROM THE GERMAN OF DR. A. THOLUCK. Open thy portals, life, behold! A King in these His court would hold; Ah! who shall tell His worth? A King before whose glorious light And gorgeous splendor, shrink from sight The meaner kings of earth.

the plan of having four choirs, which conduct the singing alternately, and occupy pews in the middle of the house. BAPTIST. —In 1830 there were 55 Baptist churches in New Jersey, the membership at that time being 3967. The average of ministerial salaries was \$215. Value of church property about \$150,000. At present the denomination owns two and a half millions of church property, pays an average of \$1028 in salaries, has 126 additional churches, and six times the membership of 1830.

LUTHERAN. —The attempt to establish an English Lutheran church in Petersburg, Va., has failed, but it is thought there is abundant room for a German one. —One hundred and seventeen new Lutheran churches had been dedicated in the United States during the year 1870, being a fraction over two every week.

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METHODIST. —Some of the fruits of the Methodist work in the Conference of South Carolina are 80 preachers and a membership of 20,000, and an educational institution of much value, and church property worth \$100,000, since the war.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. —The Roman Catholics of Richmond, Va., on January 12, held a meeting to express their sympathy for the Pope in his afflictions. The Bishop of the Diocese presided and made a speech. The Mayor of the city read the prayer, and the programme was carried out without dissent.

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