RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Ministerial Movements--Chat by the Way.

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES.

Synagogue Worship—Praying for Sunday Schools.

At Association Hall this morning the Rev. S. J. Knapp will preach on "The Widow's Cruse of Oil," and in the evening on "Samuel Wanted."

"The Paternal Character of God" will be presented by the Rev. Mr. Goss this evening in the People's Church.

Messrs. Fox and Walsh will conduct a gospel temperance meeting this afternoon in Franklin Hall, South Brooklyn.

"The Duty of the Church to the Sabbath School" will be presented this morning by the Rev. A. H. Moment, and in the evening Mr. Moment will prove that "Wine Is a Mocker" to the satisfaction of Spring Street Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Fulton preaches in the Brooklyn Rink this morning on "The Peril in Temptation," and in the evening on "The Heroic in Christian Life."

The Rev. Judson Swift will preach this morning, and the Rev. J. F. Richmond this evening, in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

"A Plain Talk" will be given by the Rev. Carlos Martyn this evening to the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church.

The American Temperance Union meeting at Haverly's Theatre this afternoon will be addressed by Dr. James Haines and Rev. George J. Mingins.

The Central Temperance Union at Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church also will be addressed by Colonel Babcock, of St. Louis, and C. T. Mills, of New York.

At Fifth Avenue Baptist Church the Rev. Dr. Crane, of Boston, will preach this morning and evening.

Mr. D. I. K. Rine's series of gospel temperance meetings will be opened this afternoon and evening in Nassau Street Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Nellie Brigham lectures this morning and evening for the First Society of Spiritualists in Trenor's Hall.

"Character" will be the subject for discussion by the Rev. Mr. Blake this evening in Thirty-seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Jos. R. Dumbie will preach in Attorney Street Methodist Episcopal Church this morning on "Doing the Will of God" and this evening on "The Almost Christian."

At Chickering Hall "To-day and To-morrow" will be contrasted by the Rev. S. Colcord this afternoon.

The Rev. Alex. Kent, of Washington, D. C., will preach in the Bleecker Street Universalist Church at the usual hours to-day.

"A Revival of Worship" and "An Old Testament Worthy" will be discussed to-day by the Rev. James M. Pullman, D. D., in the Church of Our Saviour.

In Canal Street Presbyterian Church "Growth in Grace" will be encouraged by the Rev. Alexander McKelvey this morning, and "Josephs" will be called for in the afternoon.

Mr. Sawyer will conduct a gospel temperance meeting this evening in Cooper Institute.

Dr. Shipman will minister to Christ Church at the usual hours to-day.

Rev. Dr. Deems will minister to the Strangers' Church this morning and evening.

The Rev. J. J. Muir will preach in the Central Baptist Church this morning and evening.

The Rev. J. D. Wilson, D. D., will minister to the Central Presbyterian Church at the usual hours.

Dr. Newman will commence this morning a series of ten sermons, on the "Supremacy of Law," in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Duane Street Methodist Episcopal Church the Rev. J. W. Ackerly will preach morning and evening.

"Delegated Powers" will be discussed this morning by the Rev. J. B. Cleaver in the Church of the Disciples of Christ. In the evening Rev. E. T. Williams, of Brooklyn, will preach.

Eighteenth Street Methodist Church will receive the ministrations of the Rev. George E. Strobridge to-day.

At the First Baptist Church the Rev. J. H. Eager, of Mississippi, will preach this morning and evening.

The Rev. W. T. Sabine will preach as usual to-day for the First Reformed Episcopal Church.

At Forsyth Street Methodist Episcopal Church this morning the Rev. A. C. Morehouse will consider "Our Father in Heaven," and in the evening the Rev. William Taylor, the world's missionary, or the modern Paul, will preach.

"Zeal" and "Esther" are the topics that the Rev. Joseph R. Kerr will discuss to-day in the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

At the Gospel Tent Mr. McKenzie will give a Bible reading and Mr. S. T. Williams a sermon this morning; Mr. Bunting will conduct a temperance service in the afternoon and the Rev. George J. Mingins will preach in the evening.

Preaching services will be held in Lexington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church this morning by the Rev. W. H. Mickle, and in the afternoon a missionary meeting.

The Rev. Professor Backus, of Vassar College, will preach in Madison Avenue Baptist Church this morning and evening.

"The Immortality of God's Works" will be demonstrated this morning by the Rev. William Lloyd and the fourth word picture on "Refusal and Remonstrance" will be drawn this evening in Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. E. A. Reed will preach at the usual hours to-day in Madison Avenue Reformed Church.

"The Household on Earth and in Heaven" and "Character and Circumstances" will be considered by the Rev. W. R. Davis to-day in the Church of the Disciples.

The Rev. Henry Cross will preach in the Pilgrim Baptist Church this evening on "The Life of Joseph." Sermon in the morning also.

"The Sunday School, the Battle Field of Moral Reform," is the theme that the Rev. C. S. Williams will discuss this morning in the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church. "The Story of Ruth; or, The Influence of a True Life on the Doctrines of Mankind," will be presented by Mr. Williams in the evening.

The Rev. H. W. Knapp, D. D., will preach at the usual hours to-day in Laight Street Baptist Church.

The Rev. Arthur H. Warner will speak in Yorkville Hall this afternoon.

"The Uses of Sunday" and "Lot's Wife" will be discussed to-day by the Rev. A. P. Lyon in St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. C. H. Fowler will preach this morning and Dr. Cranford this evening in St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church.

G. V. Wilson will inquire of the Spiritualists in Republican Hall this morning, "Can Spiritualists Harmonize with the Creeds of the Churches?" and in the evening, "What Shall I Do that I May Have Eternal Life?"

At the Seventh Presbyterian Church the Rev. H. T. Hunter will preach to-day, as usual.

Bishop Paddock, of Massachusetts, will preach in St. Philip's Church this morning, and the Rev. Mr. Perry, of Baltimore, in the evening.

At St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church the Rev. Dr. Tiffany will preach this morning and evening.

The Rev. J. M. King will preach morning and evening in St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, Harlem.

In Sixth Avenue Reformed Church the Rev. J. A. Davis will preach morning and evening to-day.

"The Supreme Desire of Jesus" and "The Supreme Need of Mankind" will be discussed to-day by the Rev. R. B. Hull before the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

At Thirteenth Street Presbyterian Church the Rev. C. C. Wallace will preach morning and evening.

At Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church the Rev. W. F. Hatfield will preach this morning on "The Reasonableness of Prayer," and this evening on "The Priceless Jewel."

Dr. E. N. White preaches, as usual, to-day in West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. H. M. Gallcher, LL. D., begins his pastorate to-day with Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, preaching morning and evening.

The Rev. John N. Galleher, D. D., will preach at the usual hours to-day in Zion Protestant Episcopal Church.

"Temptation" and "Affliction" will be discussed in Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church to-day by the Rev. B. H. Burch.

The Rev. W. H. Acres will preach this afternoon at the junction of Franklin avenue and Pacific street, Brooklyn, by request of the Temperance Brotherhood, on the sentence, "Loose him and let him go."

This morning there will be religious services at the Russian-Greek chapel in the English language.

The Rev. Father Terenziani will resume services for the Castilian Colony of this city this morning in the chapel of the Sacred Heart in Seventeenth street.

The Rev. George C. Miln, of the East Congregational Church, Brooklyn, will speak to young people this evening about "A Good Start in Life."

The Rev. Dr. Kohler will lecture this forenoon in the Temple Beth-El on "Adam; or, Man in Creation." This is the first of a series of lectures on Bible characters to be delivered semi-monthly, and to run along till May. They are experimental among Israelites.

At Grace Chapel the Rev. Dr. A. B. Carter will officiate and preach as usual.

Rev. C. R. Duffie will preach at the usual hours in the Church of St. John the Baptist.

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin will preach this morning and deliver an extemporaneous address this evening in the Church of the Divine Paternity.

The Rev. Edmund Guilbert will officiate and preach this morning and evening in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

At the Independent Catholic Church at Clarendon Hall Father Mullin preaches in the morning, Father O'Connor this afternoon and Bishop McNamara in the evening. Subject—"The HERALD and the Mad men."

CHAT BY THE WAY.

Jerrold once spoke of a dangerous illness through which he had passed as "a runaway knock at death's door."

A man is like a bridge, which can only be tried by its piers.

It seems to be absolutely necessary to the happiness of every one that he should have a pet. Sometimes it is a cat, sometimes a dog and sometimes a theory, and it is hard to make up one's mind whether the man with a pet monkey or the man with a pet theory about reforming the whole world in twenty-four hours is the more disagreeable.

The man who helps to circulate a piece of gossip is as bad as the one who originated it. To put your fist into a tar barrel and then go round shaking hands with everybody is what some people like to do.

It is, perhaps, true that you never committed but one act of folly, and it may also be true that it won't end until your life ends.

Some people's theory of life is so entirely unlike their practice that the two have never shaken hands except in the most formal way, and then as two strangers who do not intend to cultivate each other's acquaintance. We are reminded whenever we see this incongruity of what some one said of Edgar Poe:—"Edgar Poe's muse, by the side of his abominable life, was like a nunnery in the heart of a disorderly and immoral city, surrounded, but not contaminated, by it."

It was quaint old Thomas Fuller who said:—"There are fools with little heads and there are fools with big heads; in the one case there is no room for so much wit and in the other case there is no wit for so much room."

A really good servant is a man who is never in the way and never out of the way. The New York police do not always fill both of these requirements. But for a singular ability to hit the wrong man and not to catch the right one they are pre-eminent.

Some English writer, when describing a peculiarly dull and stupid acquaintance, said that he had no more appreciation of the poetry of life than a cow would have of a clean shirt.

Not every one in the world can be suited at the same time and by the same thing. We must take turns in being made happy, and be perfectly willing to be miserable when some other one's turn has come. A calcium light which suddenly flashed its rays along the sea beach, and so brightly that the almost envious sun wished he had not set so soon, was a great delight to the old couple who went out for a stroll and found themselves caught by the evening shadows. Such a couple is apt to search in vain for words to express their appreciation of that modern science which is doing everything to make life more comfortable. But to the other couple, of tenderer years, just learning some of the intricacies of capricious love, who have been sitting on the piazza for two hours longing for that degree of darkness which is so congenial to budding affection, and who are now just in the midst of their sighs and poetry, the calcium light is an intrusion. It is only when we grow old that we value sunlight. To youth nothing is so admirable as the pale glimpses of the moon.

There are some people who are altogether too good for this wicked world. They are either forgotten above the clouds and are thus left on the tree to become overripe and at last fall to the ground, or else they have not been gathered because they were really speckled, though they didn't know it. When a man says that he is perfect you may safely conclude that he is better than he ought to be and is not, therefore, to be trusted. We heard one of these perfectionists some time ago give his experience, and we wondered that his wings were not full grown and that he had not already attained the one desire of childhood, when it sings, "I want to be an angel." "Why," said he, "I feel just as sure of my salvation as I am that—that—well, as I am that Brother Seaman is in that pulpit." He looked into the pulpit with a tragic air, but alas! Brother Seaman had just descended and the pulpit was empty. Most of these very good folk are just as sure as that of their salvation, and no more so.

The *mariage de convenance*, a system by which boys and girls are disposed of to the highest bidder all over the Continent of Europe, is aptly illustrated by the following story:—"A Scotch lady called on a young friend who had recently been 'given away' to a man who was rich, but not above reproach. She lived in a magnificent mansion, and was surrounded by all the luxuries that money can buy. "I am sure Fanny must be very happy," she said to the old and confidential housekeeper. The shrewd servant looked very blank for a moment and then replied, 'Ou, ay, but there's joost ane little drawback.' 'And pray what can the drawback be?' was the next question. 'Ou,' was the reply, 'she has horses, an' all that, but she canna bide her husband, that's all.'"

Happiness is made up of trifles, but the sum of happiness is no trifle after all. Many a mean little sarcasm has made a big wound and left a huge scar behind. Oftentimes a bit of ill temper causes more disturbance than a volcanic eruption would. Susanna Blamire tells her own story, and though it occurred in the middle of the last century it has been too often repeated since. She says:—

If tempers were put up to sale,
Our John's would bear a fearful price;
He vowed 'twas barley in the broth.
"Upon my word," says I, "it's rice."
"I find no fault," our Johnny says,
"The broth is good, and very nice;
I only say—it's barley broth."
"You spy what's wrong," says I, "it's rice."

The quarrel grew until Johnny went off to the wars, and vowed never to return, and

Now Jenny frets from morn to night;
The Sunday cap's no longer nice;
She aye puts barley in the broth,
And hates the very name of rice.
Then trifles vex, and trifles please,
And trifles make the sum of life;
And trifles make a bonny lass
A wretched or a happy wife.

A few exceptional souls become fascinated by the charms of astronomy; but for steady and solid comfort the large majority of mankind prefer the charms of gastronomy.

The luxury of a long lawsuit is something which a sensible man allows himself only once in a lifetime. To win the case is one thing; but to pay for winning it is sometimes worse than losing it. Sir John Hamilton once said that a lawyer is like a porcupine, for one can't touch him anywhere without pricking his fingers.

You can't judge of the value of a man by his talk any more than you can judge of the value of a tree by its bark.

We all change as we grow old. Douglas Jerrold once said:—"Women are all alike. When they are maids they are mild as milk; once make 'em wives and they lean their backs against their marriage certificates and defy you."

It is not so very hard to be virtuous when there is no possible temptation to be anything else, but the slightest provocation alters the case materially. Even Jonathan Wild was once induced to be guilty of a rude action after fully satisfying himself on the most careful examination that he would gain nothing by refraining from it.

Children at times give unexpected answers, and wittier than their years would prophesy. A schoolteacher, dilating on the beauties and wonders of natural history, said:—"Boys, did you ever see an elephant's skin?" Not a boy had seen it, albeit a menagerie had passed through the village that very week. A girl, however, raised her tiny hand and said, "Teacher, I have." A little incredulous, the teacher asked, "Where did you see it, Mary?" And the child replied, "On the elephant, sir."

One of the most caustic replies was that of Mr. Curran to his opponent in a celebrated case. "If that be law, Mr. Curran," said Lord Clare, "I may burn my law books." "It would be far better, my lord, to read them," was the rejoinder.

There are men in the world, and women, too, who take a special delight in a bit of gossip. They chew upon it as lovingly as a ruminating animal chews its cud, and seem to obtain an enormous amount of nourishment from it. If a kindly thing is said they are listless and uninterested, but the moment a piece of scandal scents the air they snuff the morning breeze and begin to enjoy themselves. A vile story is as bracing to their lungs as oxygen to the lungs of an honest man. While you are present they are as polite as though they had swallowed a dancing master, but when your back is turned they suddenly remember some very disagreeable things which somebody told them on the authority of some one else, who heard it directly from some one else. A short memory for good things and a long memory for evil things is their peculiarity. Such people have large appetites, and there is a great deal of food for them in this wicked world. If, as Sidney Smith says, of Talleyrand, they had no teeth, no roof to their mouths, no uvula, no larynx, no trachea, no epiglottis, no anything, they would nevertheless gurgle scandals and make society miserable.

Dr. Holmes said twenty years ago, "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust." Twenty years have so changed the complexion of affairs that it is quite as dangerous to obey the last part of the injunction as it is impossible to obey the first.

CONGRESS AND CONVENTIONS.

THE LONG ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—SABBATH CONVENTION AND EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MEETINGS—IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE SAID AND DONE.

The sixth annual Congress of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States will be held at Albany, N. Y., commencing next Tuesday and closing on Friday evening. The daily sessions will be held in Tweddle Hall. The communion address at the opening devotional exercises will be delivered by Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, and the inaugural by Bishop Doane, of Albany, who also will preside. The chief interest this year centres in the anticipated discussion of subjects which involve the main points of difference between High and Low Churchmen, and the clergy and bishops who have just closed their missionary convention here will attend this congress. The topics announced for discussion are:—"The Relation of Social Science to Christian Ethics," in which Rev. Messrs. Kidney Stillé, Watkins, Dr. Potter, of this city; Maurice Wines and J. F. Garrison, M. D., will speak; "Positive Christian Education," on which Bishops Huntington and Bedell and Rev. Messrs. E. F. Bartlett, W. G. Andrews and F. Courtenay will speak; "Communism and Republican Institutions" will be discussed by Bishop Harris and Rev. Drs. J. H. Rylance and Gear, of this city; Rev. C. R. Baker, of Brooklyn; Rev. R. Heber Newton, of New York, and Rev. C. W. Ward; "The Authority of Dogma" will be presented by Bishops McLaren, Clark and Bedell and by Dr. John Cotton Smith, of this city, and Dr. Rudder and others. "Non-attendance at Church: Its Causes and Remedies," will be inquired into by Messrs. G. P. Keese and Francis Wells, Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey; Dr. Shipman, of this city, and Rev. W. P. Ten Broeck. "Memorial Art" will be discussed by Drs. H. N. Powers, J. C. Eccleston and E. N. Potter and Rev. Messrs. C. A. L. Richards, F. L. Norton and Leighton Parks. The "Personal Work of the Holy Spirit" will be presented by Bishops Stevens, Lee and Whipple, Drs. Eccleston, Osgood, of New York, and Dr. Randolph and Rev. Messrs. A. C. A. Hall, J. E. Walton and James Haughton. The sessions of the congress are open to all persons who may be interested in the discussions, the latter being limited to appointees and also volunteers who are communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church. These are in the main important topics, not merely to the ministry and membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but to Christians of every name and order. The English Church, which has had congresses for several years, will hold one at Swansea next month, an interesting feature of which will be an extensive exhibition of ecclesiastical art.

THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

A State Sabbath Convention is to be held in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday, to get up the "rousements" on the recognition of Sunday as a weekly rest day, "founded," as the call says, "by the Creator in the constitution of man, embodied in the fourth commandment, confirmed by our Lord and reappearing with new spiritual significance in the Lord's Day of the Christian Church," and as existing "as a civil institution, maintained by law and custom, from the beginning of our history and vitally related to the stability of our institutions." This question is now recognized as one of the most important and pressing questions of the day, and will be discussed in all its bearings by representative ministers and laymen. Among the speakers announced are Dr. Duryea, Joseph Cook, the Rev. Leonard W. Bacon, Judge Strong, of the United States Supreme Court, Russell Sturges, of Boston, and William E. Dodge, of this city.

The New York Evangelical Alliance will hold a meeting here in Dr. Ormiston's church to-morrow evening to hear the report and addresses from its delegates to the late General Conference in Basle. Among the delegates from whom remarks may be expected are the Rev. Drs. Schaff, John Hall, Washburn, Stoddard, Atterbury, Chambers, Porter, Hurst and Anderson. An occasion of much interest is anticipated. The biennial conference of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States will be held in St. Louis, Mo., a week from next Tuesday (28th) and the following three days. The Rev. Dr. T. W. Chambers, J. M. King, of New York; J. S. Bush, of Staten Island, and T. D. Woolsey, of New Haven, Conn., are to read interesting papers. The latter will discuss the Sunday question and Dr. King will show the relation of the public schools to Christian morals, and the reverse. "Harmony in Spiritual Doctrines," "Christian Scholarship," the "Union of Church and State and of Churches," the "Mohammedan Power and Christian Missions" and "City Missions and Foreign Populations" are among the topics to be discussed.

LONG ISLAND BAPTISTS IN COUNCIL.

The Long Island Baptist Association will hold its annual session next Tuesday in the Second Church, Ainslie street, Williamsburg. The opening sermon will be preached in the morning by the Rev. William Wiely, and on Wednesday evening a sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. B. Kelsay. After having been thrust out very unceremoniously a few years ago, or rather refused admittance to the privileges of association, the Marcy Avenue Church, Brooklyn, has resolved, with only three dissenting votes, to apply for admission again at this session. The event has been brought about by intelligent and painstaking consultation with men of the character of Rev. Messrs. Albert G. Lawson, Daniel Read, Hiram Hutchins, Wayland Hoyt and Emory J. Haynes; and it is enough to say that the basis upon which the church will make the application, and the motion that will be made to receive it into the association, have the hearty concurrence of these five men, who are the standing committee of the association. This it is claimed will be a consummation that has been generally desired by the churches, and when accomplished it will be hailed with satisfaction by the sisterhood of churches beyond the bounds of the Long Island Association. But it will probably lead to the resignation of Dr. Jeffrey as pastor of the Marcy Avenue Church. There are a few men in this church who have become exceedingly enamored of close communionism within a few years, and who think the Doctor is too liberal to suit them. Having been strengthened and compacted by Dr. Jeffrey's ministry, they feel strong enough now to toss him overboard if he should stand at all in their way. Indeed, rumors have been in the air for some time that the Doctor would shortly resign, and an ecclesiastical explosion would take place. Seven years ago, when Dr. Jeffrey came from the West, he found the church with only forty-five members; to-day he finds it with over 700. Its church edifice has been rebuilt and enlarged three or four times and even now is too small for the congregation. A few days ago the Long Island Association held a special meeting to consider its financial condition and found itself in debt $2,300, caused by the failure of churches to respond adequately to the requisition of its Executive Committee. It was resolved to reapportion this deficiency among the churches, which are expected to pay up on before Tuesday.

LIBERAL, NOT BIGOTED, CATHOLICS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I read in your paper of last Wednesday a brief letter from Ellen E. Sherman (wife of General Sherman), in which she finds fault with you for referring to her daughter as "a liberal Catholic," and in which she also alleges that "a liberal Catholic" is an object of "pity" or "contempt," and she also intimates that a person cannot be "a liberal Catholic" and at the same time be loyal to the Church. I am a Roman Catholic and so were my ancestors, as far back as I can trace them, and that is a long time. I am "a liberal Catholic." My parents taught me to be a liberal one. They were loyalty itself to their Church, and I know I am completely loyal to my Church, too. My children are trained to be "liberal Catholics" and to be faithful to their Church. This country swarms with "liberal Catholics," and they are true to their Church, too. I understood your remark about Miss Sherman to be complimentary to her, and intended to show that she is not a "bigot." I believe many others looked at it in the same way. I believe that to be the sense in which it was intended to be construed. If I am mistaken on that point correct me. More than half the Catholics of this country are free from bigotry and prejudice against other creeds or sects, and they feel a pride in being so. They have suffered so long and so much from bigotry and prejudice themselves that they have no desire to feel that way toward people of other denominations. Of course I refer to the more educated portion of the Catholics of the country. I am forced to write this from the fear that such utterances from a Catholic of the prominence of Mrs. Sherman may give a false impression to the American people in regard to my Church and creed, and might lead to their being classed as a set of bigots, which we are not, and have no desire to be. The expression of your paper in regard to Miss Sherman's "liberality" could not have done her the least harm. The utterances of her mother can work great wrong and injury to a large class of loyal Catholics, by giving the people of this land, which they love so dearly, false impressions in regard to them. And, besides, we do not wish to be held responsible by the American people for the fanatical sounding utterances of a few extremists in such matters.

A LIBERAL AND LOYAL CATHOLIC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS.

ANNIVERSARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS—THEIR GROWTH AND INFLUENCE.

By almost universal consent to-day and to-morrow are annually set aside by Protestant churches as days of prayer for Sunday schools throughout the world. The request emanates from the London Sunday School Union, and the Christian Church in all lands has thus far acquiesced in its observance. The dawn of the centenary of Sunday schools will lead to the review of the past and add greatly to the importance of this occasion, as it must be the earnest desire of all teachers that the centenary year may be one of rich spiritual blessings, leading to the consecration of a multitude of youthful hearts to Christ. The spiritual interests of children who at present are outside the Sunday school also call for earnest pleadings with God, that the youth of all lands may be specially brought under the influence of the Gospel of Christ.

The London Union suggests that the Sabbath school sessions to-day be preceded by a meeting of the teachers for prayer; that ministers be asked to preach special sermons on the claims of the Sunday school upon the Christian Church; that in the afternoon the ordinary engagements of each school be shortened and scholars be gathered for a devotional service, interspersed with singing and appropriate service. To this service the parents of the children might be invited; that at the close of the afternoon or evening service the teachers, in union with other Christians, meet for thanksgiving and prayer.

For to-morrow it is suggested that Sunday school teachers should engage in private prayer for their scholars, and that in the course of the day the female teachers of each school hold a meeting for united prayer and thanksgiving, and that in the evening each church or congregation be invited to hold a meeting, at which the interests of the Sunday school should form the theme of the prayers and addresses. The fifty-five years' work of the American Sunday School Union in the South is summed up in 11,517 Sunday schools. The anniversary meeting of the Foreign Sunday School Association will be held in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, this evening, when addresses will be delivered by Mr. Albert Woodruff, president, Drs. Schaff and T. W. Chambers, of this city, who, while in Europe last summer, gave some attention to the work of this society in Europe, and by Mr. R. C. Ogden, of Philadelphia, and others. The poet Montgomery has commemorated the institution and growth of Sunday schools nearly a century ago by the Rev. Mr. Stock and Robert Raikes in Gloucester, in these lines:—

Once by the Severn's side
A little fountain rose;
Now, like the Severn's seaward tide,
Round the whole world it flows.

Sermons on Sunday schools will be preached to-day by Mr. Moment and Mr. C. S. Williams and by several Brooklyn pastors.

CHURCH FAIRS.

The season of church fairs is opening this year a little earlier than usual, perhaps to get ready for the solemn seasons that are expected to succeed the frolicsome. The ladies of the Centennial Baptist Church, Brooklyn, are holding a fair in their chapel on Clinton avenue which they expect to close on Tuesday. It is designed for the benefit of the "Church for the People," as Dr. Fulton's new enterprise in the Rink is to be known hereafter. It includes a restaurant, grocery store, books and stationery, underclothing, toilet articles, candies and an art gallery, besides many minor attractions.

The ladies of St. John's German Lutheran Church, in Christopher street, have had a fair going on at Irving Hall since last Monday. To-morrow is the closing day. The fair is well worth a visit and the church worthy of encouragement and aid.

St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, on avenue B and Eighth street, will open a fair in the basement of the edifice to-morrow evening. The proceeds are to go to the support of the parish schools and to aid the church, which, owing to the depression of the times, has become heavily in debt. At present the schools are crowded, and yet there are hundreds of boys and girls unable to gain admission until the contemplated improvements are completed. Dr. McSweeny has been greatly embarrassed in this direction for want of funds, which this fair is expected to give to him.

The ladies of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church will hold a grand fair at St. Peter's Hall, Barclay street, commencing to-morrow. The proceeds are to be devoted to the reduction of the debt of the parish.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Rev. William Dunn, the secretary and chancellor of the Bishop of Louisville, has entered the novitiate of the Order of Passionists, at Pittsburg, Pa.

Very Rev. Father Doane, Vicar General of the diocese of Newark, who has been absent in Europe for over a year on account of his health, is expected home next month.

His Grace Mgr. Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto, Canada, has arrived in Rome, where he purposes remaining for five months.

The following clerical changes have recently taken place in the diocese of Portland, Me.:—Rev. James Doherty, who has been assistant to Rev. J. F. McKenna, at St. Dominic's Church, Portland, Me., for the past two years, has been transferred to St. John's Church, Bangor, assistant to Rev. E. McSweeny. Rev. Stephen Murphy, lately ordained, takes his place at St. Dominic's. Rev. John R. Duddy has been appointed pastor at Winterport, left vacant by Rev. J. McCarthy, who is taking the place of Rev. Father O'Callaghan during his visit to Europe.

Rev. D. J. McDermott, who went out a year ago to Nebraska on one of the Indian missions, has returned to Mahanoy City, Pa., and is again ministering to the people of Summit Hill, in that city.

Very Rev. R. W. Brady, S. J., Provincial of the Jesuits in the Province of New York, and his assistant, Father Ward, S. J., with Father Ciampi, S. J., of Georgetown College, are at Boston College, the guests for a few weeks of Father Fulton.

Rev. Michael Stanton, formerly of Baltimore county, has been appointed assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Broadway, in place of Rev. Romanus Mattingly, who has gone to Cumberland, Md., to take charge of St. Patrick's Church, in that place.

The Very Rev. Mgr. De Neve, formerly rector of the American College in Louvain, is completely restored to health. He is as well as he ever was, and will resume work in the interest of the American Church.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Wood has appointed Rev. A. Dudley Filan pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Philadelphia. The appointment of Rev. Thomas Kieran, pastor of St. Ann's Church, as Vicar General, is also announced.

About the year 1845 the Catholic church of Martinsburg, W. Va., was robbed of a number of gold and silver altar pieces. They were recently discovered buried in a wood near the place by a woman and restored to the church after being missed for nearly thirty-five years.

JEWISH.

Rev. Dr. Rosenspitz, formerly of Syracuse, has been elected minister of the B'nai Sholom Congregation in Quincy, Ill.

Rev. Dr. Sale has been unanimously re-elected rabbi of Har Sinrie Congregation, Baltimore, at the last meeting of the congregation, and at an increased salary.

The Rev. Dr. Kohler will begin a series of Sunday lectures this morning in the Temple Beth-El of this city. They will be continued in German and English on alternate Sundays. This is the "innovation" that the recent Jewish Convention here discussed so warmly. The Doctor will continue his Saturday sermons as usual. The Temple Emanu-El is expected to adopt Sunday lectures also in a little while.

The Rev. Dr. Hirsch, of Louisville, who has been sojourning temporarily in New York, has returned to his post.

Rev. J. Shickler has been elected minister of the congregation in New Brunswick, N. J.

Rev. A. J. Messing was recently unanimously re-elected minister of the Congregation Beth Israel for a term of ten years, commencing January 1, 1880. Mr. Messing has gone to Oregon for the purpose of organizing Sabbath schools in that State.

The Rev. S. Wechsler, of St. Paul, Minn., writes that Judaism is altogether misunderstood in the smaller towns of the Northwest, and that the people have no opportunity of becoming acquainted with it. The circuit system which was taken up at the last convention here ought surely to be put in operation. Drs. Gottheil, Jacobs, Mendes and Wise, of this city, and Dr. Wintner, of Brooklyn, are ready to engage in this work gratuitously.

METHODIST.

Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, of the New Jersey Conference, has accepted the invitation to be transferred to Covington, Ky., to take charge of a large Methodist Episcopal church there. He will leave for the West about the 1st of November.

Mr. Howell Gardner, of Brooklyn, E. D., is going on an evangelistic tour through this State, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, to be absent during the winter and spring if he keeps all his engagements. He has been remarkably successful heretofore in New Jersey and New England towns and on Long Island.

The Rev. John S. Inskip proposes to make an evangelistic tour of the South during this winter, leaving his wife, who has united with Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city. In the early summer he proposes to organize a salvation army, and with a big tent make the circuit of the globe, spreading his peculiar theories of holiness.

Rev. J. W. Freund, of the East German Conference, pastor of Second Street German Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, left on Monday evening last for Chicago, where he is to represent the Methodist Episcopal Church as fraternal delegate at the General Conference of the Evangelical Association, now in session in that city.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Andover Theological Seminary is to be congratulated on its success in securing the Rev. Dr. Tucker, of this city, for the professorship vacated by the resignation of Professor Phelps. The seminary gains a teacher of ripe knowledge and genial character, and New York loses a preacher whose place she will not easily fill.

Dr. Budington is still in Boston, whither he went about three months since, and is undergoing treatment for the cancer which has given him so much pain and trouble. It has already been operated upon some half dozen times in this country and London, but no permanent cure has been effected. While his friends hope for the best, there seems little encouragement to believe that he is as yet improving under the treatment in Boston, which is to extend over a period of several months. It would certainly be cause of rejoicing throughout the Church could a radical cure be accomplished and the eloquent preacher restored again to the pulpit.

Dr. Edward Beecher celebrates his golden wedding in Brooklyn, on Monday, October 27. Better than gold, says the *Christian Union*, have been the fifty years of his married life to all who have known him as friend and counsellor.

The Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has invited the Rev. Thomas B. McLeod, D. D., of the Reformed Church at Hudson, to be its pastor at a salary of $6,000 for the first year. Dr. McLeod is a native of the North of Ireland, and about thirty years old. He studied at Princeton, and his first charge was at Sandy Hill, N. Y. He is described by the committee as an old fashioned preacher with great magnetic force.

By various devices and suits at law the Rev. H. N. Wright has tried to injure and worry the Congregational Church at Northville, L. I., whose building was burned down a couple of years ago. A suit by his wife against two officers of the church for $25,000 for false arrest was decided against him and her by Judge Wick last week. Isn't it time to stop?

BAPTIST.

The Rev. J. L. Lodge, D. D., of Jersey City, has received a call to the North Church, Newark, N. J. His acceptance is anticipated by the church, and, as the successor of Rev. Lansing Burrows, a promising pastorate and an important position for his peculiar pulpit gifts await his decision. He has also been called to the Central Church in Bridge street, Brooklyn, and has signified his preference for the latter pulpit.

The First Baptist Church of Nyack, N. Y., have extended a call to Rev. J. H. Gunning to become their pastor, and the call has been accepted. Mr. Gunning enters at once upon the new field of labor with a fine prospect of success before him.

The Rev. T. Bickford resigns as pastor of the Vail Avenue Church, Troy, N. Y., but the church unanimously refuse to accept the resignation.

The ordination has occurred within a few days of Rev. Richard Montague at the First Baptist Church of Lawrence, Mass.; of Rev. F. L. Wilkins at the Second Church, Auburn, N. Y.; of Rev. J. N. Shipman at Moosup, Conn., and of Rev. M. W. Haynes at Frankfort, N. Y. And the installation of the Rev. L. L. Potter over the church at Everett, Mass.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Principal Tulloch, of Edinburgh, it is stated, is to be invited to London as Dr. Cummings' successor, and arrangements will be proposed whereby he may continue to discharge his numerous duties in Scotland by residing there part of the year. If he accepts the invitation, it is believed that the proposal for the erection of a Presbyterian church on the Thames Embankment, which was abandoned some time ago, will be revived under British Church auspices.

The continued ill health of the Rev. C. E. Schiable has led him to resign his charge at Washington.

Rev. John Huston, having faithfully supplied the churches of Albany and Mount Zion, Pa., for three years, has retired from the field, leaving an important vacancy to be filled by a man not afraid of hard work.

Rev. S. Fleming has resigned his charge at Burr Oak, Mich., on account of ill health. The Rev. E. P. Goodrich has also resigned at Manchester, Mich., because the church cannot support him.

Rev. John Q. Adams, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., has received a call to the Walnut Street Church of Evansville, one of the largest and strongest in Indiana.

The Rev. R. F. Sample, D. D., of Minneapolis, is the oldest settled Presbyterian pastor in Minnesota. He preached in the First Presbyterian Church of Harlem, N. Y., during the month of August.

THIRTY-FOURTH STREET SYNAGOGUE.

A RIGHTEOUS LIFE—SERMON BY REV. HENRY S. JACOBS.

The Rev. Henry S. Jacobs preached before his congregation, in the Thirty-fourth Street Synagogue, yesterday, on the subject of events connected with the life of Noah. The threatened deluge, he said, overwhelms the world and sweeps away nearly all its denizens. It is a stupendous calamity, depicted in glowing colors, which seem to reproduce the startling events vividly before our mind's eye. Such is the Bible story, which you know has been disputed by the opponents of revelation, who deny the fact or possibility of a universal deluge. The discussion of such a question must, in a great measure, be conducted on a purely scientific basis, and therefore it would be out of time and place to attack or defend the various propositions involved in such an argument. It is, therefore, of the moral phase of the Scripture narrative that I would speak to-day—of the principle propounded that the Creator and Ruler of the universe, whose providence is everywhere perceptible, is also the God of justice, requiting evil and rewarding goodness. These are the lessons which are of enduring interest, and which are established in the incidents before us and in the character of the patriarch of whom we read:—"Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."—Genesis, vi., 9.

NOAH'S PURITY OF LIFE.

The tenor of the narrative, of which the text strikes the keynote, presents a Scriptural defence of the justice as well as the mercy of God in the salvation accorded to Noah and his family, by the declaration made in advance of the purity of his life, which rendered him worthy of deliverance from the general catastrophe. Say some of our commentators, he was "righteous" in act and "perfect" in heart, so that deed and thought, practice and sentiment combined to render him righteous and perfect, and therefore deserving of the grace and mercy of Providence. But further. This righteousness and perfection were exhibited "in his generation;" what some exegetists construe in a meritorious sense; others to his discredit, advancing the plea that it was only by comparison with his corrupt contemporaries that he was considered a righteous man. With this idea we cannot agree, for virtue certainly not merely appears to greater advantage when placed in contrast with vice, but is absolutely gre