

RELIGIOUS.

METHODIST.

The next general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States will discuss the question of admitting women as delegates.

There are now 78 persons connected with Bishop Taylor's mission in Africa.

The mission band connected with Grafton Street church, gave a very enjoyable concert last Tuesday evening.

Judging from the success of the sacred concert held last week in Grafton Street church, we would recommend that a similar one be held in the near future. The organ recital by the organist, Mr. Powell, called forth much praise.

The collections for missions throughout the Maritime Provinces are much in excess of previous years. The desire of the general committee to raise this year \$250,000 in Canada for missionary purposes will doubtless be realized.

Sir William McArthur, whose death took place lately in London, was a prominent Methodist. He contributed largely to the schemes of the church and other benevolent enterprises.

The one hundred and fifth session of the Methodist Episcopal Conference (South) was held at Danville, Va., on November 16th.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The call from Perth, Ont., has been accepted by the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, of Montreal.

Rev. R. D. Ross, at the earnest solicitation of his congregation at Wolfville, has declined the call to the Presbyterian church at Springside, Colchester Co.

In order to facilitate arrangements for uniting the two Presbyterian churches of the town, the Rev. J. F. Dustan, late of Truro, has resigned the pastorate of Knox church, Brandon, Man.

Rev. D. M. Gurdou will be inducted into the charge of St. Andrew's church, of this city, on the 27th December.

It is stated that the Rev. K. C. Murray, who went to India about three years ago as missionary from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will probably return to this country, on account of ill-health.

A large audience was present last Sunday afternoon at the dedication service of the hall erected by Chalmer's church. Addresses was delivered by the pastor, Revs. Dr. Burns, Dr. Pollock, Dr. Forrest, and others.

The weekly publication of the Rev. Dr. Talmage's sermons, is beyond parallel. Beside the English-speaking nations, including Australia and New Zealand, the sermons are regularly translated into the languages of Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Russia, and India. It is stated that in the United States 13,600,000 copies of the entire sermon are printed every week, and about 4,000,000 in other lands. An arrangement has been made for the publication of Dr. Talmage's Friday evening talks.

Rev. Dr. Marian Vincent has accepted the chair in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, to which he was elected some time ago.

The First Presbyterian church of New York was organized in 1717, and for 170 years has worshiped without instrumental music. A few days ago, the sound of the organ was heard for the first time in this church. The new pastor, the Rev. Richard D. Harlan, headed the movement for instrumental music.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

No communication has yet been received from the Archbishop of Canterbury about the appointment to the Bishopric; but a rumor is afloat that a brother-in-law of the Archbishop of York has been selected. This is probably a canard, as it is not at all likely that a selection has been made while the documents are confessedly imperfect.

The new school-room of St. George's Parish will be ready for occupation by the first of January. It is a handsome and commodious structure, and will cost about \$5,000.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Newfoundland is in the city, and has been preaching in various churches. His Lordship is on his way to Bermuda, where he winters.

The Rev. A. C. Jones has been appointed to the Parish of Smith and Hamilton, Bermuda. He had been incumbent of Milton, P. E. I., for about two years.

The New York Churchman has a description and illustration of Truro Cathedral. This is one of Pearson's most successful designs, and is the first cathedral built in England since the Reformation. Its cost, up to the time of consecration, has been \$550,000.

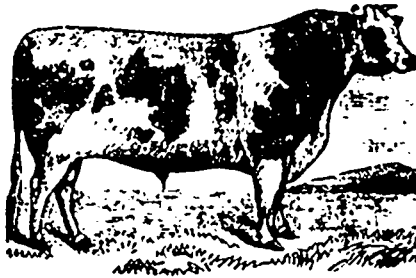
BAPTIST.

Rev. J. H. Hughes has removed to Franklin Park, Mass., and commenced work as pastor of the Baptist church. It is to be regretted that so many of the Baptist ministers of the Lower Provinces have, within the past few years, removed to the States. The cause, we believe, is to be found in the fact, that in many cases the stipends granted are entirely inadequate.

Fifteen Baptist missionaries sailed for India about a fortnight ago from New York.

Rev. J. H. Robertson will shortly become pastor of the F. C. Baptist church at Beaver Harbor.

There are one hundred and eighty-four pastorless Baptist churches in the State of New York.



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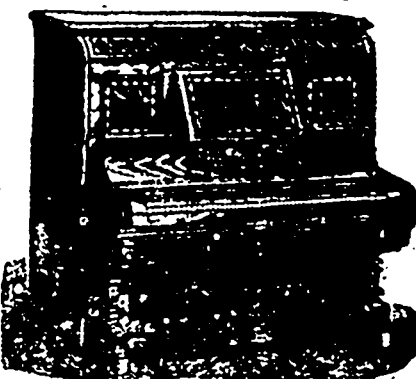
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