

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

THE "Congregationalist" says that a Roman Catholic Church in Dedham, Mass., has an anti-swearing society with over a hundred members.

THE REV. G. N. Shishmanian, a full blooded Turk, lately graduated from the Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky., married a Kentucky girl, and will take her to Turkey to live.

BISHOP RILEY, the newly consecrated Episcopal Bishop of the Church of Jesus in Mexico, recently came into possession of a fortune from his father, and has already given \$100,000 to the new Mexican church.

By the Decision of the Friends at Philadelphia at their late yearly meeting, the signing of a petition for a tavern license is to be made a disciplinary offence, as is also the keeping of intoxicating liquors for a beverage in one's house.

THE Parable of the Prodigal Son has been printed in the Mexican language at the Methodist mission press, being the second issue in that language from any Protestant press, the American Tract Society having issued the first tract in that language some years ago.

WE wish every governor who has the power, would do in their several States what Governor Talbot, of Massachusetts, has done, and see if some of the present Sabbath-breaking could not be prevented. He has forbidden Sunday excursion trains to pass over that part of the Hoosac Tunnel railway which is owned by the State.—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

A recent contribution to the missionary cause was accompanied with the following note:—"This dollar is from a young sister living on a farm, helping to support her father's large family. She earned this money weaving on a handloom, at odd hours as she could snatch moments from busy cares, and was blessed in the thought that it was for Jesus and the poor heathen." An aged minister says:—"I enclose a draft of \$500 as executor, in part, of my own will. It is a good time to assist the cause of missions, in which my heart is interested. My prayers go with it."

THE LOSS which the Presbyteriaⁿ Board of Foreign Missions suffers by the failure of the London house through which it has made its payments to its foreign missionaries will be even larger than was expected, reaching about fifty thousand dollars, owing to the unexpectedly small amount of assets. And yet it should be remembered that this firm has saved to the Board more than this amount of money during the nearly twenty years in which it has done this business for the Board, entirely without charge. The failure is probably due to the fact that since the ill health of its senior member, Mr. David Stuart, the younger managers have lacked ability to carry on the extensive Eastern business of the house in these days of financial hazard. The loss of the Presbyterian Board is the more burdensome on account of its debt of sixty-two thousand dollars. It is true that one two large bequests are likely to be paid in within a year or two; but, nevertheless, it is desirable that the amount of the loss by the failure should be made up as soon as possible by special subscriptions. Let friends of the Board send in their offerings, even if they be small; and we trust that churches and ministers will not forget that the regular annual collection should be considerably increased. There seems to be absolutely no blame resting upon the Board for the loss which was not anticipated. Hereafter Brown Brothers will be their bankers.—*N. Y. Independent.*

The Armenian Missionaries in Turkey report that the bitter hostility of the Greek and American Christians toward Protestantism is wearing off. A striking instance of friendliness occurred recently at Trebizond. The Greek Archbishop of that province, who had been liberal and benevolent, and had lived a blameless life, died at an advanced age, and all the representatives of other communions were invited to the funeral. The Armenian Bishop was present and spoke in Turkish, and Mr. Parmelee, Protestant missionary, made an address in Armenian. Afterward the Greek Bishop called on Mr. Parmelee and thanked him.