

His life is not marked by anything extraordinary. His faith was strong; his reverence for God's Word, and the ordinances of the gospel were deep, and his piety sincere. He always showed a profound regard for the Sabbath. In the church he was a wise and judicious counsellor—his moderation was seen at all times. Religion was one of the enjoyments of his life, and therefore his death was happy.

He was calmly resigned to the will of God, and was conscious that his end was near. Being told the night before he died that he was very hot, he, in his usually quiet way, he replied, "Ah, well, I'll be cooler to-morrow." To-morrow came and he was cold in death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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"Without the licence of the Pope" is the significant imprint upon the thousands of Bibles now selling in Rome.

The late General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S. without waiting for missionaries to offer their services, after fervent prayer for divine direction, selected three ministers, and two young ladies to engage in the work.

Dr. Alden, of South Boston, and Dr. Wellman, of Newton, two Congregational ministers, attended Mr. Spurgeon's church when they were in London, and, after the services, introduced themselves to the preacher. Mr. Spurgeon not only received them cordially, but invited them to sit with him on the platform at the communion service, and with his own hands administered to them the elements.—*N. Y. Independent*.

A recent traveller says: "What always impresses me more than anything else in Egypt and Palestine has been the entire absence of cheerful or exhilarating music, especially from children. You never hear them singing in the huts. I never heard a song that deserved the name in the streets or houses of Jerusalem. One heavy burden of voiceless sadness rests upon that forsaken land."

There are in Chicago over one hundred and sixty church organizations, besides

about forty missions. Baptist, 18; Congregational, 15; Episcopal, 16; Methodist, 21 (5 foreign and 2 African); Presbyterian, 14; Roman Catholic, 25; and about 48 others, divided among 16 denominations.

The *New York Times* has closed the account for the season of the "Poor Children's Fund," which, through its efforts, has been raised and expended for the benefit of the needy little ones of this city. The published statement shows that \$19,296.75 was received, of which \$15,818.01 were expended, leaving a balance of \$3,478.74 in trust for similar uses hereafter. Eighteen excursions were made, with an average of about 1,000 children and 100 adults (chiefly mothers with infants) in each. 62,485 families were visited, in which 8,824 individuals were aided. 2,217 medical visits were made, and for food and luxuries for the sick \$5,183.04 were expended. The superintendents of this work were Rev. S. H. Tyng, junr., and three others, having the city divided among them.

The *Christian Weekly* discusses "church fairs," and thinks that while they may sometimes be necessary, that "the church is blessed which is exempt from the necessity of them." If it be decided to have a fair, it advises that it be kept clean at all hazards. Let there be no gambling, no lotteries, no raffling—nothing that approximates to making money by chance."