

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

St. Stephen's church, Boston, where unusually good missionary work is being done, is to have a new parish house.

Of the six hundred and sixty-nine members of the British House of Commons all but one hundred and seventeen are Churchmen.

Professor Ely says that one hundred million dollars could be wisely expended within a year in establishing free public libraries in cities in the United States.

Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, is authority for the statement that the average age of convicts in the United States is about twenty-six years.

In addition to his many other accomplishments, Hon. John Hay, new American Ambassador to Great Britain, has shown himself possessed of no small ability as a hymn writer.

The widow of the late Baron Hirsch has given \$1,500,000 for establishing trade schools and erecting model tenement houses for her fellow countrymen living in New York City.

The diocesan paper of New Hampshire, in reporting the recent convention of the diocese, says that the keynote was struck by Bishop Niles in reducing his own salary \$500 a year.

Bethany Presbyterian church in Philadelphia has a total membership of 3,100. Its Sunday school enrollment has reached the total of 4,500, with an average attendance of about 3,500. A large adult Bible class, or "Bible Union" as it is called, has an enrollment of 1,800. The total attendance at all services on one Sunday aggregates 12,000 persons.

Calvary Parish, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has just opened a well equipped parish house. The church is located in the midst of a mining population. After the day of hard and exhausting work, the only places of resort open to men, young and old, are the saloons. The new parish house, with its reading rooms, game rooms, gymnasium and baths, is intended to be and doubtless will be a powerful counter-attraction. The privileges of the house will be open to all upon the payment of almost nominal fees.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, statistician in charge of the religious division of the census of 1890, estimates that there are 4,400,000 members enrolled in the leading young people's organizations of the Protestant denominations.

Miss Julia C. Emery, the secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, is to go to England to attend meetings of Church-women, which will be held in London at the time of the Lambeth Conference.

There has been recently organized in the Presbyterian church of the United States a Church Service Society. Its object is nothing less than an effort to secure a wider approval of the use of a liturgy in the services of that denomination. In its statement of principles, the Society justifies itself by expressing the belief that "the preparation of forms of service for public worship may help to guard against the contrary evils of confusion and ritualism and promote reverence and beauty in the worship of God in His holy house, and unity and the spirit of common praise and prayer among the people."

The Musings of a Married Man.

By EBENEZER BENEDICT.

Musings:—Seasonable Sorrows.

The four little Benedicts have been tucked away for some hours. Mrs. Benedict has retired and subsided into silence after many fruitless appeals to me to 'come to bed,' and peaceful silence would rest down upon the entire household, but for the vibratory slumbers of Bridget over the back kitchen and the low mutterings and occasional shufflings of the family ghost in the attic. But these latter are such accustomed sounds that they have a soothing rather than a disturbing effect upon me and afford pleasant relief from a sense of loneliness. It is such quiet hours that I find most agreeable to meditation upon the varied experiences of life, and strange anomaly, the more multitudinous and multiform the trials of the day, the more easy and fluent are my cogitations.

I have just been passing through what I believe to be the most trying season of the whole year to every pater-familias, and not the least vexing part of it is that the season is one of almost universal joy and hope to the rest of the world. Without doubt there is

something essentially incongruous in spring's being of apparent necessity the one season when a man's equanimity, which he has jealously guarded since his last new year's resolution, should be completely demoralized by sundry trying business relations with milliners, dress-makers, and dry goods' men and that universal scourge—house-cleaning.

For weeks past the current topics of household chat have been sailors and shirt waists, spring hats and summer skirts, prints and percalines, chiffons and cambrics, belts and bows, and that endless variety of materials which by mysterious art weave themselves into the present day female attire. And amid all this medley of domestic discussion there has not been a single retreat in the entire house which has escaped the marauding hand of that princess of chaos, the house cleaner.

I dislike references to "the good times that we used to have," but there are seasons when memory gently and fondly lingers around those youthful days where one hook in the hall and one trunk in the chamber sufficed to hold all our earthly possessions.

(To be continued in the July Union.)

District Lodge, No. 5, I. O. G. T.

This District held its annual Session on the 5th of June, 1897, with Glendale Lodge, Aylesford. Eight lodges were represented. The Secretary's report showed he had received quarterly returns from 13 lodges with a membership of 415. There were 18 applicants for the District Lodge degree which were received and duly initiated. The reports from the different Lodges were encouraging.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows:

D. C. T.—George McGregor.
D. Coun.—C. I. Wolfe.
D. V. T.—Mrs. Amos Bennett.
D. S. J. T.—Mrs. George McGregor.
D. Secretary—J. S. Marshall.
D. T.—Mrs. A. D. Nichols.
D. Ch.—J. M. Vidito.
D. M.—G. N. Banks.
D. G.—J. E. Miller.
D. Sen.—Austin Bolser.
D. A. S.—Ethel Graves.
D. D. M.—Edward Howell.
D. D. C. T.—A. D. Nichols.

We held a public meeting in the evening, and had a packed house. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ryan, and others, with dialogues and music, which made it a success.

The next session of the District Lodge will be held with White Rose Lodge, Scott's Bay, in September.

Session closed.

J. S. MARSHALL, District Secretary.