CHURCH NEWS.

PRITISIC AND FOREIGN

Movements are now in contemplation for a Presbyterian League, and for the founding of a university in the city of

BOMEAY, India, has had a Young Yomen's Christian Association for some years, which has been of great benefit to the city.

DESPATCHES from New Orleans report that Messrs. Moody and Sankey's meetings have been thronged, and numcrous conversions have been recorded.

ACCORDING to recent reports from Bohemia, it appears that the Old Catholic movement is making rapid progress in the southern part of that

Over 100 Scotch ministers of nine different denominations are to preach sermons this month in connection with the semi-jubilee of the National Bible Society of Scotland.

CONDENSED statistics of the Methodist Sunday Schools of Montreal for the year 1885 are thus given by the Cheretian Guardian :- Total number of offi cers and teachers, 350; total number of scholars, 3,051.

THE Jewish rabbis of New York are must be always celebrated with unfermented wine. Permented liquor of any kind comes under the category of sum of £1,227,000. The Aged and Infirm Minister's Pund has reached the agreed, it is reported, that the Passover the Old Testament.

THE amount contributed to the Sustentation Fund of the Scotch I'reo Church during the past eight months was £103,887, an increase on the previ-ous period of £65. The sum given to the Poreign Missions from April 1st, 1885, to December 31st, 1885, was £2,229, against £2,192 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

It is only too easy to misunderstand. When Bishop Bedell preached his memorial discourse of Dr. Tyng, many of his heavers were puzzled when the modest Bishop seemed to say . " There were giants in those days, now they are nearly all gone—only Lee and I are left." His seemon, now printed, furnishes the explanation, for the hishop said, "only Lee and Dyer left.

THE accession from the Wesleyan Church in Tonga, in the South Seas, which began a year ago, has gone on until the new church has become the majority. The trouble began in 1831, when a popular missionary was recalled by the Australasian Conference, which has the control of Tonga. It was the king who gave the signal to revolt, and he has carried all the chiefs with him. No change will be made either in creed or polity.

THE committee recently appointed by the Presbytery of Cincinnati for the purpose have issued a call inviting their brethren of the ministry and the Christian people of the Presbyterian churches in Southern Ohio and Southern Indiana, had a good claim not to be considered and in Kentucky, to come together in the First Presbyterian Church, Cincin the venerable Church of England. nati, on Tuesday evening, March 16th, They never gave it allegiance or owned at 7.30 o'clock, to spend that evening its authority, and now they could hold at 7.30 o'clock, to spend that evening its authority, and now they could hold and the following two days and evenings their own with mutual respect. Narrow-together in prayer and conference, and minded zealots in the Episcopal Church in waiting upon God for His blessing.

Tire Friends are believed to keep a other religious community, and estimate ponents of history. The first time the their numbers in England at 15,000. Queen of England put her hand to their numbers in England at 15,000. persons, although there are some to from the s given funds assigned for the purpose. The Church of Scotland; and that was not Quakers are perhaps the wealthest all, for when she wished to marry she class in England. They are well took a Presbyterian prince; and when represented in the Legislature, but she resided in her Highland home she while "Friends" have reached the accepted the ministrations and sacra-Privy Council and baronetage, a Quaker | ments at the hands of a Presbyterian peer is yet to be created.

This is the kind of work that ought to tell. In Chicago:—"The south side pastors are taking steps towards having union fervices at one or two convenient points in that division of the city. The whole section has been districted, and visitors going forth two and two like the seventy are to visit every house. The pastors themselves are to visit every gathered into the Protestant churches, house on the avenues. Drs. Barrows, and that therefore its work may not be house on the avenues. Drs. Barrows and Scudder, McPherson and Lorimer, I and others in couples are to undertake this work. Five Presbyterian churches, two Congregational, two Baptist, three or four Methodist, one Reformed Episcopal, and one Bpiscopalian church are concerned in the movement.

THE religious statistics of New South Wales show that the Church of England and the Church of Romo are, numerically speaking, the strongest denomina-tions in the colony. The Church of England has 250 ministers and 519 churches and chapels, with a total average of 74,722. The Roman Catholics have 207 clergymen and 324 fluential laymen of the several churches, churches and chapels, and a total and theological students also render attendance of 77,801. Presbyterians, help. Four or five of the Reformed Churches and the churches and churches and churches and churches and churches and churches and the churches are churches and the churches and the churches are churches and the churches and the churches are churches are churches and the churches are churches are churches and the churches are churches are churches are churches are churches and the churches are churches 115 elergymen, and 190 churches and chapels; average attendance, 24,579. Congregationalists, 47 clergymen, 46 churches or chapels; average attend-ance, 9,440. Baptist, 18 clergymen, 27 churches or chapels. Wesleyan Methodists, 120 clergymen, 325 churches or chapels; attendance, 46,716. Primitive Methodists, 17 clergymen, 67 chapels; attendance, 6,006. Preo Methodists, 2 clergymen, 3 chapels, attendance, 340.

one of the most active and scholarly one of the most active and scholarly men in the Congregational denomination. His breadth may be judged from the variety of his achievements and accomplishments. For four years he was a missionary in Syria, leaving that country in 1843. In 1872 he left the

pastoral work, after settlements in Longmeadow, Belchertown, Providence, Chicago and Cleveland, after which he was in charge of mission work in Ohlo. He was an authority on Biblical geography, taking charge of that department in the American edition of Smith's Bible Dictionary. He wroteacceptable hymns, and he was a man of much influence in ecclesiastical matters. He was active in temperance, and led the minority in their attempt to make the American Tract Society define its position on the question of slavery. He was a man of strong convictions and a true heart.

The Scotch Established Church has 1.300 parishes, 100 non parochial churches, 121 preaching stations, making 1.587 in all. 879 parishes receive from "teinde" (300,000) 232 parishes from the National Exchequer, (17,040, 41 parishes from local funds, (27,501; 342 parishes have been endowed by the Church itself since 1845, so as to receive a total of £42,500. There are \$55,622 communicants The Poreign Mission Commutee received last year £19,182. Home Mission Scheme, £9,612; Colonial Scheme, £5,051; Jewish Mission schemes, £25,430; Small Livings schemes, £8,537 Total, £47,812. Besides these achemes which appeal to the churches, there are two great funds. The Endowment Fund to establish and amount of £16,959, and is increasing at the rate of £3,000 a year. It is de-signed to raise it to £100,000

A WRITER in the Canadian Baptist advocating a scheme for lowering the standard of ministerial education, cites the example of Mr. Spurgeon, as if that supported the plea in behalf of illiteracy. There could hardly be a more infelicitous citation. Mr. Spurgeon, though by an accident not trained at a theological seminary, is in reality one of the most versatile and accomplished scholars in his denomination. Besides having the advantage of being brought up under the care of his grandfather, who was a minister, his entire youth was spent in schools and among books; and if he did not enter a divinity hall, he passed through the classes in an agricultural college. It is, therefore, a total delusion to think of Mr. Spurgeon as an uneducated man. He was an usher in a school in Cambridge at sixteen; and one of his class books, which happens to be in our possession, has his autograph signature written in a style which indicates that even at that early age he was probably more of a man of letters than hundreds of his seniors attending the university on the banks of the Cam. Our Canadian friend had better look out for a fresh proof to support his theory - The Christian Leader.

DR. SIEEL, at the laying of the foundation stone, a few weeks ago, of the Waverley Church, Sydney, New South Wales, said the Presbyterians who claimed exclusive rights and denied Presbyterians their birth-right, closer scrunity as to members than any they refused to accept as the true ex-These include no poverty-stricken paper after her accession was when she signed her name to maintain the rights and provileges of the Presbyterian minister. These were the testimonies of fellowship which they rejoiced to recognize, and he believed the time was not far distant when English churches. like Lnglish graveyards, would be equally open to non-Episcopal clergy.

It has been objected, in regard to the work of the McAll Mission in permanent. The following statement of Mr. McAll in regard to the relation of the French pastors to this mission is

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