

British and Foreign.

In England the Baptists are divided into two sects, known as the General and Particular Baptists. These two were once wide apart, but for years they have been drawing closer together, inasmuch that a movement is now on foot to unite them.

A LARGE body of notes and papers on the history of Presbyterianism in England, by the late Rev. John Black, general secretary, have been put into the hands of the committee on historical documents by his son. The committee will submit a report to next Synod on the manner in which they may be used with most advantage to the church.

MRS. HARDING-WOODS, of Barre, Mass., has been elected to the presidency of the Mount Holyoke College and Seminary, at South Hadley, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Miss Mary A. Brigham. Mrs. Woods was graduated from Mount Holyoke Seminary about twenty years ago, and for ten years thereafter was an instructor in the institution.

A FEW weeks since W. B. Tate, a philanthropic bachelor of Grainger county, Tenn., decided to give a fifth of his fortune of \$100,000 to the maimed ex-Confederate soldiers of East Tennessee. The distribution took place on the 18th of July at Morristown, and forty needy one-legged and one-armed old soldiers responded, getting each five hundred dollars.

REV. JOHN THOMPSON, of Preston, one of the oldest of the Disruption ministers, who was ordained assistant and successor to his father in 1831, has died in his 86th year. He continued to the last to keep together a strong church and to take an active part in many public affairs. Till within a few weeks of his death he performed the duties of chairman of the school board, an office which he had filled for many years.

SOME Indiana grog-shop keepers refused to pay the increased license required by law in that State, claiming that a license certificate is a "contract" with the State, the terms of which cannot be altered without mutual consent. The Indiana Supreme Court says that this claim is groundless, and that a license fee is a mere tax, which may be increased, diminished or obliterated, at the pleasure of the taxing power, and that is sound law.

THE Yellow River has again burst its banks in Shantung, inundating an immense extent of country. There are twelve feet of water throughout ten large governmental districts. The loss of life and property is incalculable. The Government authorities at Peking are dismayed. Owing to the incapacity of the local authorities, foreign engineering aid, in order permanently to repair the channel of the river, is considered imperative.

PRINCETON COLLEGE has just lost one of the best furnished and most thoroughly practical of its Professors. Alexander Johnson, who for a few years has taught in the Department of Jurisprudence and Political Science and kindred subjects, died on the 20th of July, in the fortieth year of his age. He was comparatively a young man, and was thought to have before him a fine career of usefulness. His broken health hindered him greatly in his work, and rendered him unable to do much that he had planned and was striving to accomplish. He was buried in the graveyard of Princeton.

THE committee of the English Presbyterian Church on the Church's relation to the Confession, met recently to receive and consider further suggestions from presbyteries on the articles of faith, and also to draft the proposed appendix setting forth the mind of the Church on other matters not referred to in the standards, but not embraced in the articles. They did not get further than the first chapter, which is of the question of Church polity. The committee on law and historical documents continued the revision of the Book of Order, the first five chapters of which have been already revised.

THE sexton of the First Presbyterian Church, at Budd's Lake, N.J., was badly stung by bees on Saturday, while fixing a rope to the church bell. For some time past the bell has not given a proper sound, and when the rope broke, the old sexton climbed up the steeple to mend it. He no sooner turned the bell over than a swarm of bees attacked him, stinging him terribly. He managed to reach the lake with his clothing and head covered with the angry bees, and was nearly drowned before he was rescued. He is fearfully stung, and it will be some weeks before he recovers. The bees were afterward smoked from the belfry, and about fifty pounds of honey was taken from the bell.

For more than fifty years Eli and Sybil Jones, of the Society of Friends, pursued a remarkable work as traveling missionaries and preachers in the United States, Liberia, England and Ireland, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, France, and the Holy Land. Wherever they went they spoke with so much spiritual power as to become instruments of blessing to many; and among their admirers were Whitaker and John Bright. Sybil was called to her reward in 1873; but Eli remains in extreme old age, and by his help Mr. Rufus Jones, M. A., has just published at

Philadelphia an intensely interesting volume giving details of the life and work of these two devoted friends.

A FORTHCOMING work by Professor Maspero, on the Royal Egyptian mummies which were unbandaged in 1866, among them being the great Mosaic Pharaoh, Ramesses II., contains much that is interesting. Among the mummies was one of a young man who had evidently been embalmed alive. The brain, heart, stomach, etc., were intact. The body had been tightly bound in three places, round the shoulders, round the wrists and loins, and round the feet, the ligatures being drawn with such force as to leave deep furrows in the flesh. Then he was covered with a thick coat of bitumen, lime, and pounded resin, and wound from head to foot with bandages soaked in some glutinous preparation, which caused them to adhere with such tenacity that they had to be sawn off. The agonized expression of the face, the open mouth, the swollen and knotted muscles bore witness to his desperate struggles. His age was about 23, and in his ears were small gold earrings. He evidently was of high rank and the victim of some unspeakable tragedy.

ACCORDING to the Glasgow Christian Leader, the diary of Rev. John Mill, minister of the parishes of Dunrossness, Sandwick, and Cunningsburgh, in Shetland, from 1740 to 1803, just published by the Scottish History Society, contains some curious matter. With an annual stipend of £50 Mr. Mill continued to leave £2,000, carefully invested. He was a firm believer in the malign personality of Satan, and also in demoniacal possession. The editor of the diary remarks that Mill in the denunciation of sinners and backsliders seems almost to wield the pen of a Hebrew prophet; in his efforts at self-mortification and conflicts with Satan he savours of a medieval saint; while in his hatred of popery, prelacy, and abounding error, he exhibits all the sternness and zeal of a Covenanters. And all those characters are blended with that of the astute modern business man, well acquainted with percentages and markets, and having a keen scent for profit. He was not averse from spirits which had evaded the customs, denouncing one offender not for drinking smuggled gin, but for doing so without asking Divine blessing on it.

THE American Institute of Sacred Scriptures has been formed at Chautauqua, and is to take the place of what has been known as the American Institute of Hebrew. The governing body consists of twelve members, among whom are the following well known Biblical teachers: Professor Francis Brown, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York; Willis J. Beecher, Auburn Theological Seminary; Charles Rufus Brown, Newton Theological Seminary; George L. Burroughs, Amherst College; T. W. Bartlett, Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Philadelphia; Edward McCurtis, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago; W. R. Harper, of Yale; M. S. Barrett, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; and Marcus D. Ball, of Boston. The Institute is to provide instruction in the original languages of the Bible, in the ancient and modern versions, and in Biblical history and literature. The work will be done through summer schools organized by local boards. Schools will be held in connection with the Chautauqua Assemblies, also correspondence schools in Hebrew, New Testament Greek, the English Bible and the Semitic languages, and courses of examinations based on an original plan of study. Besides the twelve directors there will be associate and honorary members drawn from among the leading Old and New Testament scholars of this country and Europe.

SAVS the Philadelphia Journal: The Supreme Court of Minnesota has given in the case of Dr. West vs. the First Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, a decision which shows accurate knowledge of our system, and announces what will be accepted as law in other States. As to justice and equity of its application to the particular case, we do not understand enough of its circumstances to judge. The syllabus of the decision is as follows: "1. Under General Statutes of Minnesota, 1878, Ch. 34, Sec. 225, relating to religious corporations, the sole authority to ascertain and fix the salary or compensation to be paid to a minister is vested in the society or congregation. 2. According to the usage and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the call of a congregation for the services of a regular pastor, and the proceedings of the parties under it, are subject to the decision of the Presbytery having jurisdiction, and the regular pastoral relation is constituted by the Presbytery after the due acceptance of the call by the candidate. 3. And until such acceptance by him no civil contract for his permanent employment as regular pastor at the stipulated compensation can be formed or made obligatory upon the congregation. 4. And if, by mutual consent, his pastoral services are accepted as rendered, under or in pursuance of the call, still the relation must be regarded temporary only, pending his decision, and no permanent obligation rests upon the congregation to pay him as if the regular pastoral relation had been duly constituted, or longer than it may consent to such employment, but for actual services so rendered the rate of compensation fixed in the call may be referred to, and properly adopted, as the measure of his compensation."

Special Notices.

THE Spanish Government has forbidden any demonstration calculated to encourage the Pope to come to Spain in the event of his leaving Rome.

THE Lutheran Church has been totally suppressed in Russia. Such religious intolerance is in keeping with the semi-barbarous character of that vast autocratic empire.

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CARDINAL LAVIGERIE'S International Anti-Slave Congress, which was to have met at Lucerne on August 4, has been postponed until after the French elections, so as to enable prominent Frenchmen who are interested in the movement to attend.

DR. LAUGHTON, senior minister of St. Thomas' Free church, Greenock, has attained his ministerial jubilee, having been ordained 18th July, 1839, but at his request it has been agreed to postpone the celebration until October. He is in his 76th year.

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ONE of the largest salaries paid to Nonconformist preachers in North Britain is that which has just been paid to the Rev. John Hunter, of Trinity church, Glasgow. The congregation has just increased the stipend to the sum of £1,000. There is not more than one church in Scotland which yields its minister a higher income.

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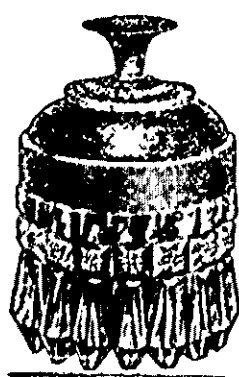
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