

Wesleyan clergymen in a certain town in that colony exchange pulpits once a month, and that this is done with the knowledge and sanction of the Bishop of Bathurst.

In the great fire at Chicago there were burned 75 churches and mission schools. The New England (Congregational) Church, Rev. L. T. Chamberlain, one of the most elaborate structures in the city, was laid in ruins, as was the home of every member of the church. The First and Second Presbyterian churches, the First Universalist, Trinity Episcopal, and the New Jerusalem churches, are among the ruins. The Roman Catholics suffered greatly, losing as many as seven churches, six convents, eight schools, and two hospitals, worth in all some \$5,000,000. The Theological Seminaries, Congregational, Baptist, and Presbyterian, were saved, yet truly, "so as by fire," since their most liberal benefactors have lost so heavily. Mr. Moody's Independent Church, on Illinois street, is gone. The Congregational Secretaries have removed from 84 Washington street to the Theological Seminary, Union Park.

Among the other sufferers, our noble contemporary, the *Advance*, has "lost its office, and all its property, except its valuable subscription list. Not only so, but the prominent financial supporters of the paper have been so disabled as to be powerless to aid in the present crisis." It had expended \$75,000 in establishing itself, addressed a weekly audience of 100,000, (we suppose = 20,000 subscribers), and was, in our judgment, as near a model of what a religious paper should be, as we have ever seen, or expect to see. By the ability, breadth and judiciousness of its editorials, the rich variety of its contributions, the exceeding care and fulness of its sub-editorial work, and its entire tone and spirit, it "took" with us from the very first number, and had become almost a necessary of life. We would join our voice, with all our heart, in the general cry, "The *Advance* must be sustained." We therefore urgently second the appeal of the editor for a large and immediate increase to its subscription list, and for the prepayment, for two years, of the subscriptions of those now on the list. Our ministers and people ought to know what is going on among the churches across the lines. The subscription price of the *Advance* is at present \$2.50 per annum. On the 1st January, it will be raised to \$3. To this sum has to be added 20 cents for U. S. postage to Canada. One cent weekly will be charged by the Canadian post office. We shall have great pleasure in forwarding to the office any subscriptions which parties may prefer sending to us; for which purpose \$2.50 in Canadian money will be sufficient. Or \$2.70 in greenbacks can be sent direct to "The *Advance* Company, Chicago, Illinois." We should be very glad also to forward any subscriptions, from \$1 upward, to the *Advance* Relief Fund, as a gift to the paper, to set it on its feet again. As an example of the energy of the management, we may say that the publication of the paper was only intermitted for one week. The first number after the fire, dated October 19, comes to us in diminished proportions and unfamiliar type. It had to be published in Cincinnati! and "not a pound of type, not a page of manuscript, not a sheet of printing paper, was saved from the office." But in two or three weeks it is expected that "the old paper, unchanged, save as it is improved," will reappear.

Literary Notices.

A new sixpenny magazine, *The Congregationalist*, to replace the *Christian Witness*, edited by the Rev. R. W. Dale, M. A., of Birmingham, is announced to appear on the 1st January, 1872. Publishers—Hodder & Stoughton.