

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. A. J. Townend leaves for England on Monday week. We understand that he is to repeat his lecture on "Sam Slick," at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of a Charitable object, and that the occasion will be taken of presenting him with an Address, expressive of the kindly feelings of the community towards him. This will, we feel sure, be responded to by many of those who, for the past twelve years, have been delighted and instructed by Mr. Townend's lectures, and who have attended the Garrison Chapel. The lecture will be under distinguished patronage.

The Collections for the Dispensary were fairly large in the City Churches. Not as large as they would be did the Church-people really understand what is done by that Institution, but still an acknowledgment to some extent of the obligations the Church is under for its care of our people. Let us hope that another year the gifts for this purpose will be greater.

The Bishop of Manchester, Rt. Rev. James Fraser, D.D., is dead. The deceased prelate was a man of earnest piety, which took a very active form; of popular gifts, including a very facile speech, which he used rather more sometimes than was wise; of liberal views, yet narrow-minded in some respects; of unbending will and tenacious in following a policy once formed, it is somewhat difficult just now to assign him his proper place in the history of the English Church. Perhaps he will be best remembered by the part he took in the persecution and imprisonment in this tolerant age of priests of blameless life for their religious opinions. A warm interest will be felt in the appointment of his successor.

Rev. Dr. Partridge delivered an able and eloquent discourse at St. Luke's Cathedral, on Sabbath evening. In the course of his sermon, the Dr. earnestly and touchingly represented the claims of the City Dispensary.

CATHOLIC.

St. Patrick's Church, one of the finest in the Maritime Provinces, is rapidly drawing to a completion, and when finished, will be fully paid for. The Catholics of this city deserve the greatest credit for their struggle in carrying on this gigantic work, which has been accomplished by individual exertion.

The Catholic Churches of the city have never been so well filled as during the present autumn. Donations to Catholic charities and buildings have been cheerfully given, and a Christian spirit is evinced by rich and poor alike.

The *Zeitung* (Berlin) says that the number of Catholics in the world at the beginning of 1883, not including the so-called "Catholics of the Greek Church," must have been between two hundred and fifty and two hundred and seventy millions.

The published list of "English converts to the Catholic Church since 1843," has three thousand one hundred names, many of them very well known. The *Catholic Standard* says "that the book does not adequately represent the gains of the Catholic Church in England since the time of the Oxford movement, inasmuch as it takes no account of recruits from the lower ranks."

The *Liverpool Catholic Times* and the *Paris Univers*, both publish the following:—"The real practical Catholics of Paris are a minority of its population. Yet when an infidel Government became so progressive as to begin "secularizing" education by expunging from school books the word God, and all reference to a Supreme Being, or to a future State, this minority had the zeal and enterprise to establish over one hundred free Catholic schools. In June last, the number of these voluntary schools had increased to 193, each having from two hundred to one thousand five hundred pupils, all free of expense. The sum supplied by voluntary contribution for the support of these, amounted, on June 30th, to 22,750,000 franks." [\$3,365,000.]

PRESBYTERIAN.

According to a contemporary, the five divisions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have a total footing as follows:—The Northern Assembly has under its care 5,973 churches, with 5,341 ministers, and 615,942 communicants; the Southern Assembly numbers 2,040 churches, and 127,107 members. The Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church has 358 Churches, and 87,637 members; the Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has 2,463 churches and 122,249 members. The Reformed Church has 520 churches, and 81,880 members. Total 11,854 Churches, and 1,034,306 members. In addition to the above, there are 121 Churches and 10,745 members in the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, and about 20,000 Churches in the Association Synod, the Associate Reformed and Reformed Presbyterian General Synod.

METHODIST.

The Address of the Rev. Mr. Brecken to the Grafton-Street Sabbath School, on Sabbath last, was perhaps one of the most suitable and appropriate addresses we have ever had the pleasure of hearing. In fact, the whole service was one not to be forgotten.

The Primitive Methodist Church of England is in a prosperous condition. According to the Annual Report, there are 4,233 chapels and an average attendance of 551,448 bearers. The income for last year was \$1,288,655. During the year, eighty-five new churches have been built.

BAPTIST.

In the two States of Vermont and New Hampshire, the loss to the Free Will Baptist denomination since 1884 has been 94 churches, 63 ministers, and 6,529 communicants, being about one-third of its total strength.

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