

Paragraphic.

The Church membership in Baltimore is said to be larger in proportion to the population than that of any other city of its size in the Union, 117,689 of the 340,000 people being enrolled as communicants in the several churches.

In the diocese of Central Pennsylvania in eleven years Bishop Howe has consecrated 27 churches of great beauty and value, of stone and of costly furnishings. Nearly two-thirds of the parishes have commodious and well-built parsonages.

The Bishop of New Jersey visited Trinity Church, Elizabeth, November 1st, and confirmed three persons, viz: the Rev. E. Wright, with his wife and another lady, all from the Baptists. Mr. Wright is looking forward to ordination and ministry in the Church.

A correspondent of the Reformed Episcopal organ says: "We need to do something to strengthen the confidence of the community in the certainty of our continuance as a Church, so, even to retain the respect and support of some who are still in our own ranks."

An evidence of religious zeal is the spirit of improvement which pervades the churches in Baltimore. There are now seven churches in course of erection, ranging in cost from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Among them St. George's (the Memorial to Bishop Whittingham) and the Memorial Church of All Saints.

Let us hope, in view of the increased attention to the evils of the custom, that ladies will not offer wine to their guests on the coming New Year's day. We make this early mention of it, in order that the matter may be freely talked over. There can be no doubt that the more it is talked about, the less favor the bad practice will find.—*N. Y. Observer.*

The church edifice that is now being completed on East Tenth street, New York, is to be a gift to St. Mark's Church from Mr. Rutherford Stryker. Its cost is to be \$120,000, exclusive of the land. There is to be a chapel, library, and Rector's study on the main floor, a kindergarten on the upper floor, and a children's Sunday school in the basement.

The diocese of Massachusetts is enjoying many evidences of the favor of the gracious Master. Rarely has there been a period when so many new churches and chapels have been projected, and so many consecrations provided for. Besides this, there is much that is gratifying in the peace and prosperity of many parishes, where the steady work of years is bringing forth abundant results.

A branch of the Italian Mission of New York city is to be established in Brooklyn, under the care of the missionary, the Rev. Constantine Stander. There are some 10,000 Italians resident in Brooklyn, and already more than a hundred families of them have been brought into the communion of the American Church, by the effort centered in New York. Within a short time, a layman of Brooklyn, Mr. Briton Richardson, has placed at the disposal of Bishop Littlejohn a chapel building at the corner of President and Van Brunt streets.

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