

CHURCH NEWS. GENERAL.

In Greenland there are 7,000 Esquimaux converts under the fostering care of the Danish Mission Society.

REV. GEORGE S. HAYS has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Palestine, Ohio, to go to China as a missionary.

Mr. Moopy, who has just completed a series of very successful services in Chicago, was offered a \$10,000 residence and \$15,000 a year to remain in that city. He declined the offer.

PRINCETON COLLEGE.—Total of students, 435; church members, 204; weekly prayer-meetings, 3; Christian Association members, 209; avowed conversions during last twelve-month about 20; having the ministry in view about 50.

The Pope has issued a brief to the clergy of Italy forbidding the use of polkas, waltzes, and other forms of dance-music in churches. There might be use for a Pope in America if he could put a check upon the musical proceedings in some of our churches.—N. Y. Observer.

The San Francisco Theological Seminary has elected two new professors, Rev. Henry J. VanDyke, D.D., of Brooklyn, as Dr. Scott's successor in the chair of Systematic Theology, and Rev. James Ellis, D.D., of Cincinnati, to the chair of Practical Theology, as they call it, meaning: Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, which he formerly occupied.

REV. MR. JOHNSON, Presbyterian missionary to India, has taken temporarily the department of theology in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, in the absence of Prof. S. H. Kellogg, who has gone to Florida on account of ill-health. When Dr. Kellogg was called to his professorship he was just returned from missionary work in India.

REV. DR. J. PANTON, of the Forty-second Street Presbyterian Church, New York, informed his congregation that three lots of ground in Sixty-fifth Street, worth \$50,000, had been given them for a mission school, and that he wanted \$50,000 to build and equip it. Though a surprise to his people, they at once gave \$21,000, and the rest will be forthcoming.

This site on the west side of Cathedral Square offered by Glasgow Town Council for the new Barony church has been accepted by the landward heritors. Already two-thirds of the money needed for the erection of the church has been secured, £4,000 from the congregation. Dr. Marshall Lang is in hopes that the building will be commenced before the ensuing spring has passed.

St. BNOCH'S church, Belfast, Ireland, (Dr. Hanna), has 721 seatholders and 600 communicants on the roll. The Sabbath schools have 158 teachers and 3,228 scholars on the rolls. The central daily schools had a total of 725 on the rolls, and an average attendance for the year of 555. Dr. Hanna had four other schools under his care, making a total of 2,080 scholars.

At a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, it was intimated, says the Daily Review, that Dr. Scott, of Rutherglen, had, in the most handsome and generous manner, handed over a capital sum of upwards of £12,000 to the committee, the annual interest of which sum is to be expended on the Church's missions in India and Africa.

The true feeling of the Pope and the Roman Church towards Ireland is shown in the comment of the *Moniteur de Rome* upon the Queen's speech on the opening of Parliament. The *Moniteur*, recognized as the organ of the Vatican, expresses annoyance and disgust at the opposition displayed in the Queen's speech to the sundering of the legislative union between Great Britain and Ireland, and longs for the time to come when the world shall see Protestantism entirely extirpated from Ireland and Catholicism universally recognized.

REPRESENTATIVE HAMERSLEY, of Hartford, has presented in the Legislature of Connecticut a memorial signed by committees of the religious denominations of the State, praying for restrictions on the running of railroad trains on Sunday. Accompanying the petition was a draft for a bill prohibiting the running of trains, excepting for purposes of mercy or necessity, between nine a.m. and three p.m., unless carrying the United States mails. The object of the memorialists is to stop the Sunday excursion trains in the summer.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for uniting the Presbyterian Churches of the Australian Colonies in one General Assembly. The Churches of Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, and New Zealand, are to send delegates to one General Assembly, meeting alternately in Sydney, and Melbourne. The difficulty has hitherto been the distance. Adelaide is 500 miles from Melbourne, Melbourne is 600 miles from Sydney, and Sydney 500 from Brisbane. Steam and electricity have now made them all next-door neighbours, and the Federal Assembly will hold its first meeting in next July.

SIR WILLIAM COLLINS laid the memorial stone recently of the new church for the Newark congregation at Port Glasgow, Scotland. Of the early English Gothic style, it will accommodate eight hundred persons, and cost £3,500

of which £2,000 has been subscribed. Sir William expressed his belief that there never was a period in the history of their Church and country when they required to watch with more jealous care the blessings they now enjoyed. There were forces rising around them in ecclesiastical and political spheres which threatened to weaken, if not destroy, the bulwarks of their national faith and freedom, thus robbing them of their heritage of liberty and religious toleration. It had been alleged that the impulse given to Christian liberality at the Disruption would gradually decline. He saw no sign of this, for now, when they were approaching the jubilee of the Free Church, the contributions of her members had reached the magnificent sum of over £600,000 per annum.

THE following summary of statistics shows the present position of the Waldensian evangelistic work in Italy outside of the valleys.—Forty-three organized churches, 36 stations or churches in course of formation, 171 places periodically visited by neighbouring ministers or evangelists—in all, 250 places where the gospel is preached; 35 ordained ministers, 5 evangelists, 12 teacher-evangelists, 51 teachers, 3 colporteur-evangelists, 14 colporteurs (one with Bible van) giving a total of 120 agents; 3,926 communicants, 6,770 average attendance of members and adherents, with about 40,000 occasional hearers; 2,380 scholars in the Sunday Schools, 2,876 in the week-day schools, total amount contributed in Italy for all purposes, £2,420 sterling. So far as mere numbers go, the year's net gain to the membership of the Church is not great; for while 544 new names have been put on the roll, 396 have been removed through death, emigrations, etc. The number of those whose names have been cancelled in consequence of church discipline does not amount to one per cent.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria has been occupied with the question of the Scots' church at Melbourne, of which the Rev. C. Strong was formerly minister. Mr. Strong has formed a new congregation, which meets in the Temperance Hall, and his friends and supporters are promoting a movement for organizing an "Australian Church" under his ministry. A site has been procured for the erection of a church, and £7,000 has been subscribed for that object; but the building will not be commenced till there is £10,000 in hand. The Assembly adopted a resolution directing the presbytery to remove from the communion roll of the Scots' church the names of all persons known to be connected with Mr. Strong's new congregation, and enjoining all Presbyterians to satisfy themselves that every person licensed, ordained, or inducted, accepted the standards of the Church in their natural and obvious sense, especially in regard to the great spiritual truths of the divinity of Christ, his propitiatory sacrifice, and real resurrection from the dead.

FROM the western frontier a missionary of the American Sunday School Union reviews his work for fourteen years thus: "I have organized 555 schools, and aided by visits and addresses (including re-visits) 1,660 schools. In these were 74,366 members. I have travelled by wagon 63,510 miles, visited 5,310 families, distributed 5,076 Bibles and 4,871 Testaments, and 57,610.91 in S. S. supplies, given sermons and addresses to all sorts of people—white, red, and black, and of different nationalities; and in all sorts of places, under bushes, arbours, and trees, in log houses, having only dinky floors, railroad depots, saw-mills, and sheds. Through an interpreter I have spoken to Indians of many tribes—Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, Creeks, Delawares, Miami, Modocs, Osages, Ottawas, Pawnees, Peorias, Quapaws, Sac and Fox, Seminoles, Senecas, Shawnees, and other parts of tribes and their ex-slaves. The past year I have organized new schools, and supplied them with 657 Bibles and Testaments. I have been wonderfully preserved, sometimes sleeping in winter in the open air in my wagon, or by camp-fires, or in open houses, with sleet pelting down on me, but never had pneumonia or sore throat.

THE prevalent feeling with respect to the need for improving Sabbath School work finds expression in a series of seven recommendations sent by the school superintendents within its bounds to the U. P. Presbytery of Edinburgh: They desire ministers to devote some part of the ordinary church service to children's needs, and that, besides words of instruction and encouragement, one hymn in the service should be a children's hymn. It is also suggested that ministers should give prominence in their Bible classes to the Sabbath School work as a sphere of labour; that they show special concern for the growth of spiritual life in all teachers, that a short and pointed statement of the duties and qualifications of teachers be prepared; that the presbytery should secure competent lecturers to give instruction in teaching work; that there should be regular visitation of the schools by ministers and sessions, as also periodical examinations; and that the presbytery consider the advisability of an alteration in the hours at which the schools assemble and the places in which they meet. This, it must be admitted, is a pretty comprehensive programme, and it seems to indicate the existence of a notion that the ministers ought to do more for the furtherance of Sabbath School work.—*Christian Leader*.

Medicines.

WHAT IS CATARRH?

From the Mail (Can.), Dec. 15.

Catarrh is a mucopurulent discharge caused by the presence and development of a vegetable parasite in the internal lining membrane of the nose. This parasite is only developed under favourable circumstances, and these are—Morbid state of the blood, at the slightest capillary of tubercle the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxins, from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of the germ, which spread up the nostrils and down the face, or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat, on the epistachian tube, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cord, causing hoarseness; causing the proper structure of the nasal tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

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