

the Christian's home in glory," &c. After teaching his class in Sunday school he returned to his home, and feeling indisposed, he concluded not to preach in the evening. No one supposed him dangerously ill. His wife awaking at there o'clock found him asleep in the arms of Jesus, apparently having passed away without a struggle."

Brother Hooper removed some years ago with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, where, after graduating with honour in a medical college, he was called to a Professorship in the Homœopathic College in that city. In 1865 he removed to Bay City. He continued to preach as occasion offered, frequently supplying pulpits in the city in the absence of the regular pastors. He had a large practice in Bay City, and was beloved by all who knew him. He was sometimes known as "the praying doctor," which name he received from his practice of praying with such of his patients as he knew to be near unto death. He also bore the enviable name of "Peacemaker." It was largely owing to his influence and labour that the First Congregational Church of Bay City was organized last July, which has ever been self-sustaining, and now owns a large and convenient house of of worship almost completed.

His funeral was attended by a very large concourse of friends.

Professor Swing, of Chicago, has organized a church in that city, to be known as the Central Church, of which the following is the creed and covenant:—

"We, whose names are signed to this paper, earnestly desiring to promote our own spiritual welfare, and to take some part in the

great work of helping others to lead the Christian life, living in a large city, where the moral work to be done is so great, do form ourselves into a Christian society, to be known as the Central Church of Chicago. We would found our church upon the great doctrines of the New Testament. We believe in the divine character and mission of Christ; that He is the Saviour which man in his sinfulness and darkness needs; that all those believing and following this Christ are entitled to the name of Christians. Furthermore, as at the Holy Communion many leading evangelical churches cordially invite to the Supper all who love the Lord in sincerity and truth, so we, feeling that no service of the sanctuary is holier than its communion, would invite into full membership all who make this Saviour their way, truth and life."

Decidedly "Broad Church," we should say! The Professor will surely have *swing* enough in such a creed.

The *Christian World* says that the teachings of Mr. Pearsall Smith have begun to produce pernicious results in some of the Evangelical churches of Germany. From one of the Baptist churches no fewer than eleven members had to be excluded. They professed to be so perfect that they required no more religion, and were able to dispense with confession of sin, prayer, Sabbath meetings, and sermons. One or two have burned their hymn-books. The German churches can ill afford the weakening effects of this shock.

Every session of the British Parliament witnesses a renewal of the struggle over the Burials Bill, the object of which is to open the parish churchyards to Dissenters and Churchmen on equal terms. Thus far it has been with the uniform result of defeat to the Dissenters. But, like true British soldiers, they never know when they are beaten and Mr. Osborne Morgan has this time returned to the attack by introducing a resolution instead of a Bill, affirming