

ecclesiastical polity the distinguishing characteristic of his calculation, and might thus have increased his sum total greatly, by taking in all other Protestant denominations which adopt the Presbyterian form of government. But according to the true criterion of determining the size of a denomination, viz: by the number who adopt its confession, the above calculation is incorrect. The number of those referred to above who have adopted the Westminster Confession, the symbol of the Presbyterian Church, is comparatively small, while the number of those who have adopted the Augsburg Confession, according to the statistics of the *Evangelical Review*, is 47,115,500. The Lutheran is, consequently, not only the largest Protestant denomination, but is numerically almost, if not quite, equal to all the other Protestant denominations combined.—*Lutheran Observer*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Two hundred Catholic priests are soon to leave Rome for the Southern States, where they will undertake the education of the freedmen.

The Methodist Protestant knows of a case where sponge cake and wine have been employed instead of bread and wine at the Communion Table.

George C. Reynolds, M. D., a leading man in one of the mission schools of Chicago, goes out soon to Eastern Turkey as a missionary of the American Board.

The Howard University at Washington has been presented with a copy of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" complete, printed in the Chinese language. It was brought from China by a negro sailor.

There is a movement among the more liberal Jews, in favor of changing their day of rest from Saturday to Sunday. The *Israelite*, published in Cincinnati, is cautiously taking ground in behalf of this change.

The increased expense of living in India has led Dr. Duff to labor with all his energy to raise \$250,000 in Scotland to build "mansions" for the Free Church missionaries in India. He has already raised \$100,000, mostly in Glasgow.

The Roman Catholic Bishops have met in Dublin, and adopted resolutions demanding an exclusive Catholic College endowment by the State, the division of the property of royal and endowed schools, the alteration of Queen's Colleges to denominational institutions, and a general land bill for Ireland.

Rules formerly adopted, forbidding the formation of singing associations, and the introduction of instrumental music into the churches of the United Brethren, were, at their last General Conference, repealed, and their congregations are, consequently, left free to introduce them.

The Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, has undertaken to establish a pastor's library. One thousand dollars' worth of books, such as any minister would ordinarily consult, are to be purchased, and then additions are to be made yearly of the choicest religious works published. The project deserves imitation outside of the Congregational Church.

Zion's Herald quotes the boast of a Roman Catholic priest, in one of the manufacturing villages of Massachusetts, (through which an agent of the Bible Society went last fall, distributing Bibles), that he was now collecting them in, and using them for lighting fires, saying that he had Bibles enough to last him all winter for kindlings.

Bishop Kip, of California, and Bishop Whitestone, of Illinois, reject the word "Protestant" from the name Protestant Episcopal Church. The late Bishop Scott, of Oregon, regarded Protestantism as a blunder, believing that Luther and his co-laborers erred in withdrawing from the communion of the Roman Church.

New Churches.—The New York *Observer* compiles from its own columns the following statistics of churches organized, and meeting-houses dedicated within the past year. The record is interesting, although it is not claimed that it is complete:

Dedicated.	Organized.
Baptist.....	58
Presbyterian.....	43
Congregational.....	40
Methodist.....	38
Lutheran.....	72
German Reformed.....	34
Episcopal.....	10
Reformed.....	10
Mormon.....	1

Total.....271 122

Baptismal Vows.—Rev. A. McKeown, a Boston clergyman, has adopted the method of requiring persons who were baptized in infancy, to accept formally the yoke under their baptism by the parents or guardians. On a recent Sabbath six such persons came forward and made this formal acceptance.

Shaken by Song.—Lieut. McQueen, of Gen. Howard's staff, while in the army, attended Christian Commission meetings, and sang hymns at those meetings. On his return to the Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Washington, near Elgin, Ill., he narrated his experience, and was informed by his pastor that such conduct was inconsistent with church membership there. The congregation memorialized General Synod at its last meeting for a modification of its article bearing on this subject, but without success; whereupon four ruling elders, all the membership of the Board of Trustees, and thirty-two members of the congregation withdrew from the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and were organized into a Presbyterian congregation by a Committee of the Presbytery of Chicago—consisting of Rev. S. Hair, Rev. Robert Patterson, D.D., and Mr. James Christie—on Wednesday, the 21st ult. This rejection of the people against the exclusive use of Rouse's Psalm Book as a term of communion is going on extensively among the American-born members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the West.—*Ob-server*.

Boston Christianity—its Latest Type.—The Boston correspondent of the *Presbyterian* writes: "Among the many mission institutions for which this city is famous, about the most popular is the 'Warren Street Chapel,' sustained and conducted by the leading religious denominations. Among the accomplishments taught at this mission school, that of dancing is not the least important, so the managers think. Hence, at the last exhibition given by the school in Music Hall, on Washington's birthday, the chief, I might almost say the only performance given, was dancing." The secular papers give a graphic account of this religious entertainment. The Germania band discoursed most eloquent music. The children, in artistic costume, performed the Irish jig and flag dance amid the ringing plaudits of the "pious" spectators. The same church, whose pastor is a professor in Harvard University, provides for the delectations of its members, "private theatricals, Saturday afternoons at three o'clock, in the church vestry."

The pulpit teachings of a pastor who encourages, or even countenances, such revelings in his church, can not be according to the form of sound words. This, too, is the christianity which many of our Northern friends are anxious to introduce into the South to save us from barbarism.

Low Church Episcopalianism.—Two of the ablest Low Church Episcopalian journals, the *Philadelphia Episcopalian* and the *Protestant Churchman*, have boldly proclaimed the doctrine on which they stand as to the orders of the ministry, to be that of the "New Testament Episcopacy." That they hold to be expedient, good, and defensible, but not essential and immutable. They regard a bishop simply as *primus inter pares*. His is an official distinction, not one of essential and differing rank, caste, or order. They are simply chief presbyters, presidents, and overseers, not apostles. They have not any exclusive inherent and divine right to call and ordain others to the ministry. Ordination of a bishop is not ordination into a higher ministry like that of the apostles, but simply induction into an office of government, policy, economy, and expediency. This is what our friends mean by a "New Testament Episcopacy," and with this they will be content. And however we must differ from them as to the point of fact whether there is such an Episcopacy as that in the New Testament, we can but bid them God-speed in their efforts to act upon it, and upon it alone, if they find it there, discarding anything as obligatory, sacred, and immutable, because the church of the early ages practised it, if it is not in the New Testament. Such an Episcopacy is not an unbending one, and we could welcome it warmly to work by our side, in faith, hope, and charity. So God-speed, say we, to our Low Church friends, in their efforts in the direction thus indicated; which involves a reform within their church second only to that in which it had its origin.—*Congregationalist*.

Dr. Cumming has already made it known that he means to attend the Pope's Council—at least if he can get a safe-conduct; for it seems from a letter he has addressed to the *Times*, that his presence at Rome depends in some measure upon his being assured that he will not be dealt with as John Huss was. It was not known until this letter appeared in the *Times* that Dr. Cumming had written to the Pope himself "in the accustomed ecclesiastical Latin and form," addressing him as "Holy Father," and subscribing himself "Your Holiness' servant." The Pope has not yet replied, but in case his reply is of a favorable character, Dr. Cumming does not doubt that he will get it in time to be at Rome for the opening of the Council.

The revival at Richmond, Ind., which has been in progress for about six months, is one of the most remarkable on record. About nine hundred persons have been added to the various churches. Out-door meetings have been held twice a week, and a noon-day saloon prayer-meeting has become nearly a permanent institution. Some times as many as fifteen prayer-meetings in private houses have been simultaneously held in different parts of the city.

Current News.

Ex-Governor Worth, of North Carolina, died in Raleigh, September 6. Saturday is the marrying day in Paris, when they average about two hundred.

A correspondent says at least 350 buildings are in course of construction at Atlanta, Ga.

Gen. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, is dead. Sherman becomes Secretary of War *ad interim*.

Heber C. Kimball, the recently deceased Mormon, left \$50,000 to be divided among forty-one children.

The Nashville University is to be re-established, and an informal tender of the Presidency of the institution has been made to General Joseph E. Johnston.

Persons having business with the Revenue Department regarding any claims must communicate the same by mail. No person whatever will be allowed to communicate with the clerks or employees, without express permission from a deputy or solicitor.

The Paris *Journal*, officially contradicts the alarming rumor of the Emperor's bad health. It says the Emperor attends to his affairs daily, has suffered some from rheumatism, but at no time has his condition been such as to cause the least anxiety. The sessions of the Senate closed today.

On the Oxford-Harvard boatmatch, it is stated that £11,000, or about \$65,000, in greenbacks, were lost by Americans in London alone. All over this country bets were made on the result, and in New York the betting was very heavy. Several bets were made of \$6,000, to \$5,000, and \$1,000 to \$750 on the Oxford.

Commissioner Delano received his pay for the month of August on Monday, amounting to nearly \$500. The money was handed to him in a sealed envelope, and that is the last the Commissioner has seen of it. Whether he lost it out of his pocket, or whether the envelope found its way into the mail bag by mistake, he has not yet been able to ascertain.

Prince Napoleon is much bothered by a man who looks wonderfully like him and claims to be a son of King Jerome. The Prince denounces him for an impostor, but is careful not to have him arrested. The Emperor refuses the fellow audience, but the Empress has taken quite a fancy to him, and inclines to believe his claims not fictitious.

Gen. Canby has issued a proclamation of election in Virginia. Gilbert C. Walker will be installed Provisional Governor on the 21st inst., and John F. Lewis Provisional Lieutenant-Governor on October 5. The Legislature will be convened October 5. The adoption of the expurgated Constitution is announced. The following Wells-Congressmen are proclaimed elected: Platte and Porter; and the following Walker-Congressmen: Seagar, Booker, Ridgeway, McKenzie, Milner and Gibson.

Great excitement prevails at Scranton Pa., in consequence of the burning of a coal breaker at Avondale Mine, in Plymouth, about twenty miles South of that city. 201 men and boys were in the mine; the shaft, which was their only means of escape, was choked by forty feet of burning coal and rubbish, and ventilation totally stopped. There are great fears that some, if not all, will be suffocated.

A special dispatch to the *Evening Telegram* says the Avondale mine has been opened and all the miners are dead. It appears that the efforts to save the miners caused their death. The volume of air sent for ventilation carried fumes from the burning shaft into the mine. Nothing is now being done except throwing water down the shaft, which causes a damp blue vapor to arise, rendering the approach to the mouth of the mine very dangerous.

One hundred and three of the bodies have been brought up from the mine.

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Church Notices.

Tennessee Synod.
The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will hold its Forty-Ninth Annual Convention in Knoxville Church, New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia, commencing on Friday, the 15th day of October, 1899.

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Meeting of the Georgia Synod.
The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Georgia will be held (D. V.) at Mt. Pilgrim Church, Coweta County, commencing on Thursday, the 30th of September, 1899.

J. AUSTIN, Secretary.
Sep 15 5-1d

Synod of Georgia.
The members of the Synod of Georgia, and visiting brethren, coming by railroad, must be in the City of Griffin on Wednesday, 29th of September, by 10 o'clock, A. M., where they will find conveyances to take them out to Synod. All those coming will please report in time to L. Bussard, care Synod, in charge. The place of meeting is Mt. Pilgrim Church, Coweta County, Georgia.

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Synod of Virginia.
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will hold its annual meeting in the Lutheran Church, near Madison C. H., Madison County, Virginia, commencing on Thursday evening, October 14th, 1899.

All members of Synod, travelling by railroad, will stop at Gordonsville, where they will find stages, on Thursday, the 14th, to convey them to the Court House.

J. A. SNYDER, Secretary.
Sep 15 5-1d

Special Notices.
Almanac Notice.
The undersigned, Publisher of the Lutheran Church Almanac, kindly requests all secretaries of Lutheran Synods to send him, as soon as possible, and before the close of September, a copy of their latest minutes, with necessary corrections up to the present time. He would, also, ask those ministers who have changed their post office address and synodical connection, and those who intend to make a change soon, to inform him. All ministers and others are respectfully invited to aid in correcting and perfecting the statistical tables of the Almanac for 1899. Every assistance will be thankfully received.

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