

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Greenville, S. C., has now fifty-four students in attendance.

The annual exhibit of Rev. Dr. Redford, shows that the profits on the business of the Southern Methodist Publishing House amount to over \$44,000 for the past year.

A royal decree emanating from Berlin, Prussia, fixes the 10th of this month as a day of fasting and prayer, with particular reference to the great religious movements that now agitate Europe.

Baptists in Missouri.—The Central Baptist says: "Not more than two dozen Baptist ministers in Missouri are wholly given to preaching. Not more than two dozen out of 700 Baptist churches in Missouri have service every Sunday."

Bishop Doane, of the Episcopal Church, recently preached a sermon before the Diocesan Convention, in which he declared that "no clergyman's salary ought to be permitted to be less than \$1000 per year."

It is the custom now for many among the congregation of Trinity Church, New York, to bow to the chancel when entering the Church, and to cross themselves when they rise from their knees in their pews, just as the Papists do.

It is expected that some two hundred delegates from Europe, including Professors Dornier and Tholuck, will visit this country a year from this fall, to attend the meeting of the General Alliance, in this city. Prof. Schaff seems to be very successful in awakening interest on the subject in Germany.

Death of a Missionary.—The sad news has been received of the death of the Rev. Alexander Henry, one of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. He died of cholera, at Lahore, India, on the 16th of August, after a brief illness. He was much valued as a missionary, and had been in India for several years, and a faithful servant of Christ. He leaves a widow and six children.

A New Theological Faculty.—The Declaration Synod of Kentucky, met recently at Elizabethtown, appointed Rev. Messrs. W. F. Junkin, L. G. Barbour, and J. V. Logan, to give instruction in theology to candidates for the ministry, at Danville. The paper passed by Synod is in the following words:

"Synod has heard with gratification that the want of theological instruction for the young men of our Synod has been satisfactorily supplied by the effort of two of our brethren at Danville, viz: Rev. Messrs. W. F. Junkin and L. G. Barbour, and in view of the providence of God in placing under their care several young men, who are seeking the gospel ministry, and in order to meet more efficiently the exigencies of Synod in this regard, it is recommended that the Rev. J. V. Logan be associated with Brothers Junkin and Barbour during the ensuing year."

Mennonites.—Avaricious church members would often command the Mennonites, when called on to contribute to the support of the Gospel, and say: why can not our preachers do like theirs, they do not study, they preach for nothing, and work for their living. This argument will not be available much longer. The Mennonite Friedens bots says: "Many a minister must unwillingly, sadly and sorrowfully neglect the duties of his office, in order that he and his family may not suffer want. He manages to preach on the Lord's day, but he feels weary, exhausted, and is often unprepared. He has neither time nor opportunity for pastoral visits, the care of souls, and self-improvement, and it is evident, that the evil effects of this must fall upon his congregation. To obviate this, it is necessary that the minister is supported by the church, so that he can unshackled discharge the duties of his office." The Mennonites have a Theological Seminary at Wadsworth, Ohio.

At a late meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe College, Ga., they resolved that the institution should be reorganized and sustained. They were informed that if the College would be removed to Atlanta, that city and community would contribute \$40,000 in property or money. After discussion, it was resolved that the question of removal to Atlanta be referred to the Synods at their next meetings, and if the above sum in money or property should be contributed by the city and community of Atlanta by that time, and two or three Synods of Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama should so order, the institution should be removed to that city. Dr. Canningham, of LaGrange, Georgia, was elected President by a unanimous vote. Professor Smith is the incumbent of the Alabama Professorship. Professor Lane having resigned the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy, Rev. G. W. Petrie was elected to the same. Mr. S. Bates was elected to the Professorship of Ancient Languages.

Election of a Theological Professor.

The trustees of Union Theological Seminary, Va., met last Wednesday in Richmond for the purpose of filling the vacancy occasioned by the death of the venerable Dr. Wilson, the Senior Professor of that institution. After a prayerful consideration of the subject, their choice fell upon the Rev. Henry Carrington Alexander, D.D., who was elected Professor of New Testament Literature. Though a young man, the Rev. Dr. Alexander is one of the most thorough and accomplished Biblical scholars in our Church. He is a son of the late Rev. J. W. Alexander, D.D., of New York—and a grandson of the Rev. Dr. Archibald Alexander, whose memory is precious to many of the elder ministers, who learned to admire and love him, while sitting at his feet as students in Princeton Seminary. Dr. Alexander is now pastor of the village church at Charlotte C. H., Va., a field of labor which both his father and grandfather occupied in earlier years, and from which, if we mistake not, his grandfather was called to the Professorship in Princeton Seminary.—Chr. Observer.

Queer Ascetics.—The Methodists, once upon a time, were known as the "straight-laced" people; but that was long ago. True, here is the South, there may still be found representatives of the simplicity and unobtrusive christian modesty of a Wesley, Asbury, and a Whatcoat; but beyond the Potomac the war has made strange ravages in the church. There has been a tendency to prelatism and worldliness. Bishop Simpson it will be remembered, immediately after the war, went to the South, armed with an order from Stanton, and took possession of our Southern churches, forming out the congregations that had built these churches, and were worshipping in them.

Next we hear of the great centennial fund, and a million spent for the new Methodist headquarters in New York. A few weeks ago the papers brought accounts of a great scandal in the Book Concern, all in entire accordance with these post bellum developments.

Now we read of a fashionable wedding, of the daughter of Bishop Simpson. A grand affair it was, say the papers, bringing the President all the way from Washington, and gathering two score of newspaper reporters to do it up in sensational style. A fashionable wedding of a Methodist Bishop's daughter! Shades of Whitefield! "The bride," says Jenkins, "wore a beautiful set of pearls," &c., &c. We have no objection to pearls, but we can remember the time when Methodist Bishops' daughters did not wear them. Times have changed, and Northern Methodists, we suppose, change with them. [Charleston Courier.]

OLD WORLD.

In the Isle of Madagascar.—The religious progress made during the past year is not only the most rapid that has occurred within a similar period in any field of the Society's labors, but it finds no parallel among any people in modern days. The report of the missions speaks of 20,000 hearers added to the congregations during last year, and returns the converts at 37,000 persons, including 7,000 members.

The Ritualists, clerical and lay, are just now deeply excited over the contents of the letter or rescript of Pope Pius IX., in which his Holiness repudiates the idea of non-Catholics, or persons not in full communion with the Catholic Church, attending at the Ecumenical Council in Rome, and taking part in the proceedings. Puseyism, or ritualism, will not do. The delegates must belong to the Holy Mother by profession and baptism. The Rev. Dr. Cumming will not, consequently, have an opportunity of an oral discussion with the assembled prelates.

Conversions.—Another priest, from the assumed diocese of Westminster, has left the Church of Rome, and has been taken under the care and protection of the Reformed Priests' Protection Society. The priest, in his farewell to Rome, has written on "Infallibility," and thus says: "I lift up my voice and protest against the most appalling, and most presumptuous, and most blasphemous assumption of infallibility on the part of the Church of Rome. It is infallibility promised to any system at all! I have searched, and indeed most patiently—most anxiously searched, too, with a real desire to find this doctrine of infallibility in the Scriptures; but I have failed utterly. I have weighed and examined all the passages quoted from the Fathers and great theologians. I have been obliged to make a study of many of these passages as produced by the writers of smaller hand-books of Divinity called Compendia, and still I have failed utterly. I remember well how, when studying these so-called proofs in college, we i. e., myself and some of my fellow-students, used to smile at their very weakness."

Count Burgoyne, a French Catholic and heir to an immense estate has become a Protestant, and is studying for the ministry.

In the English Church there are now probably somewhat over six hundred sisters, belonging to forty-one different orders, and having under their charge no less than thirty-five charitable institutions of various kinds. In addition to these they have the direction of certain government hospitals and work-houses, and in times of great emergency undertake work of a special sort; as, for instance, during the cholera season of 1866, when members of no less than seven different sisterhoods were working in the East of London in hospitals and parochial districts.

Church and State.—The Roman Council.—The probability that the coming Ecumenical Council may declare the Pope a true autocrat of souls—a ruler whose command of any description it would be eternal peril to disobey—has attracted some attention from German Governments. These Governments are on their guard against danger to their sovereignty, and eager to prevent the very inception of disturbance.—Hence one of them enquiring of the theologians in its limits what would be the effect upon the relations of Church and State if the Council should declare the infallibility of the Pope as a dogma of the faith, has received for answer that in such case allegiance to the Government when in collision with the Pope might not be regarded as a plain duty by believers. Now, there are several Governments in Europe that are strong enough not to permit their authority to be questioned, even in the interest of the Pope, and some others that can not afford to have this point agitated. It is pretty clear, therefore, that if this is made a dogma its practical effect will be to rule the very Church itself out of all those countries. The Governments of Prussia, Austria, Italy and Spain will not in this age admit their subjects to the Pontif.—New York Herald.

A Continental Priest's Opinion of England.—The Gospel Magazine says: Mr. Weld, in his delightful Travels in the Pyrenees, says: "I sat for an hour in his study with the Cure of Mont Louis, sipping chocolate, while we chatted on various subjects. He was very desirous to know how many converts to his religion had been gained in England, and was much surprised when I declared my inability to give him the required information. He believed, in common with many other French priests, that England would soon be a Roman Catholic country, and that the majority of Englishmen had embraced popery. His great hope was that the revenues of the Protestant Church would be applied to the endowment of Roman Catholic establishments. Of these revenues he had magnificent ideas; and no wonder, when he contrasted the living of an English rector with his own modest stipend—less than £20 a year. The error of this poor priest was only one of quantity and of time; if popish errors speed their way over the minds of the people, poor and rich, during half a century to come, as they have done during the half century past, by the year 1900 mass will be performed in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the successor of the present so-called Archbishop of Westminster will be enthroned in our Westminster Abbey. Providence may, however, see fit to stop all this by some wise interference."

The Russian Church in England.—A letter appeared in the Moscow Gazette of July 29th, signed by a Mr. Stephen Hatherly, the self-appointed high priest of the Russian Church in England, in which he gives an account of his conversion to the Greek faith, and his renunciation of the Protestant communion in 1851, although, as he says, he enjoyed the favor of Dr. Pusey, the leader of the High Church party, and had some reason to expect promotion in his career. His object in visiting Russia at present is to obtain a grant from the Holy Synod for the erection of an orthodox temple in Wolverhampton, near Birmingham. He proposes to purchase an unoccupied Methodist chapel, which, with its internal requirements and a family residence, will cost £900.

He then goes on to say: "The parish for the proposed temple may be said to exist; already, as the petition presented to the Holy Synod is signed by twenty-one persons, and all of them have promised their zealous support. It would be very easy to show a far greater number of signatures, but I have preferred a few sincere persons to a mass of questionable people. All these persons, with the exception of two or three of them, have acquired their knowledge of the orthodox creed through me." Regarding the Russian war, he says: "When in 1853 his countrymen took the side of the infidel Turks,

he endeavored to enlighten them; but public opinion was too strong, and war followed. His efforts to enlighten his countrymen had been blessed; for last May one Englishman whom he had indoctrinated was received into the Church, and several others are waiting to declare themselves believers when the temple is ready. He invites the Russians to aid him with their contributions, and their enemies when they shall become orthodox, will become friends of Russia, so that its love will surely be repaid."

Current News.

The ceremonies attending the opening of the Suez Canal will begin at Port Said on the 16th of November, and will end at Suez on the 20th of that month.

The will of the late Franklin Pierce disposes of \$80,000, of which sum about \$40,000 goes to Frank Hawthorne Pierce, residuary legatee, now a student at Princeton College. The City of Concord, N. H., receives \$1,000 for the purchase of books for the library; various relics of the Mexican war are given to friends of the testator, and his family are suitably provided for.

Burning of an Ohio Lunatic Asylum.—Ten Persons Burned to death.—Yesterday a fire occurred at the Licking County (Ohio) Infirmary, situated two miles south of this place. One of the buildings was occupied by the insane patients, and when the fire was discovered it was too late to rescue them, on account of their having been locked up in their rooms, and they all perished in the flames.

Obituaries.

Died, in Columbia, S. C., Mrs. CATHERINE SWAFFIELD, aged 48 years. She was born in Vegesach, Germany, came to Charleston with her uncle, Capt. Whiting, and was first married to Mr. H. Franck, who died not long after the war. Two children of the first marriage, a son and a daughter, mourn the death of both father and mother.

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