

A revival at Oberlin, Ohio, has resulted in the conversion of about one hundred and fifty students.

There are fourteen Congregational Churches in Nebraska, the oldest of which was formed only four years since.

Great efforts are being made by the Roman Catholics to proselyte the Protestants of the South, especially in this case, in Louisiana and Texas.

The Southern Presbytery, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has designated fifteen laymen as suitable to be appointed by preachers, and have appointed a committee to superintend their labor.

One of the youths from the Methodist Sunday schools in South America who were sent to this country for education, has returned home, and is now preaching in Spanish to his countrymen.

Presbyterian Ministers.—According to the minutes of the last General Assembly, there are 857 ministers in our Connection. Of these, 300 are Pastors, 2 Co-Pastors, 34 Pastors-Elect, 153 Statuted Supplies, 84 without charge, 12 Evangelists, 27 Missionaries, 140 Editors, Teachers, &c., &c.—*Christian Observer*.

The Home Advocate. (Jefferson Texas,) speaking of the Trinity Conference, says:

"One of the interesting incidents of the Conference was the ordination of Rev. Moses Perry, a Choctaw Indian; the charges and vows being interpreted by Joshua Miller, also a Choctaw."

Dr. N. West.—A Lexington (Kentucky) paper says:

"Rev. Nathaniel West, lately elected to the chair of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, in Davierville Theological Seminary, has accepted an invitation from the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, to preach for it during the winter vacation of the Seminary." And he adds, "Since the days of McChord and Holley, Lexington has not had a minister so truly eloquent."

Methodist Missions.—*The Christian Advocate* is very hopeful of the future. It says:

"The practical result of the growing feeling recognizing renewed attention to the missionary cause is that the General Missionary Committee has advanced the appropriations for 1870 to \$800,000, of which \$140,000 is toward meeting drafts drawn on the treasury and running to maturity, and \$600,000 for the current expenditures in 1870.

The Baltimore *Episcopal Methodist* of Nov. 29, says:

"The revival at Holland street M. E. Church, South, in this city, still continues. The meeting has been in progress for more than seven weeks, and the pastor, Rev. J. W. Carter, reports that the interest manifested by the congregation is greater than at any period of the meeting. A remarkable feature of this revival is the conversion of numerous heads of families, amongst them some very aged. The church has become too small to accommodate the congregation, so that it will be necessary to make enlargements very soon."

The Indiana Lutherans have united in the formation of a "Central Synod." They have adopted the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism as their articles of faith. The following sound resolution concludes the series which declares their religious views: "Resolved, That as the founders in the formation of said Confession, intended to present the pure teachings of God's word; therefore it is absurd to attribute to God's Word, and is only justly interpreted, when explained by the infallible teachings of Christ and His Apostles."

The Communion Services.—The communion services which brought together the Presbyterian people of Philadelphia, on last Sabbath, were largely attended, and full of interest.

Both of the spacious churches in which these services were held, were filled with the members, elders and ministers of the churches, and great joy was felt in the fact that the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia was at last one. We think that there is a manifest growth in the sentiment of unity, caused by the uniting together of the brethren of the same fold in religious exercises, and especially by the gathering together at the table of the Lord.—*Presbyterian*.

The Children's Sabbath.—Rev. Dr. Wm. of Lockport, sets a good example in observing what he calls the Children's Sabbath. On the morning of the Lord's day after the communion, he preaches upon infant baptism, the duties of parents to their baptized children, the promises to those who fulfil those duties, and similar topics. At this time also, children are presented for baptism. The second of October, twenty-three were brought forward at one time. On the previous Children's Sabbath, nineteen were so presented.

OLD WORLD NEW GERMANY.

The Prussian Bible Society has distributed, since its foundation in 1814, more than three millions of copies of the Holy Scriptures. In the year 1867 alone, the number was 900,000.

Religious Life in Germany.—At the annual meeting of the Kirchentag, at Stuttgart, the 1st of September, Dr. Wicke, the "Father of Home Missions" in Germany, discussed the "State of Religious Life," and referred to some of its causes. He dwelt upon the manner in which the Reformation was affected by the sovereigns leaving the Church of Rome, so that the people followed without any real experience of the power of the gospel. He suggested three things as remedies in a degree—lay preaching, the care of the wants of the people by Christians, and a reform in the abuse of confirmation as now practised. He said these views had been in his mind for thirty years, although he had never expressed them so fully before. The address was listened to with great interest. Other speakers followed, attesting the efficacy of lay preaching, and the essential necessity that employers should be seen to take a practical interest in the welfare of their workmen.

Inidelity in the German Church.—In Berlin, the Protestant Association, which represents the free-thinking schools of clergy, has been holding its annual meeting. The use of ecclesiastical buildings having been refused by the Orthodox, it had to fall back upon a building placed at its disposal by the Town Council.

The society disavows a belief in miracle, excepting that it believes in God by immutable laws to be in no instance to be interfered with.

The inaugural sermon was preached by Dr. Schwartz, chaplain to the Duke of Coburg-Gotha. The following statement of faith was given in the course of it: "We believe in Christ as an historical person, whose image has been obscured by fanatic traditions, but whom we reverence as the pure and noble founder of the Church. We believe in the gospel and its doctrine of all-embracing love as taught by Christ. We deny miracles, knowing the universe to be governed by fixed laws; but we recognise the wonders worked by the Spirit, we recognise the force of love and the hope beyond the grave. We protest against the assumption of our adversaries, that, in denying the arbitrary interference of God in the progress of mundane affairs, we have abandoned our belief in a living God. Others attacked the notions of future punishment, the existence of evil spirits, etc. This society wishes to maintain a belief in God, but their God is a being of no interest to any—taking no part in the control of the affairs of the universe. Whatever its intention, its efforts, if successful, can only lead to absolute Atheism."

ENGLAND.—The Rev. Baptist W. Noel, a much distinguished London Baptist clergyman, writes to Rev. Charles Howard Malone, of New-Port, approving Mr. Malone's open-communion practice. He says:

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