

On Easter day a one thousand dollar bill was found among the offerings of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Pawtucket, R. I.

There are in Philadelphia 552 Sunday-schools, with a total membership of 163,681, and an average attendance of 112,312. These schools have given during the past year 2,779 scholars to the communicant membership of the churches, and have contributed \$65,464.22 to purely benevolent causes.

In Miles City, Montana, the Methodists believe in receiving contributions from anybody, whether good or bad, who is disposed to give. They place contribution boxes in the drinking saloons, and some of the patrons of those establishments drop a coin or two in whenever they take a drink.

Rev. Josiah Henson, the original of Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom," died on the 5th inst., at Dresden, Ontario. He was born in Maryland, on the 15th of June, 1789, and was consequently 94 years of age at the time of his death.

At the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Jesuitism in this country at the church of the Immaculate Conception in Boston recently, Bishop O'Reilly said: "No one outside of the church of Jesus Christ can be saved, and it is needless to prove that this church is the only church of Jesus. One might as well have tried to be saved outside of the ark in the days of Noah." After this there followed a banquet, and on the bill of fare were five different kinds of alcoholic drinks.

It is a fact suggestive of the influence of the gospel on the condition of women, that, in Turkey, where a few years ago men yoked their wives with oxen, the curriculum in some of the colleges for the education of women compares favorably with similar institutions in America. One of the girls who was graduated from Harpoot Seminary is at present engaged in making a concordance of the Bible in modern Armenian.

Stockport, Scotland, claims to have the most wonderful Sabbath-school in the world. Its membership comprises 400 teachers and 4,500 children, and nearly 96,000 children have passed through the school since its commencement.

Miss Anna Oliver says that either Boston University must cease to admit women students to its theological department, or the Methodist Episcopal Church must welcome them to the ministry.

There is much anxiety of mind among the Episcopal clergymen of Rochester, N. Y., and other places, because persons who care little for religion, and not so much for preaching, have been coming to the churches to hear the fine music. These persons have been attracted by the publication of programmes setting forth what music would be performed. The clergymen think that this publication has been unwise and they have come to the conclusion to stop it, rather than tempt their fellow beings to commit the sin of attending church from unworthy motives.

The Presbyterian ministers of Chicago have given up preaching in connection with the communion, and declare that they find it more profitable to devote the time to "prayer, praise remarks on the sacrament, silent meditation, and thanksgiving." They also think the practice of continuous speaking during the distribution of the elements distracting, and recommend the silent method. This the Presbyterian minister can do, and so can almost all the others. In the Reformed Church the minister is only required to repeat two brief portions of Scripture.

The Baptists of the State of Connecticut have purchased a large tract of land at Crescent Beach, about seven miles west of New London, and will there establish a denominational watering place. The land will be sold—one hundred lots at one dollar a piece—the bargain to be invalid unless all the lots are taken. The parties now owning the property agree, when all the lots are bought and paid for, to build a \$4,000 tabernacle for the use of owners of the lots, who are expected to erect cottages on their property and dwell there during the heated term. Daily services will be held at the tabernacle. Seventeen lots have already been disposed of to families at Norwich. There is great enthusiasm manifested in the project by Baptists throughout the State.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey arrived in New York by the steamship *Alaska* on Sunday May 6.

Mr. Sankey attended the gospel services at the Cooper Institute in the evening, but Mr. Moody was suffering from the effects of the voyage and was not able to attend. The evangelists give the most satisfactory accounts of their visit to

Paris and England, and especially of their stay in Cambridge and Oxford. They state that the clergy of the Church of England took a much warmer interest in their work than on their previous visit. Mr. Moody goes at once to Northfield to rest during the summer, and Mr. Sankey to his home in Pennsylvania. They expect to return to England in October to resume their work there.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, North, meet at Saratoga May 17; the Southern Assembly at Lexington, Va., May 17; the Cumberland Presbyterians at Nashville, Tenn., May 17; the United Presbyterians at Pittsburgh May 23. May seems to be quite a Presbyterian month. The digesting of doctrines into Presbyterian chyle was intrusted to a committee in May, two hundred and thirty-eight years ago. Two years later still, in the blossom month of May, the Confession was adopted by the Scottish church.

Rev. John T. Baldwin, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and one of the oldest of the living graduates of Auburn Theological Seminary, is now residing at Santa Cruz, Cal., in good health, and able to preach the word. He was well known in Western New York and in New Jersey, and greatly esteemed in the churches.

Sitting Bull is about to become a Catholic. The Bishop of Dakota announced that he was converted at Fort Randall, and after his journey to join his tribe on the Standing Rock reservation he will be received into the church with about 140 other Sioux converts.

Prof. Timothy Dwight, who will complete twenty-five years of service in the Chair of Sacred Literature in Yale Divinity School, at the approaching anniversary of the institution, May 17, is a grandson of President Timothy Dwight, whose term as Yale's president extended from 1795 to his death in 1817. Prof. Dwight's great-grand-mother, President Dwight's mother, was a daughter of Jonathan Edwards. Prof. Dwight is most highly es-

teemed as a scholar and a man of sound judgment, and in 1870 he was recommended by many as the successor of President Woolsey in his grandfather's office, now held by Noah Porter.

W. H. Lee, Esq., of New York, treasurer of the Mount Hermon School for Boys established by Mr. Moody, has received from England the sum of £1,000 sterling for that institution. The trustees have built four new buildings at Gill, opposite Northfield, the home of Mr. Moody. They have also received a bequest from the late Roswell Field of his museum, and the sum of \$1,600 to provide for a cabinet and its increase.

Chace Lewis, a venerable citizen of Providence who died last week, left the following public bequests: To Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, \$4,000; Roger Williams Free Baptist church, Providence, \$5,000; Home for Aged Men, Providence, \$1,000; Woman's Christian Association, \$500; Home for Aged Women, \$500; Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., \$1,000; Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Va., \$2,000; and Rhode Island Hospital, \$1,000.

Dr. Schaff gives the following explanation of the great falling off in the sale of the Revised New Testament: "A reaction was sure to come. It is estimated that about 3,000,000 copies were sold—2,000,000 in England and 1,000,000 in America. That is not a small sale for a book which may be called a new edition of an old work.

"Another obstacle to its immediate acceptance by the public is that the work has no sanction of authority as yet. The convocation of Canterbury will not pass upon the revision until both Testaments are finished. Then it may authorize it, reject it, or recommit it to the hands of the revisers for further consideration. At present the revised Testament has no standing as compared with the authorized version, and, of course, its sale suffers in consequence.

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Now it is Dr. Collins, famous in the discussion of the communion wine question, who takes up the above subject, and proposes to demonstrate that the God-given name of the body of Christ is the "Christian Church." If he has not