

Current Religious News.

A London religious paper says: "There is a colored church in New York City whose leading members have property valued at \$4,000,000."

Which one of our colored churches is this?

Mr. W. R. Bradlaugh the atheist, is carrying on a series of evangelistic meetings in England. Some few weeks since he commenced his services in a tent near Hampstead railway station, London.

Rev. J. Smith, missionary from India, thinks that the advance of Western science is doing so much to undermine Eastern ignorance and superstition, that the recently-founded Mahometan College at Alleghur, is tending more than anything else to the overthrow of Mahometanism.

The 260th anniversary of the birth of Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, the first Lutheran foreign missionary, and also the first Protestant missionary to the heathen, occurred on the 26th ult. Ziegenbalg translated the New Testament into Tamil. The Leipzig Lutheran Society are commemorating the anniversary by raising funds for the erection of a mission church in Madura, India.

Martin Luther's own Bible is in a museum. On the title-page is written: "If thy word, O Lord, do not comfort me, I should perish in misery. 1542, Mart, Luther, D."

The Saloon-keepers' Association of Kansas City, Mo., has decided to conform strictly to the Downing law, both as regards high license and closing on Sundays. They, however, determined that if compelled to close on Sunday they will see that the Sunday law is enforced against all other business and work. The Association comprises about three-fourths of the saloon-keepers of the city.

By the will of Hannah C. Procter, of Boston, Mass., each of the following Societies receives \$500; Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, American Board of Foreign Missions, American Tract Society, Womens Board of Missions. The Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers is bequeathed \$100.

At a convocation of the Episcopalians of Dakota territory, held at Sioux Falls, D. T., June 25, Bishop Clarkson, of Nebraska, presided. A proposition to organize a separate diocese for Dakota was rejected, but

it was resolved to ask the house of bishops to consider the advisability of appointing two missionary bishops—one for Northern Dakota and another for Southern Dakota.

One of the lady teachers in the seminary at Northfield, Mass., will devote her vacation to the care of twelve little children whom she has taken from tenements in New York. The seminary trustees grant her the use of a house on the school grounds, and others provide the necessary means.

The Rev. George F. Pentecost has succeeded in raising, at New Haven, Conn., \$300 for the girls' school at Northfield, Mass.

St. John's Home, at Boston, Mass., was opened one year ago as a home for friendless and destitute children. During the past year the home has sheltered sixty-eight children. When old enough they are sent to the public school, and before and after school hours are engaged in such tasks as would be given them to do in a wisely conducted home. Proper hours are allowed for recreation, and every effort is made to develop the inmates toward useful manhood and womanhood. The Home is dependent on voluntary subscription.

European statisticians are generally revising and reducing their estimates of the population of China. The great famine a few years ago swept away millions, and there is a good reason for believing that the population is nearer 300,000,000 than 400,000,000. Rehn and Wagner reduce their estimate for China and Corea from 434,500,000 to 379,500,000, making the present total 350,000,000. Dr. Harper, missionary, believes this can be reduced another 50,000,000. Mr. Hippisley, Acting Commissioner of Customs, thinks 250,000,000 more nearly correct than 350,000,000. The losses by the Taeping and Mohammedan rebellions and by the famine and pestilence which swept the provinces of Chili, Shantung, Shansi, Shensi and Houan, are variously estimated at from 61,000,000 to 81,000,000.

The Massachusetts State Temperance Convention will be held at Boston the third Wednesday in September.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Stephen H. Tying, Sr., who for twenty eight

years was rector of St. George's Church at New York, was celebrated at his home at Irvington-on-the-Hudson July 18. Dr. Tyng has six sons, four of whom are or have been ministers.

The thirty-second anniversary of the founding of the organization of the temperance order known as Good Templars was celebrated in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 17. The membership of this order in the State is 30,000, and over 300,000 in the world. The ritual of the order has been translated into twelve different languages. Many delegates from the various lodges of the State were present, who were very hopeful as to the temperance cause, and all advocated a prohibitory platform.

The Salvation Army in Brooklyn are again in trouble. A lady living near their headquarters in Concord Street was seriously ill. A request was made that their services be conducted with less noise; the request was refused, when an appeal was to the court by the residents of the vicinity, setting forth that the army services, as then conducted, were a nuisance. The captain was arrested, and has been imprisoned pending the payment of a fine of \$100. In the Eastern District the Salvationist were conducting a service on the street in so noisy a manner that the neighbors complained to the policeman of the beat, who ordered the Army to move on. This they refused to do, and were arrested and locked up.

The Howard Orphan Assylum for colored children at Brooklyn N. Y., is so crowded that a new building must be erected at once. The Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Johnson, is working and has been working heroically to accomplish this result for the past five years. Eight thousand dollars is now on hand to the credit of the building committee, and ground will be broken for the new building shortly. During the past year this asylum has sheltered over one hundred children. These little waifs would, if not cared for by this Society, be exposed to the greatest temptation and suffering. The people to whom they would naturally look for help have, as a rule, a struggle for their own support, very few having even moderate wealth. There is no doubt that this institution saves the State annually much expense by educating to useful citizenship those who would otherwise become burdens to

the State. The Society should have the aid and encouragement of liberal and Christian support.

The San Francisco Small Boy.

In a family of bright, pretty children in South San Francisco—the father of whom is a well-known mechanic of this city—exists a bright little boy, not yet three years old, whose exploits are somewhat remarkable. His eccentricities, unlike most precocious children's, do not seem to detract from his other qualities either of head or heart. Not long since, yet before the little fellow was thirty months of age, his father had occasion to look after some repairs at the top of a number of flat-roofed buildings of several stories' elevation. Taking the little one along with him and placing him on his coat at the foot of a ladder fastened perpendicularly against the back of one of them, he proceeded to the roof to make investigation of the work to be done. This occupied more time than he expected, but was finally completed, and just as he was on the point of returning, judge of his surprise to see the little one's head peering above the topmost round of ladder, and on a level with himself. To secure him and descend to the ground required no little command of nerve and exertion of muscle, but it was finally to his great joy, accomplished. A week or two after this occurrence this little prodigy of fearlessness was missing from the family circle. A most thorough search, under great paternal anxiety, for a long time failed to discover his whereabouts. Finally, in passing through the street on which the above-mentioned buildings front, the object of so much solicitude was discovered sitting on the edge of a projecting cornice, dangling his feet about in a most unconcerned manner. By dint of perseverance and tact the little wail was finally brought to terra firma in safety. To reach the perilous position in which he was found he had climbed the ladder on which he had made a previous exploit, walked over an eight-inch plank in the face of a strong gale of wind to the second building, and either scrambled over or crawled around a high frontage of the cornice.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Fortune lost, nothing lost; courage lost, much lost; honor lost, more lost; soul lost, all lost.