

it stands in the same relation as does the general to the Gospel, as the Paschal Lamb to the Pass over. It is transfigured so as to have parted with its identity. The special consecration of a seventh part of time, the abstinence from all labor, this remains; but the spirit that governs it, the motive of the day, is fundamentally changed; we stand no longer at the foot of Sinai, listening to the thunder, but by the empty tomb.—*Canon Liddon.*

Current Religious News.

A Lutheran congregation of forty-five members has been organized at Austin, Texas.

Rev. H. B. Steedman has accepted a call to the Second Baptist Church, Troy, N. Y.

Mr. Spurgeon's Church, in London, has added to its other benevolent organizations a Flower Mission.

The Baptist Year Book, for 1883 reports 16,514 ordained ministers only, while there are 26,931 churches.

The First Congregational Church of Hartford, Conn., will celebrate its 250th anniversary on October 11th and 12th.

The corner-stone of a new Protestant Episcopal church at Tannersville, in the Catskills, was laid with much ceremony on the 8th ult.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church will be held in the church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, in October next.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Episcopal church will be celebrated on December 10, by special services in the various churches of the denomination throughout the country.

Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of North Leith Free Church, Scotland, was lately presented with an illuminated address, and a deposit receipt for \$17,250, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Church.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church at Glen Cove, L. I., is to begin at once the erection of a new church edifice. It will be a handsome structure with all modern conveniences, and cost about \$25,000.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland is diminishing largely in numbers through continued and increas-

ing immigration, but there is no diminution in its Christian liberality, its income last year being larger by \$5,000 than in the year preceding.

A Protestant Episcopal Bishop said recently, that one reason the world is so unwilling to come to the church is that the church is so willing to go to the world. The thought is one to awaken reflection on the part of Christians at least.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the erection of a new church edifice for the Episcopal Church of the Crucifixion, at Eighth and Fitzwater streets, Philadelphia, to include also a parish building for Sunday schools and other parochial work.

Encouraging progress was reported at the recent Convention of the Newfoundland Sunday-school workers, held at St. John's. Between fifty and sixty delegates were present, and there was a large attendance of Sunday-school teachers. A mass meeting was held in the Park, at which twenty-five hundred persons were present. The reports indicate an increase of from four to five thousand in Sunday-school membership over the last official report, making a membership of about twenty thousand in the Island.

The congregation of St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church are making arrangements for building a new church edifice on a site recently purchased at Seventy-first street and Madison square. The lot is 130 feet long by 75 feet wide, and work will soon be commenced on the foundation on what is promised to be a fine structure. The parish of St. James was organized as far back as 1810. The old church will be sold as soon as the new one is ready for occupancy.

The corner-stone of the new Presbyterian church at Oneida, N. Y., was laid last week with appropriate services. The new church building will be 118 by 102 feet, of the "English gothic" style of architecture. The auditorium will seat 650 persons. The building will be quite imposing in appearance, and will cost about \$30,000. Rev. Samuel Jessup is pastor.

Dr. Robert Moffat, the father-in-law of the late Dr. Livingstone, the celebrated African traveler and explorer, and himself for many years a noted missionary, died in London on the 10th inst.

The corner-stone of the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, Ohio, was laid a few days since with appropriate ceremonies. A beautiful brick edifice is now in course of erection, which it is intended shall be dedicated free from debt. The newly installed pastor, Rev. E. L. Lord is meeting with much encouragement in his labors.

Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Toledo, Ohio, now a prosperous parish, is the fruit of Sunday-school work commenced by two young ladies some thirteen years ago.

The Presbyterian Church at Medina, N. Y., has extended a unanimous call to Rev. E. P. Gardner, which has been accepted, and he will enter on his pastoral duties there on September 2d.

The Congregationalists of Australia are showing a large measure of spirit and liberality. Their recent jubilee gatherings at Sydney were very enthusiastic, and well sustained to the close. Before the inter-colonial Conference was over, \$90,000 had been subscribed to the Jubilee Fund, to be mainly expended in paying off church debts, and in starting a Ministers' Retiring Fund, and there is no reason to doubt that the amount will eventually be swelled to at least \$100,000. The Congregational churches of Australia are grouped as follows: New South Wales, 48 churches, with 12,995 adherents, and 6,229 Sabbath-school scholars; Victoria, 45 churches, 15,447 adherents, 7,370 Sabbath-school scholars; South Australia, 45 churches, 9,860 adherents, 4,390 Sunday-school scholars; Queensland, 20 churches, 5,550 adherents, 2,784 Sunday-school scholars; Tasmania, 29 churches, 4,835 adherents, 2,246 Sunday-school scholars; total, 187 churches, 48,747 adherents, 23,019 Sunday-school scholars. The outlook for the future of Congregationalism at the antipodes is, on the whole, an encouraging one.

Rev. Dr. Morse, of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, L. I., completed on Sunday last the twenty-fourth year of his rectorship of that church.

Rev. J. B. L. Hommedieu has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church of Babylon, L. I., and accepted a call to the Park Baptist Church at Port Richmond, S. I.

Poverty and Poor Preaching.

The calamity which I stand in dread of, and which is next to the withdrawal of the divine blessing, the greatest a church can suffer, is that rising talent, genius, and energy of our country may leave the ministry of the gospel for other professions. "A scandalous maintenance," Matthew Henry says, "makes a scandalous ministry." And I will give you another equally true: "The poverty of the parsonage will develop itself in the poverty of the pulpit." I have no doubt about it. Genteel poverty, to which some ministers are doomed, is one of the great evils under the sun. To place a man in circumstances where he is expected to be generous and hospitable, to open his hand as wide as his heart to the poor, to give his family good education, to bring them up in what is called genteel life, and to deny him the means of doing so is enough, but for the hope of heaven to embitter existence.

In the dread of debt, in many daily mortifications, in harrassing fears of what will become of his wife and children when his head lies in the grave, a man of cultivated mind and delicate sensibilities has trials to bear more painful than privations of the poor. It is a bitter cup, and my heart bleeds for brethren who have never told their sorrows, concealing under their cloak the fox that gnaws at their vitals.—THOMAS GUTHRIE, in *Christian Statesman*.

Trust In Our Father.

"Johnny, don't you think you have got as much as you can carry?" said Frank to his brother, who was standing with open arms, receiving the bundles his father placed upon them. "You've got more than you can carry, now."

"Never mind," said Johnny, in a sweet, happy voice, "my father knows how much I can carry."

How long it takes many of us to learn the lesson little Johnny had by heart! "Father knows how much I can carry." No grumbling, no discontent, but a sweet trust, in our Father's love and care that we will not be overburdened. Our heavenly Father never lays a burden upon us that we cannot bear. So we will trust him as little Johnny did his father.—*Ex.*

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