

and while they "contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," they endeavored to "keep" (for they then had) "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Happy model for us!

I am glad you sent me to Jerusalem. Would that I could chain you all there, and that we might teach fully and only the lessons there to be learned.

The Lord's day school is the work of the church—the nursery of the church, and the aid of the parental school. Let us see to it that we teach not our own ways, that we speak not our own words, that we do not our own wills—that we think not our own thoughts in connection with this work. Surely it is as sacred as the Sabbath of the Jews. Surely one can find enough in the book of God to teach! And surely this will make us complete in Christ, and thoroughly furnish us to all good works. And the Lord help us and bless us!

Current Religious News.

The sum of \$2,000,000 has been subscribed for the new Catholic University in Milwaukee, and Bishop Spaulding having obtained the Pope's permission, the building will be commenced immediately.

Mrs. Adeline M. Smith, of Oak Park, Ill., has proposed to give \$10,000 to found the "Smith Medical Mission," to be located at Nanking, China. Mrs. Smith designs this as a memorial of her deceased husband. She especially charges that the work be made earnestly evangelistic, and proposes to enlarge the gift as God may direct.

Spurgeon's wife has for seven years been making collections of books for pastors whose salaries are small. In this good work she has collected and distributed over 50,000 volumes. Last year's work was 9,146. She gives it to be understood, also, that she wants donations of readable works, and not old rubbish.

A new Congregational church of seventeen members was organized at West Peabody, Mass., Sept. 7.

The corner-stone of the new Congregational church at Somerville, Mass., was laid September 8.

The M. E. Church building in Rochester, Minn., was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by the recent storm which was so fearfully destructive in Southern Minnesota.

The pastors and congregations of the German churches in Rochester, N. Y., proposes to build a German "Gymnasium" or High School in that city this month.

The General Synod of the German Reformed Church recommended the local Synods to found Orphan Homes. The Synod of the Northwest has made a beginning at Fort Wayne, Ind., where it has purchased fifty-seven acres of land and a large farm house for \$7,000. Additional buildings are to be erected, and the entire outlay for land and buildings is expected to reach \$20,000. The property is a mile and a half from the court house in Fort Wayne.

It is stated that at the beginning of this century the number of foreign missionaries was 170, and there are now 2,500. The 50,000 converts in 1800 are 1,800,000 in 1883; and the 70 mission-schools have become 12,000 with 400,000 scholars. Here is a visible progress of Christianity; and we may well ask, What has God wrought?

The receipts of the Treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions during August amounted to \$7,061.58. Of this \$4,500 were received from the Woman's Board, namely, \$2,000 for the reinforcement of and enlarged work at Nagasaki and \$2,500 for the enlargement of the building of the Isaac Ferris Seminary at Yokohama; also \$547 interest on the Security Funds and \$200 from a legacy; in \$5,247. Deducting this from the total of receipts, \$1,814.58 remain as the gifts of the living against \$1,898.64 received in August, 1882.

The American Bible Society in order to keep up with the demand caused by its general canvass of the country is turning out more books than ever before, the number being not less than 7,000 a day. It has printed 850,000 of its popular twenty-five cent Bible, and 1,850,000 of its five-cent Testaments.

The meeting celebrating the centennial of the Swedenborgians and the seventy-sixth General Convention of the Church was held in the Congregational Memorial Hall, at Holloway, London, recently. The denomination has not increased rapidly. Fifty years ago there were two congregations in Lancashire; now there are eighteen. In London, during the same period, the increase has been from three to eight.

Representatives were present from the United States.

Ex-President Hayes gives \$5,000 toward paying for the new Methodist church at Fremont, Ohio.

All the missionary bodies now at work in Japan report very rapid growth and universal revivals.

The chapel of the Emanuel Baptist Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., was opened September 6 with appropriate services. The Rev. John Humpstone is pastor.

Kentucky University has B. F. Clay in the field as financial agent to raise \$50,000 for the endowment of the Bible College. About \$35,000 have been raised. At present the professors are sustained by special contributions.

The annual session of the Connecticut Universalists Convention was held at New London, September 18 and 20.

On September 6th the Congregational church at Redding, Conn., celebrated its one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary. The church had

one pastor for fifty-seven years—the Rev. Nathaniel Bartlett, who was installed in 1753, and died while pastor of the church in 1810. The neighboring churches took part in the celebration.

The Elyria Mission of the Second Congregational Church of Denver is taking initial steps for church organization. The Rev. Charles Uzzells, lately pastor of the Methodist church at Trinidad, Colo., is to take charge of this work. He commenced August 12.

Dr. M. M. Parkhurst, of Chicago, reports that the profits on the Moody and Sankey hymn-books have been not far from \$400,000; of which the Chicago Young Men's Christian Association has received \$100,000 and the Chicago Avenue church, in that city \$50,000.

Rev. R. T. Marlow, pastor of the Congregational Church at Rogers, Arkansas, has raised \$5,000 for an academy at that place. It is proposed to put up a building worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Another academy is about to be opened in the Congregational Church at Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Do well and promptly the first work that is set you, day by day. Thus doing you shall rise to greater deeds.

Programme of Annual Meeting of the Oregon State Missionary Convention at Salem, commencing Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1883.

2 P. M. Preliminary organization. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.

7 P. M. Address of Welcome, J. W. Spriggs, pastor of the church. Response, W. H. Adams, President of Convention.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4TH.

9 A. M. Devotional Exercises. (Executive session).

Reports from churches. Report of the Board.

Report of Committee on Constitution.

Election of Officers. New Business.

2 P. M. The present condition and demands of our work in the State. A conference opened by B. Wolverton, Cor. Secretary.

"Church Government." Discussion opened by D. M. Doty.

6 P. M. Address, "The Evangelist; his relation to the church, and the scope of his work." Neal Chaetham.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5TH.

9 A. M. Devotional Exercises. (Executive session).

Evangelistic work in the State; Organization and distribution of forces.

[Here will come in more fully the maturing of plans for the utilizing of all our strength. Let none fail to be present with his wants and pledges that all may be heard.—Cor. Sec.]

2 P. M. Lord's day Services. A conference opened by H. T. Morrison.

"Marriage and Divorce." Address by R. H. Moss.

Discussion. 7 P. M. "Faith or Knowledge—Which?" Address by J. F. Floyd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6TH.

9 A. M. Devotional Exercises. (Executive Session).

Reports of Committees. Miscellaneous.

2 P. M. "Ladies Aids." Essay by Mrs. A. M. Bedwell.

Discussion. "Service of Song." Discussion opened by P. R. Burnett.

7 P. M. "God and Revelation." Address, J. W. Spriggs.

NOTE.—The intention of the Board is to have exclusively executive's session in the morning, Discussions afternoon and Addresses in the evening. We trust this will prove to be to the best interests of the Convention.

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