

Current Religious News.

The Baptists of Missouri have twelve colleges and seminaries, with \$300,000 of school property and \$200,000 of productive endowment, 86 teachers and 1,230 students.

The Rev. Dr. Muchmore's church, Philadelphia, has a spire composed in large part of glass, with facilities for illuminating it. The church grew out of a donation of four dollars from a dying child.

The Young Men's Bible Society in its canvass of Cincinnati during the last year, found one-fourth of the families visited destitute of Bibles.

One of the students in the University of Berlin is 69 years of age. He is a Lutheran missionary from South Africa, desirous to promote the preaching of the Gospel by medical practice (*i. e.*, benevolent) among the heathen. He is said to be a very bright student, most anxious to become an efficient surgeon.

A school has been established in Sweden in which young men are trained with special view to home missions. Several of the men who have been trained there have been laboring for some time among the Laplanders, of whom there is said to be 56,000 in the most northern part of Norway, Sweden and Russia.

A minister declines a call on the ground that the Church is "too far from the city."

A strong intellectual movement is reported as taking place in Iceland, which is being felt throughout its entire length and breadth. At the head of the enterprise is a teacher by the name of Torvald Thoroddson, of Mordruvellir. He has a colleague who travels over the island, delivering lectures on religion, piety, general culture, etc., and is establishing schools for adults in many places.

At a recent conference of the Saints at Salt Lake City, it was reported that in Utah alone there are 127,294 members of the Mormon Church, of whom 23,040 are recent converts; in Arizona there is a membership of 2,264; in Idaho double that number, and not a few in Colorado, and other territories. Eighty-one missionaries were recently appointed to go on proselyting tours through Europe and this country, especially into the South-

ern States. In Switzerland and Germany they have the best success in obtaining recruits. Bishop Edward Hunter, presiding bishop of the Mormon Church is ninety-one years of age, and the oldest bishop. He is now very ill. A report is current at Salt Lake City that President John Taylor will resign on account of his advanced age and feeble condition. George O. Cannon will be his successor.

The national mausoleum is full. It is said of the last two burials in Westminster Abbey—those of Darwin and Spottiswoods—that the coffins were only a few feet below the surface. For a long time there have been stories of the disturbance necessary to the finding of room for a new arrival. Chaucer's grave was molested to make way for Dryden's; Ben Johnson's bones fell out one by one into the grave prepared for Sir Robert Wilson, and came in sight again when a grave was dug for John Hunter. Addison lies upon the Duchess of Albemarle, and upon him James Craggs.—*Nonconformist, London.*

State Temperance Alliance.

The Oregon State Temperance Alliance will meet in 13th Annual session in the city of Portland on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1884, continuing three days. The sessions will be held at the First Baptist church beginning at half past 10 A. M.

The Alliance shall be composed of delegates elected annually and duly accredited from Temperance Societies and other organizations devoted to the interests of the temperance cause.

The basis of representation being one for the organization and one for every twenty members, and one for each fraction over ten. Also, any person of known temperance principals may become a member by paying into the treasury the sum of one dollar.

It is important that all Blue Ribbon Clubs, Lodges, Societies, Unions, Churches, Sunday-schools, Bands of Hope, etc., elect delegates immediately on receipt of this circular and that such members be elected as will best represent you in the Alliance.

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issued during the session.

Now, fellow-workers in the cause of humanity let us come up to this meeting with renewed zeal and a fixed purpose to press the battle to the very gates as above all previous years. When most important elections both State and National are in the near future, when the people are thinking and acting upon the question of questions, the total Prohibition of the cursed liquor traffic, when every man and woman should be actively engaged in this fight for our country and our homes, through a more systematic organization, that we may be the better prepared for the irrepressible conflict, for the combat deepens and now is the time for action.

J. W. WATTS,
J. N. DENISON,
H. K. HINES,
JACOB CONSER,
J. E. HOUSTON.
Executive Committee.

HOW THE THIRD MAN "TREATED."—The Middletown Press tells the following story, which by the way has a local bearing in every American town:

A party of three or four gentlemen who were in a hotel in this village a few days before election were invited to "take something" by one of their number. After they had taken it, and had chatted a few minutes, another of the party solemnly suggested that it would be well to "take something." They accepted the invitation and took something again. They then started out and in a few minutes, as they were passing a dry good store another of the party stepped them and said:

"Let's go in and 'take something.'"

"Why that's a dry goods store," said one of the party.

"Well, what of it? Come in."

In they marched, and ranging themselves before the counter, the gentleman who had invited them propounded the question, what will you take?

One of the party took a box of collars, another took a clean shirt. When the bill had been settled and they had walked out, they looked at each other rather sheepishly and began to see, for the first time, the foolishness of the "treating" business. If men must treat why not do it in a dry goods store?

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