General Church News.

—The *Evangel* published at San Francisco in the interest of the Baptist organization on the Pacific cost, greets the new year in a new handsome dress. The reading matter is well chosen and the original articles good. No one will ever regret reading the *Evangel*.

—The *Primitive Christian and Pilgrim*, a Dunkard paper published at Huntington Pa. has just closed its second volume.

—Mrs. Van Cott and Mrs. Talbot are preaching in Baltimore.

—Miss Rankin sent by the methodists as a missionary to China has arrived safely at Shanghi, and reports a pleasant sea and favorable winds upon her voyage.

—The Editor of the *Pacific Methodist* says there are about three thousand itinerant preachers in the M. E. church South.

—The Baptists in the Cherokee Nation number 1,503. Fifty-two are ministers.

—Rev. Mr. Earle, the Evangelist, was expected to be at Greensburg. Ind., to assist Rev. G. R. Alden in a series of evangelistic meetings in the Presbyterian church, on December 29th.

—The receipts in Plymouth church, Brooklyn (Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's) were $37,000. During the flush times they were as high as $50,000. The total number of members in the church is 2,515.

—A telegram from New York announces that Francis Murphy is coming to Cal.

—Rev. H. T. Hudson, one of North Carolia's best men, is engaged in writing the history of Methodism in that State.

—Secretary Wilson writes that the Synod of the Pacific has contributed only a little over $1000 to the church erection fund, during the past nine months; and that unless the churches do better, the work of the General Committee must necessarily be suspended.

—The First Universalist church, Rev. Dr. Bowles, has purchased the Howard Presbyterian church, formerly Dr. Scudder's situated on Mission street between Third and Fourth streets, S. F.

—A movement is on foot to consolidate the Christian College of San Jose and the Baptist College of Vacaville. The proposition is that the Baptists pay half the appraised value of the Christian College, and conduct the school jointly with the Christians at San Jose. One person appointed by each church, after appointing a third, have just appraised the Christian College property and buildings at $20,000. The Baptist College Board are to meet and decide the matter this week. [We clip the above from an exchange and suppose that the Christian College at Santa Rosa is meant, not San Jose. —ED. *Methodist*].

From the Evangelist.

In Brief.

—The *Christian Preacher* and *Christian Messenger*, both of Texas, are shieing some words at each other which do not sound exactly like terms of Christian endearment.

—Lewiston, Maine, with 20,000 population, has not had on arrest from drunkenness in twenty years. That is the way the Maine liquor law is a failure.

—Bro. Benj. Franklin averaged one and a half sermons per day during the last twenty-five years of his life, besides editing the *Review*.

—Moses E. Lard, in a recent sermon contends that there is a literal hell, that the wicked will be cast into hell, that there is no promise of escape from that hell, that "aionios" only means age upon age and may not mean endless duration, and that it has not been revealed whether the punishment of the wicked will ever end.

—T. P, Haley of St. Louis is holding a meeting at Austin, Texas.

—J. L. Burns is laboring for the General Missionary Society in South Carolina. He is meeting with some success.

—The enrollment in the several departments in Oskaloosa College, thus far, is one hundred and eighty-three.

What the Ventura People Think.

[Knowing that John Churchill's Oregon friends would be glad to hear what the Ventura people think of his trial, we take the liberty of printing the following extract taken from a private letter.—ED.]

SAN BUENAVENTURA, CAL.,
Dec. 30, 1878.

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The past week, although a season of merry making to most people, has been a time of much anxiety to us, because of the trial of our old friend, John Churchill.

I do not know how the friends at Monmouth feel and think about it, but I think from what they know of his character and from the evidence, that they can not think him guilty of the crime of which he is accused. You have no doubt seen and read all about the proceedings during the trial.

My brother-in-law was on the jury which was discharged because they could not agree, it was supposed that he would be in favor of conviction, but he says he is thoroughly satisfied of the innocence of all the prisoners, from the evidence.

The trial was set for yesterday again, but John was sick, was unconscious of everything. The judge ordered him to be brought into the court room, and would not be satisfied that he was not in condition for trial until he had sent a physician with a galvanic battery to ascertain if he were not feigning to be sick. It was decided that he was not able to be tried, and so the court was adjourned until March.

Yesterday, Jones went before a justice, and made affidavit that the statements he made in court were false, and that he was not present at the killing of More; father saw the affidavit to-day in Jones' own handwriting.

The people generally here feel very indignant on account of the unjust manner in which the trial has been conducted, and great sympathy is felt for the prisoners. It will be impossible to convict John Churchill, or any of the prisoners now except by a packed jury.

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ORYNTHA BRADSHAW.

Dr. Scoresby, the scientist, crossed the Atlantic many years since to ascertain from personal observation the actual height and length of the immense waves which are to be found in that ocean, and satisfied himself that the maximum height is 43 feet, *i. e.*, from the crest of the wave to the lowest part of the trough, and the maximum length 600 feet. His calculations were received by every one as correct, and were adopted and quoted by all writers on waves and other kindred topics. French observations were recently taken on board the steamer *City of Berlin* which, if correct, prove that waves are to be met with upward of 70 feet in height, and no less than 1180 feet between summit and summit.

The thistle once did the Scotch a good turn, and they have ever since adopted it as their national emblem. The Scotch thistle has no stem, and is a groundling. Once the Nursemen came on the Scots at the dead of night, and halted while their spies were endeavoring to ascertain their weak places for an attack on the Scots' encampment. But one of the Norse spies clapped his foot down on a vigorous Scotch thistle, and felt for a moment just for all the world as if he had trod upon a vegetable torpedo. He began to scream Jiminy, and raised music for himself to dance to. His screams, of course, exposed the ambush; the Scots arose and fell on their enemies and discomfited them.

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Obituary.

Our columns have become too much crowded for the insertion of long obituary notices, except in cases where the deceased was extensively known among our readers on this coast. In all cases we will insert 100 words free. For each additional 100 words we will charge $1. When long notices are not accompanied by the money, the editor will abridge them to suit.

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Ed. Messenger:

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