

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—Out of 358 teachers employed last year in Chester County, Pennsylvania, 127 were females.

—More than three millions of children have been gathered into schools for the study of the Scriptures, through the missionaries of the American Sunday-school Union.

—The average Sunday plate collections of Rev. Newman Hall's church in Westminster Bridge Road, London, is \$175, and of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's congregation, in the great Tabernacle, \$340.

—The Christian Intelligencer dislikes the substitution of "signs" for "miracles" in the Revised New Testament. "Miracles," it says, "is a more pleasant word than signs, both to the tongue and the ear."

—A Mohammedan university nine hundred years older than Oxford is still flourishing at Cairo as in the days of Arabian conquests. It contains but one room, the floor is paved and the roof is supported by 400 columns.

—There are 397 institutions in the world for the education of deaf-mutes. Germany has ninety of these, France sixty-seven, Great Britain forty-six, and the United States thirty-eight. Recent careful estimates place the number of the unfortunate in existence at 800,000.—Chicago Current.

—According to their Year Book there has been rapid growth in the Reformed Episcopal Church during the past eight years. It has ten Bishops, 103 Presbyters and deacons, 7,943 communicants, prosperous Sunday-schools and church property valued at \$1,921,569.

—In the village of Slate Hill, Orange County, N. Y., is a Baptist Church which was built in 1783. It is very primitive in style, and in the gallery was a pew which was made exclusively for slaves belonging to members of the congregation, which once numbered five hundred. The church is a great curiosity now, and is visited by many strangers.—N. Y. Tribune.

—A curious incident occurred in the Parade Church, Shorncliffe, England, on a recent Sunday. It was found that the church was besieged by various kinds of birds, principally swallows. Every effort was made to dislodge them, but without effect, and at last some soldiers were obliged to fire a volley of blank cartridges, which completely routed them, and the church being soon vacated, the service was held.

—At Cambridge, says the London Truth, the girl undergraduates have been decidedly "coming on." In last year's Mathematical Tripos they had no wranglers at all, and their best "man" was only equal to the forty-fourth on the list. This year they have two wranglers, one coming between the twenty-fourth and the twenty-fifth on the list, the other being equal to the thirty-fourth.

—The people of Trinity Parish, Buffalo, N. Y., moved into their new church the other day, and Bishop Cox said a "service of secularization" in the old church, declaring it "secular and unconsecrated, and no longer within our jurisdiction, but given back solely to the protection of the laws of the land, and to none other than such common uses and control as by said laws are recognized and allowed."—Buffalo Express.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—You must not expect to catch a big fish by simply dropping your tackle into the water and pulling it up again. You have to offer genuine inducements that will impress the fish as to your good faith—sort of worm yourself into his confidence, as it were, so to speak.—Lowell (Mass.) Citizen.

—Woman, God bless her bright eyes, can make roses bloom in the desert, and when so minded she can give to the most commonplace affairs of life rather much of a rainbow look; but to save her eyebrows she can't use a pen without getting ink on her fingers any more than she can remember the day of the month.—Yonkers Statesman.

—A dispatch from Keene, N. H., in speaking of the killing of an elephant at that place, says: "The huge beast fell with a dull thud, without a noise or a struggle." We are glad we understand that a dull thud really is. We have heretofore been led to suppose it sounded like a fat man sitting down on a banana peel.—N. Y. Graphic.

—When the young man, after four years' of hard training, graduates from college with tremendous biceps and a phenomenal chest, and enters a single scull race on the Harlem River, and is wiped out by a horny-handed son of toil, who never heard of Cicero or Tiberius, or Horace's "Ars Rowetica," then is the time he wants to know why he has labored all these weary, weary years.—N. Y. Sun.

—The disposition of children not to allow other children to get ahead of them is once more illustrated in two families as follows: "I've got a silver dollar." "I've got two." "You haven't got a baby in your house." "Yes we have; we've got twins." "Well, you haven't got a crazy grandfather; I have."—Boston Herald.

—"I never did take much stock in that story about fish being such fine brain food," inadvertently remarked Smith, "and I take less stock in it than ever now that I've lived off little else for some time past. I think I'll quit them." "I wouldn't if I were you, old boy," feelingly remarked Smithers; "you see the fish in order to improve the brain must have something to work upon. They can't create the thing." And then Smith said that Smithers talked for all the world like his wife.—Oil City (Pa.) Blizzard.

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