

of the dry season, meat begins to be very poor, and dear at that. The rains have commenced, and we look forward with hope that a more fruitful season is at hand.

The Northern Methodist Church now numbers 953,472 members. The Church South numbers 700,000. The Canada Conference numbers 42,300. The East British American Conference numbers 13,000.

According to the report of the Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, made at the last Mississippi Conference, held at Jackson, the assets amount to \$485,229 43; the liabilities, \$117,392 40, leaving a balance in favor of the House of \$367,837 02.

A very promising young minister has been discontinued from his connection with the Alabama Conference, because he professes to believe that the souls of the wicked are annihilated after death.

The Southern Baptist Mission Board has appointed Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald, colored, as Missionary to Liberia.

Rev. John G. Mills, a well known minister of the Baptist church, died in Halifax county, Va., on the 11th inst.

General Intelligence.

Proceedings in Congress Last Week.

SECOND-DAY, DECEMBER 18TH. In the SENATE the irrepressible conflict was maintained by the two divisions of the Democratic party, the Republicans having no part in the agitation.

THIRD-DAY, DECEMBER 19TH. In the SENATE, the Homestead bill was introduced by Mr. Johnson of Tennessee. It was read twice, and referred.

FOURTH-DAY, DECEMBER 21ST. In the SENATE, Mr. Iverson gave notice of two bills—one to amend the Court of Claims act, and another to change and regulate the mode of appointing West Point Military Academy cadets.

FIFTH-DAY, DECEMBER 22D. In the SENATE, among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Gwin, for a Pacific Railroad; by Mr. Clay, to repeal all the laws granting fishing-bonities.

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LIABILITIES OF EXPRESS CARRIERS.—Dr. Egbert, of Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland Co., Penn., brought an action recently against an express company to recover \$500 for the non-delivery in New Orleans of plans which he had prepared for competition for the prize offered by the Commissioners of the Tour d'Alms-house in that city.

GRAIN MEASUR.—There has been invented in Kalamazoo an instrument which bids fair to be of great value. It is called a grain meter, and is so constructed as to weigh and discharge every kind of grain with entire accuracy.

THE DEATH OF DR. QUINCY, THE OPIUM EATER.—The Asia brings us intelligence of the death of Thomas De Quincy, which happened on Thursday, the 8th of December, at Edinburgh, having considerably passed the term of three score years and ten.

EVIL EFFECTS OF FRIGHTENING CHILDREN.—On Friday of last week a little girl saw a man coming towards her rolling a barrel. The girl at once turned round and commenced screaming and running.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN A ROPE WALK.—A lad named Francis Hawks, was brought to the Brooklyn City Hospital on Saturday afternoon with his bowels protruding, and presenting a most sickening sight.

THE STEAMSHIP PRINCE ALBERT.—The steamship Prince Albert, from Galway on the 10th of December, via Newfoundland, arrived in this port on Sunday morning.

A SINGULAR SLANDER SUIT.—We learn from the Henry county papers, that the last term of court held at Cambridge, was of unusual interest. A slander suit occasioned considerable excitement.

REMOVAL OF FREE NEGROES FROM MISSOURI.—On the 15th instant, a bill passed the Missouri Senate by a vote of 22 to 10 which provides for the removal from the State of all free negroes, without reference to the time of their coming into the State, or any laws which have been passed from time to time.

THE N. Y. Observer states that the Irish Deputation (Presbyterians) who recently visited this country, collected, in the course of two months, about \$30,000 in aid of missionary operations in Ireland.

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Miscellaneous.

A Weary Life is to Have no Work to do.

Ho! ye who at the anvil toil,
And strike the sounding blow,
Where from the burning iron's breast,

Ho! ye who till the stubborn soil,
Whose hard hands guide the plow,
Who bend beneath the summer sun,

Ho! ye who plow the sea's blue fields,
Who ride the restless wave,
Beneath whose gallant vessel's keel

Ho! ye upon whose fever'd cheeks
The hectic glow is bright,
Whose mental toil wears out the day,

Ho! all ye who labor—all who strive—
Ye yield a lofty power;
Do with your might, do with your strength,

Two young men who were intimate friends,
were pursuing an academic course of study
together, when their attention, with several

At length one of them yielded the controversy,
accepted salvation through grace, and
was made partaker of the heavenly gift.

The other continued to resist, though the
tears and entreaties of his friend were now
added to other influences.

When Hamilton was Washington's military
secretary, he was ordered to meet the
Commander-in-Chief one morning at sunrise.

The same point was strikingly illustrated in
the history of two brothers in Massachusetts.

Even the blooming and delicate young lady
is not exempt from this peril. Emily
was a member of a Bible class in Philadelphia.

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