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PLEASANT RESPONSES FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

We give the following as a specimen of the cheering responses we receive from our subscribers, and of the evidence that our labors for their good do not fall of appreciation. We hope that many who may not have time for the verbal expression of their feelings, will initiate the act by which, in this case, our correspondent prefaced his letter. It is a very expressive and satisfactory demonstration of approval. Our correspondent's suggestions, at the close of his letter, are pertinent and valuable. We commend them to such of our readers as may, from time to time, come into possession of facts which would be interesting to our church and the religious public generally.

Rev. J. W. MEARS.

DEAR SIR,—You will find enclosed above two dollars to pay my subscription to the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN for one year in advance. When my paper is paid in advance, then I know it belongs to me. I have a complete file of the PRESBYTERIAN from its commencement, except Nos. — and — of this year. You will confer a favor by sending those numbers. I am rejoiced to find our organ of the New School getting to be better sustained. We should have the very best paper, and the best supported. And all who love our branch should lend a helping hand. Short, pointed, and interesting accounts from our churches in reference to the Lord's doings with them would, we think, give additional interest to the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. This is the age of telegraphs and utilitarianism, and this, in its highest and spiritual sense, should characterize our religious press. May the great Head of the church prosper you. With great respect,

Religious Intelligence.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

Rev. E. B. Fritsch, D. D., has resigned the Secretaryship of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and accepted the call of the First Presbyterian church of Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y., of which he was formerly pastor, and at which place he desires his friends and correspondents to address him.

The Church in Richmond, Michigan, nine miles north-west of Kalamazoo, has prospered under the care of Rev. Milton Bray, who has been its pastor for several years. Within the year they have been encouraged to "arise and build," and they have now nearly completed a new house of worship, which will cost about seven thousand dollars. They expect to occupy it about the first of January.—Evangelist.

Southold, N. Y.—Nine years ago, Rev. Ephraim Whitaker became the pastor of this church, and by the grace of God still continues his labors. The net gain of church members has been fourteen per cent. Of benevolent contributions, three hundred per cent. since his installation. The average age of church members is 40 years. The number of baptisms during the first eight years of his pastorate is more than sixty-three years. The people have increased the salary and, also, enlarged and greatly improved the parsonage. It is now worth twice as much as it was nine years ago.

Greenport, L. I.—A special meeting of Long Island Presbytery was held at Greenport on the 21st of August to install Rev. Edward Stratten as Pastor of the church. He was received from the Presbytery of Catskill, and accepted the unanimous call to become the pastor of this important church, in the large and rapidly growing village at the eastern terminus of the Long Island Railroad. The installation services were as follows: Invocation and reading of the Scriptures; prayer by the Rev. Henry J. Acker, of Greenport; sermon by the Rev. John J. Acker, of Greenport; constitutional questions by the Moderator, Rev. Mr. Rath; charge to the pastor by the Rev. Carson W. Adams, of Thompsonville, Ct., formerly of Greenport; charge to the people, by the Rev. Daniel M. Logg, of Shelter Island; prayer by the Rev. Jas. T. Hamlin, of Mattituck; benediction by the pastor. The singing was under the direction of S. Walls Phillips, Esq., who presided at the organ. Mr. Stratten has been preaching in Greenport with entire acceptance and great usefulness, for eight months past.

The Churches in Washington City.—These churches have been active in making improvements in their edifices this summer. Those of Rev. John C. Smith's, and Rev. Byron Sunderland's churches, are nearly completed, and the congregation hope soon to enter again upon their regular worship.

Eric Presbytery on Publication.—The subject of the collection of funds for the General Assembly's Publication Committee, and the circulation of the issues of said Committee within the bounds of the Presbytery, was taken up—on which it was Resolved, 1st. That George A. Lyon, D. D., and Thomas T. Bradford, ministers, and D. S. Clark, elder, be a committee to have the general supervision of the Publication cause in behalf of this Presbytery, to receive and disburse money collected in our churches for this purpose, and to do what they may deem proper for the promotion of the design of their appointment, and to report annually to Presbytery at its annual meeting, on the whole matter hereby given them in charge.

Resolved, 2d. That it be recommended to all our churches to take up a collection for the Publication cause in October next, and pay it in to the Presbytery's Committee, who shall transmit one half of the same as a donation to the Assembly's Publication Committee, and shall invest the other half in the issues of the said Committee for sale within the bounds of this Presbytery.

By order of Presbytery. J. VANCE, Stated Clerk. Belle Valley, Sep. 9, 1860.

Washington, D. C.—Rev. JOHN C. SMITH, D. D., completed, on Sabbath before last, his 21st year as pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in this city, and his 29th year in this district. Eight hundred communicants have been added under his pastorate, being an almost equal ratio with the increase of population. His successful ministry has witnessed an increase in the population of Washington from 20,000 to now 61,400. Churches have doubled in number. When he commenced the erection of the Assembly's Church in 1822, no Protestant church had been built for several years, but in the past eight years twenty odd church enterprises have been carried out, with accommodations for ten thousand additional persons, and the value of church property has been advanced five-fold. A prosperous ministry, truly.

dollars of property advancing to a present valuation of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. In a history of eight years, the Rev. Mr. Carothers—and unusual physical weakness—has established his church, having received 246 members, baptized 233, making a total of adult and infant conversions, of 471. Rev. G. W. SAMPSON, D. D., the able and popular President of Columbian College, D. C., has kindly consented to supply the pulpit of the Assembly's church, of which Rev. Mr. Carothers is pastor, every Sabbath morning. The feeble health of the pastor requires relief, and in securing Dr. S. the church has been greatly blessed.

Rev. B. SUNDERSMAN, D. D., of the First Church, is now on a visit to the North. During the past summer his edifying labors have been most successful, and in the course of a few weeks past, and people have re-entered their sanctuary. Dr. Sunderland's pastorate has been largely successful, and his present enterprise adds not only to the comfort of his congregation, but to the taste and beauty of church architecture, and to the health of our city.

Rev. MAISON NOLAN, chaplain in the United States Navy, has always supplied the pulpit of the Sixth Church. This church, situated in South Washington, and his labors have been most interesting and earnest in advancing this important interest.

OTHER BRANCHES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Revivals.—We learn that there has been an interesting state of religious interest in the Bethel Church, in Taylor county, Kentucky, for some weeks past. During a recent meeting held in that church, thirty persons professed a hope in Christ.

New Providence Church, in Mercer county, has also had a recent gathering of an unusual number of souls into it. Sixty-eight persons were admitted to the communion on a recent occasion.—Louisville Herald, (O. S.)

The degree of D. D. was duly conferred upon the Rev. R. B. WENBROOK, of this city, at the late commencement of Washington College.

U. P. Church in Nebraska.—Rev. Thos. McCarroll, organized, on Saturday, the 18th ultimo, a new church in Nebraska Territory, to be called the "United Presbyterian Congregation of Buffalo." Nine persons, four males and five females, were received into membership.

The United Synod's Board of Missions.—Rev. Arthur Mitchell, the excellent pastor of our 3d Church, and Dr. G. E. Post, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, have here next week for a tour of duty to the United Synod's Board, to awaken interest in it, and to introduce Dr. Post to send on our Missionary as soon as his medical and theological education is completed.—Witness.

The New Theological Seminary.—A letter addressed by the Rev. A. H. H. BOYD, D. D., of Winchester, Va., to the ministry and churches in connection with the 'United Synod' of the Presbyterian Church, States that the Board of Visitors to the University of Virginia have declined by a small majority to accede to the proposition of the Theological Seminary under the care and patronage of this Synod, at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Boyd, in his letter, reports seventy thousand already subscribed, and says one hundred thousand dollars will be required to erect the necessary buildings.

Increase of Presbyterians in Fifty Years.—The venerable Dr. John McMillen, in an extraordinary sermon of his ministry, makes the following statement: "In 1810, there were only 100 Presbyterians in this city. Now there are 10,000."

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Union of Religious Papers.—The Sentinel, of Memphis, Tenn., having been published for some time past, a pecuniary sacrifice, with no prospect of improvement, is now united with the 'True Witness' of New Orleans, the united paper taking the name of 'True Witness and Sentinel,' to be issued simultaneously in Memphis and New Orleans, an editor residing at each place, as heretofore. An enlargement of the sheet is expected.

The Children's Church at St. Anne.—Wednesday, September 6th, 1860, the cornerstone of the Children's Church at St. Anne, Illinois, was laid. The ceremony was presided over by the Rev. J. C. Smith, and was attended by a large number of the laity. The church is to be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. J. C. Smith.

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News of the Week.

PHILADELPHIA CITY. The Waterworks' Extension.—This work in progress at Fairmount, is well worth a visit. Five steam engines are employed, some of them day and night, in draining the coffer dam, in pile driving and in hoisting. Four large pumps are needed in order to keep the works clear of the water, which rushes in rapidly through the porous soil, especially at high stages of the tide. As much as a million and a half gallons of water are discharged in the 24 hours. The extension of the waterworks, which will be completed in a few days, will be a great benefit to the city. It will be placed just beneath the walk which will be a great benefit to the city.

Resignation of a Pastor.—The Baltimore American says: "The Rev. John G. Morris, D. D., for many years the regular pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, has tendered his resignation to the consistory of the congregation. It will be recalled that some months since the Directors of the Peabody Institute elected Dr. Morris to the responsible position of Librarian. Considering his various attainments in branches of art and science, there is no man in the city who would do better and more acceptably fill such a place in the Institute."

The Trappe Church, Montgomery County, Pa., Restored.—Interesting Celebration.—A correspondent of the 'Missionary' says: "The building erected here in 1743 by our patriarch, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, for the worship of God, had become of late years very much decayed and out of repair. A new church was built, and the old one deserted."

As there was no more use for the building, many of the congregation wished the walls taken down and the rubbish cleared away. Others, however, held it up as hallowed and extended associations in too high esteem to permit this; and at a meeting of the church, Messrs. S. Gross, Rev. G. Hill, and H. Royer, were appointed a committee to have a new roof and ceiling put in the building, and every other repair made also that was necessary to its preservation.

These repairs cost the company between six and seven hundred dollars—a large part of which was contributed by the Muhlenberg family, especially that branch of it residing in New York. In consideration of this and many other reasons, the committee extended an invitation to Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg, rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, in New York, a great-grandson of the Patriarch and grand-son of Hon. T. A. Muhlenberg, first Speaker of Congress, to preach a discourse at the re-opening of the old building. The invitation was accepted, and Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th of September, were set apart for religious services, in connection with the re-opening of the church.

Dr. Muhlenberg's discourse was an earnest plea for the reunion of the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches, which he considers as essentially one. He was willing to accept a part partly extemporaneous. He spoke of the great intimacy that existed between his great grandfather and Bishop White—showing how nearly these men felt related to each other in church ties, as well as those of personal regard. In this connection he made a remark to justify the part he was taking on the present occasion: "On the evening of the day when I was ordained to my office by the hands of Bishop White, he remarked to me—'Well, my young brother, I do not think the shades of your great-grandfather were displeased with what you did today.' And so I can say, Bishop White, are not disturbed at the place I am occupying today."

BAPTIST. Corner-Store Laying.—Fifth Baptist Church.—The corner stone of the new Baptist edifice, at 18th and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia, was laid September 5th. The congregation is at present worshipping in Sanson street church.

Brown University.—The commencement exercises took place September 12th. There were 29 graduates. The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. T. M. Clark, bishop of R. I., and that of LL. D. on Judge J. M. Read, of the Supreme court of this State.

Mong Shaw Loo.—Mong Shaw Loo, a native of Maulmain, Burmah, and now a student at the Lewisburg University, delivered an interesting lecture at Zion, Centre county, Pa., on the evening of the 28th of August last. The father of Shaw Loo became a convert to the Christian religion a number of years ago, and was baptized by the celebrated Dr. Judson, Baptist missionary in Burmah. Shaw Loo himself became a subject of divine grace when he was about fifteen years of age. He is now in his twentieth year. In the year 1857, in the month of December, he came to this country for the purpose of obtaining a thorough education, in order to be able to return to his native land, well prepared to preach the gospel of peace and salvation to his benighted countrymen. He also desires to pursue a course of medical studies, in order to become useful as a physician, which is indeed a happy idea.

FOREIGN. Religious Anniversaries in Geneva.—From Monday, June 19th, to the 20th, the anniversaries of the leading religious societies occupied the attention of the public. They are the Bible, Missionary, Evangelical and Protestant Societies, and the Evangelical Alliance. Merle D'Abigny and F. Monod took a prominent part. The Theological School, under Dr. Abbiglio and Gausson, has 44 students, and is in a flourishing condition.

Hayti.—While threatened at home, the Pope has succeeded in re-establishing his spiritual power in an American country, where for many years it had appeared to be entirely extinct. The new President of Hayti has concluded a concord with the Pope, and the country, for the first time, is fully organized hierarchy. The comments of the Haytian press on this event are rather humiliating for the court of Rome, which, however, has undoubtedly had most of its demands complied with. It must now soon appear whether the Roman Church in Hayti be still strength enough to struggle against the paganism into which the mass of the population have practically relapsed. We believe the prospects of Protestantism in the same island, are very promising.

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