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NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

No good work is accomplished without labor. An enterprise which contemplates durability and extended usefulness must have time to take root, grow, and develop its strength.

In view of the difficulties and hindrances, both of a general and special character, we have every reason to be encouraged at the remarkable success and general favor which the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN has attained in its short career of a little more than three years.

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We hope to be sustained in these efforts to strengthen our paper and increase its usefulness, by the ready co-operation of ministers and friends at home and abroad.

SALUTATORY.

Guided by providential indications, and impelled by a sense of duty, I have decided to accept the position of associate editor of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, to which I have been elected by the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Religious and Literary Association.

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sphere, and engages in its duties with all his heart. It is scarcely necessary to add that the clear record of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN upon all questions involving the interests of our beloved Zion, its unwavering adherence to her principles and its clear exposition of her doctrines, its fidelity and eminent usefulness to the church during a critical period, have met my cordial approval, and were among the chief inducements to accept the position upon which I now enter.

JOHN W. MEARS.

REV. GEORGE CHANDLER.

The death of this venerable and venerated minister of the gospel has carried grief to ten thousand hearts. For nearly forty-seven years, almost half a century, he has in Kensington gone in and out as the faithful and beloved pastor of a confiding and warm-hearted people.

His reputation for godly living was so unquestioned; his spirit was so genial, loving and tender; his bearing so humble, gentle and benevolent; his charity so impartial, comprehensive and practical; his sympathy for human nature, so independent of the accident of birth, occupation, wealth, or social position; he was so long known, so well and favorably known by all, that he was regarded, not as the property of a sect or single church, but as the loved and cherished patriarch of the whole district of Kensington.

He had baptized, married and buried sanctified generations; his presence had sanctified thousands of wedding festivals; he had been met at thousands of sick beds, and had been heard at thousands of funerals; he had "wept and cried with those that wept," of every color, creed and condition, until his services, as a messenger of consolation, seemed a necessity in almost every house of mourning.

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meek and quiet spirit, which, in the sight of God, is of great price; that he labored long, hard, judiciously, and successfully for his Master; that his whole course had been one approved of God, and all good and true men; that it will be hard to replace him in the church militant; and that his exit from earth has carried new joy to the church triumphant.

DEATH BED SCENE OF REV. GEORGE CHANDLER.

The following solemn and interesting scene occurred on Sabbath, the 6th of February, in the dying chamber of the Rev. George Chandler, the venerable pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Kensington, Pa.

In accordance with a previous determination, Messrs. Clouds, Worrell, Sedinger, Lowery, Dougherty and Affelbaugh, members of the Church Session, met and proceeded in a body to the chamber of his dying pastor, with a view to make him a farewell visit.

One of the elders remarked, "I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen thee, righteous forsaken." Another observed, "The poet has beautifully said,

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foe; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never—no never—no never forsake."

Mr. Chandler replied, "Yes, that is a delightful promise,—thank God, those doubts have all disappeared, and the cloud has been removed. Jesus is now precious, O how precious to my soul! Brethren, I am happy; the Lord be praised for his goodness,—I know in whom I have believed."

After a pause, Mr. C. continued, "Brethren, I have not been as faithful in the discharge of my duty as I should have been, and have not always so preached the gospel as to strengthen and comfort believers, and so to warn sinners of their danger. For my short-comings I pray the Lord to forgive me."

He then turned to the members of the church, and said, "I have been a pastor for forty-six years, in which you have been with us; and as an evidence of this, you now have the love and confidence of the whole Church, and not only of every member of our own church, but you have also the love and confidence of this whole community. God himself has put his seal to your ministry, by the success he has given you. We believe there are hundreds whom you have been instrumental in bringing from nature's darkness to God's marvelous light."

CARL RITTER.

This celebrated German Geographer, who died September 28, 1859, at the advanced age of 80, deserves notice at the hands of religious journalists of every country, as a shining instance of Christian scholarship. His rare gifts were vigorously and successfully employed with an evident devotion to the interests of Christ's kingdom, in his particular sphere. Only an earnestly Christian spirit could discover and indicate, as he did, the hitherto unsuspected relations between physical science and the religious history of the race.

THE JESUITS IN THE TYROL.

A correspondent of the New Evangelical Church writes from Feld-Kirche, a town in the mountainous province of Vorarlberg, (which is a part of the Austrian Tyrol), a letter of such interest that we give a free translation of the most of it for our readers.

Besides a number of industrial establishments which fill up the rocky gorge of the Ill, there is one of recent construction which excels all the rest in size, namely, the Pensionate of the Jesuits. In earlier times, Feld-Kirche had boasted of a gymnasium of great and well-deserved celebrity. But under the absolutism introduced by the Austrian Concordat, both the higher and lower gymnasia have been surrendered to the Jesuits.

He teaches—and in this he rises to the character of a "prophet" in the scientific and practical sense, as a resident of his earthly home as the soul uses the body, and as the child growing up to youth, learns to exercise his bodily strength and the powers of his mind to the fullest extent of the requirements made upon them.

Great changes have already taken place in the views entertained of space, distance, and forms of natural objects. The form and material themselves of the earth have undergone changes, through the activity of man, within historical periods, and the huge forces of nature have been compelled to yield to the conscious power of man.

Ritter's works are described as of great interest and value to missionaries. He himself appreciated the services of this class of men in his own science, and, on the other hand, regarded it as highly important to consider the physical conditions of a region in which it was designed to establish missions.

But that part of his Geography which relates to Palestine is of the greatest value to theologians; indeed, his lectures upon that country proved a great blessing to hundreds. In opening up to their souls a wide view of the kingdom of God upon earth. Here, indeed, the peculiar views of the "Prophet of Geography" have their fullest scope, and may be considered as reaching their final completion.

When sinks a weary soul to rest, How mildly beam the closing eyes, How gently heaves the expiring breast, 'Tis duty done as sinks the day, Light from its load the spirit flies; While heaven and earth combine to say, How blest the righteous when he dies."

Germany could anticipate by establishing a mission among them.

FUNERAL OF MR. CHANDLER.

The funeral services of this eminent pastor were held in the Kensington Church, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and were of a very interesting character. The corpse was placed in the middle aisle, in front of the pulpit. About thirty ministers were present. The church was crowded in every part.

After a few introductory remarks by the Rev. Charles Brown, the Rev. John Patton gave out the hymn,—

"Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ,"

which was sung in plaintive tones by a full choir. Mr. Wallace read the 15th chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians. Prayer was offered very earnestly and affectionately by the Rev. John Chambers. The principal address was then made by Dr. Brainerd. It was most touching and beautiful, and every way admirable, and should be published entire.

The entire services were appropriate, solemn, and interesting. The congregation was deeply attentive, and gathered with tender affection around the mortal remains of the eminent servant of God who is gone from us. No one who was present at the funeral of the Rev. George Chandler will ever forget it.

THE BIBLE AT HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Mr. BURTON:—I was much pleased with your article in the last number of the American Presbyterian, entitled The Bible in College, and that you so highly recommended the plan which has been pursued in Hamilton College during the past year, in its introduction as a text-book into this institution, and its forming a part of the regular studies of the course.

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THE HISTORICAL EVIDENCES OF THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURE RECORDS.

The author is a distinguished historian, and his brother has made himself famous by his explorations in Egypt, where he has gathered much valuable information from the recently deciphered hieroglyphical records, which have remained unintelligible mystery for ages.

THE HABITS OF GOOD SOCIETY.

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By Thomas A. Davies, author of "Cosmogony, or Mysteries of Creation," being an analysis of the natural facts stated in the Hebrew account of creation, supported by the development of existing acts of God toward man.

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