

American Presbyterian and Geneva Evangelist.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1860.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The Literary anniversary of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., will commence Sunday, July 16th, with the annual discourse before the Senior class by President Fisher.

FRENCH RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN THE CITY.

Philadelphia, June 26, 1860. ED. AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.—Permit me to say, through the columns of your paper, to the religious part of the community, that although Mr. Durey, who has conducted the French Prayer Meetings "de l'Eglise Francaise Evangelique de Philadelphia" in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, has been in God's providence to remove from here, to our great regret, the religious services will continue to be held in the same place, every Sabbath, as heretofore, under the charge of a competent minister of the gospel, the Rev. Mr. Bonhomme.

NORTH BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Ma. Editor:—The Divine favour is evidently attending this new enterprise. It was our privilege to worship with the congregation on Sabbath evening last, in their spacious Hall, S. E. corner of Broad and Spring Garden Streets. The house was filled with an attentive audience, whose appearance indicated a large amount of intelligence and refinement.

Religious Intelligence.

Non-Day Prayer Meeting.—On the 4th of July the meeting was well attended and spirited. It was gratifying to see so many persons prepared to celebrate the national anniversary in the quiet and simple exercises of a prayer meeting.

Said one: Our government is wrongly conducted. It is impossible that it should be permanent or wholesome in its working, unless based upon true religion. Our public men should be Christians. But why not they do not hesitate to go to Congress with the bowie knife and the revolver in their pockets, and even to use them there.

The Third Church, Chicago, and its Sabbath School.—On Sabbath, June 17th, the schools of the Third Presbyterian Church held their anniversary at 9 o'clock, P. M. The church was filled with scholars, teachers, and friends.

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Genevieve Valley Presbytery.

The semi-annual meeting of Genevieve Valley Presbytery was held in Portville, June 19th. Rev. J. Wakeman was chosen Moderator, and W. C. White, Temporary Clerk.

By the ordinary routine of business, the report of Rev. Burr Baldwin, employed as Presbyterial Missionary, and the discussion which arose on the subject of Home Missions, occupied much of the time and attention of the session.

Laying the Rochester Brick Church Corner Stone.—The corner stone of the new Brick Church edifice was laid on the 24th July. Under the direction of the architect, Rev. De Witt White, President of the church, the stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

Ordination and Installation.

Rev. George Spaulding has resigned the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Canistota, N. Y., and taken charge of the Presbyterian Church at Tyrone, Schuylker county, N. Y.

Rev. Byron Sunderland, of the Baptist, N. Y., Advocate says: "This talented and eloquent Divine has been in town several days, visiting his brother-in-law, D. W. Tomlinson, Esq. On Sunday evening a large number of his friends and admirers attended at the Presbyterian Church, and listened to a most able and eloquent discourse from him.

The Brethren and Churches in Rochester.—A correspondent of the Presbyter (O. C.) in a communication describing the late General Assembly in this city, thus refers to our churches and brethren there: "The New York churches are strong. Dr. Shaw's (the Old Brick), and Mr. Ellinwood's are the most important. The former are rebuilding their edifices. Mr. B's house of worship is new, and getting one of the best in the city."

The Degree of D. D. has been conferred upon Rev. Levi H. Christian, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, by Nassau Hall (Princeton) College.

Marietta College.—The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. J. F. Tuttle, of Rockaway, N. J. Rev. Edward P. Smith, elected Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature.

Education at the West.—Our ministerial brethren at the west are in various ways engaged in advancing the interests of education in their section. A correspondent of the O. C. Herald says of the Terre Haute Female College: "Rev. John Covert has got up a prime school there, and the examinations were very satisfactory to a large number of intelligent visitors."

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The General Theological Seminary, (P. E.) of New York, with large property in Real Estate, estimated to be worth over half a million, is greatly embarrassed for want of available funds, inasmuch that at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees its position was described as approaching to bankruptcy.

Mr. Geo. H. Stuart.—Our foreign papers give us accounts of numerous religious and benevolent meetings in which Mr. Stuart has been taking a part. We find him addressing a meeting on behalf of the Regard School in Field Lane, London; speaking before the Free Church Assembly in Edinburgh; laying the cornerstone of a new Presbyterian church in Belfast, and on several other occasions doing good service in the cause of the Saviour who lives.

General Theological Seminary.

The financial condition of this Seminary was a matter of deep interest to the three General Conventions of Maine, New York, and the late General Convention of Maine. Nearly \$15,000 have been bequeathed during the year. The sum of \$35,000 is needed to complete the endowment of the Professorships; \$15,000 to extinguish the debt; another sum also whose proceeds shall be sufficient to meet the various other expenses of the Institution, making a total, above the legacies of the present year, of about \$75,000. Pledges for \$10,000 were secured on the spot, which, added to assurances from abroad, render it quite certain that its wants will be speedily met.

The new chapel has just been dedicated. This edifice, including its fitting up and fixtures, has cost about \$12,000,—of which sum more than \$6,000 have been raised directly by the friends of the Seminary.

Sunday Reform Movement in St. Louis.—A meeting of citizens was held on the 19th of June, when the following was adopted as a part of the Constitution: "Our object is to secure a respectful observance of the Christian Sabbath, and in order to form a nucleus around which all the advocates of Sunday Reform may rally."

The American Missionary Association.—One of the churches gathered at the South, on anti-slavery principles, was presented in a charge by one of their judges to the Grand Jury, as being indictable for every crime which the law punishes. The members of the church were arrested, and for the first offence each member attending such a meeting would be punishable by imprisonment for one year in the penitentiary—and for the second offence death. This "charge" was made for practical attention, but the church has not been "practically" as yet. Need we go to Naples to find instances of intolerance?

Action of the New England Bodies on Home Missions.—GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS. 1. Resolved, That the General Association remember with satisfaction the years in which the members of the Presbyterian and Congregational denominations have united their strength and zeal in planting the institutions of the Gospel in our own country, and acknowledge with gratitude the large measure of success with which God has crowned their Christian endeavors; and it would give them pleasure to see a united work of benevolence continued, if it could still be prosecuted with mutual happiness and confidence according to methods mutually equitable and satisfactory.

FOREIGN. Election of Moderators in the Scottish Assemblies.—There is no such thing as a real choice of these officers by the usual process of nomination and election. The retiring Moderator, times a successor, pronounces an eulogy upon his predecessor, and is followed by a vote of approval.

Rev. Bryan King, the Presbytery of the notations St. George's in the East, was, in response to an "address of sympathy" to the mind-church in this country, that his brethren in America, and received the unpalatable gift of baptismal grace in Trinity Church, N. Y.

Von Bethmann Hollweg and the American German Reformed Church.—Schaff informs the German Reformed Messenger that he has received a letter from the distinguished Prussian Minister, expressing his readiness to pay a subscription of two thousand thalers to the proposed Theological Library of his Seminary, should the money be required.

West India Christians.—We often read doleful tales in the proselytic papers both religious and secular, of the condition of the wretched slaves in the British West Indies; and, although these tales have a thousand times been refuted by the intelligent and unprejudiced writers of the day, yet they are repeated and repeated with undiminished confidence.

Ireland.—The Banner of Ulster gives the following cheering proof of the good effects of a revival and of its continued operation in the county: "The following is a list of new converts subscribed for, and of extensions at present in progress, or completed within the last six months: A New Presbyterian Church in Ballymore; a new Episcopalian Church in Broughshane; a new Episcopal Church in Abhoill; a new Baptist Church in Ballymore; a new Presbyterian Church in Killynure; a new Presbyterian Church at Cloughwater; a Presbyterian Church at Grange, enlarged and improved; a Wesleyan Church in Ballymore, accommodation extended."

Lebanon Classic of the German Reformed Church.—The Report on the state of Religion in this body is a paper of more than usual ability, and contains suggestions of great practical value. It is largely characterized by the consciousness of religious vigor and onward development, which we have never witnessed in any of the religious organizations. It says: "The German Reformed Church is silently and gradually developing and extending in all classes of her people the consciousness of possessing a unity, a power, a distinctive character, and a great duty to perform, which makes sacred to her people all her interests, her institutions, her confessions, her hopes and aspirations, and gives her a vitality and inspiration which reveals itself in the increased manifestations which are indicating the rapid progress of the Church."

England.—The Diocese of Carlisle has been conferred upon the Rev. and Rev. S. Whitgrave, Canon of Salisbury and Rector of Barford, a Martin, in that diocese.

He is reported to be an excellent scholar, a popular preacher, and a sound churchman, without leaving to the Tractarian party.

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Madagascar.—Remarkable news has been received from Madagascar. It appears that the Queen (Victoria) as a representative of the native Christians, and her banishment of the Society's missionaries, had recently become anxious about the peaceful transmission of the crown to her son. But before the son's birth she had promised to leave the crown to the oldest son of her sister, and this man, being very military in his habits, was well disposed to accept it. Mr. Ellis' recent book, "A Visit to Madagascar," also indicated him as a bitter persecutor. But the Queen, as if under supernatural influence, decided to decide the matter in what would be regarded by herself and subjects as the most sacred way. She had two jars filled; the one with earth gathered from her husband's grave, the other with jewels. She decreed that the two candidates should come into a chamber where the jars were, (covered), and that he who should lay his hand on the jar containing the ashes of the departed king, should be the future Sovereign.

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It may be questioned if anything very decisive can be done until there shall have been a revivifying revival of true religion in the Church, thoroughly imbuing the bulk, both of the bishops and the clergy, with the right spirit.

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