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Religious Intelligence.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

Items from California.—COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. Walter Frear, of Placerville, has been elected as Commissioner by the Presbytery of Sierra Nevada. Mr. Frear will leave with his family on the steamer of April 11th, and will be absent about six or seven months.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.—Last Sabbath a Presbyterian Church (N. S.) was duly organized in Brooklyn. The Church consists of twelve members. The services were conducted by Revs. Brier, Strong and Willey, the latter preaching the sermon. This new and exceedingly promising church has been gathered by the wise, faithful and godly labors of the present acting pastor, Rev. G. Pierson. It is not quite a year since he commenced his labors in Brooklyn, and in addition to this organization, he has also succeeded in the erection of a fine church building, which will be completed in a few weeks.—*Pacific*, Feb. 21st.

A Practical Discourse.—The Rev. Mr. Wiswell, on last Sabbath evening, preached—what we fear is too much neglected in city pulpits everywhere—a practical discourse on the "*evil influences and popular sins of Wilmington.*" These were classified under four heads:—1st, Lotteries, 2d, Ram, 3d, Theatres, and 4th, The public sentiment which encourages and supports them. Honorable and upright men will thank the reverend gentleman for introducing these matters in the pulpit; and if they would know fully the character and power of these insidious vices, they should attend the future lectures by Mr. Wiswell on the subject. He has announced a course of three or four sermons, to be continued through the several coming Sabbath evenings until completed. All the people should hear them.—*Del. State Journal.*

The Faithful Minister.—Died, at Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, on the 18th instant, Rev. Geo. E. Delevan, aged 56 years. He was warmly attached to the New School Presbyterian Church, and greatly preferred to labor within its organization.

Some time ago he removed to Wyoming, a young and promising village, where an infant church of our order had just been organized. Here, and in the surrounding region, was a new but inviting field, and he entered upon its cultivation with an untiring, unsparing energy, that brought him to an untimely grave. He identified himself with all the interests of the community about him, and rapidly won the esteem and confidence of all classes and denominations. The little church grew and prospered, and he was hoping soon to see others of our ecclesiastical polity organized in the neighboring hamlets, where he also preached.

A house of worship was greatly needed by his people, and through the liberality of a warm-hearted Christian lady of Pittsburgh, and some aid from the Church Erection Fund, joined to their own exertions, they were enabled to commence, a year ago, a neat and commodious structure. Unfortunately, its walls blew down, just as the roof was about to be laid, thus delaying for several months its completion. Your readers may remember an appeal for help, in these circumstances, which the much-tried pastor put forth at the time in your paper.

It was about this time that he was attacked by sudden hemorrhage—the result of over exertion in his many and varied labors. But a deep religious interest was just now beginning to manifest itself in the village, and he watched from his sick bed, with great solicitude, the progress of a work which he could not guide. He wrote an occasional sermon which was read to his people with happy effect, and he had the privilege of knowing, before he died, that quite a number of those to whom he had preached, were rejoicing in Christ, and would soon join themselves to the church he must leave.

The end of our brother was peace.—*Cor. Evang.*

Commissioners.—THIRD PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.—The following Commissioners have been chosen to the next meeting of the General Assembly: *Primaries*—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Rev. Dwight M. Seward, Rev. Chas. K. M'Harg. *Elders*—John G. Parker, George D. Gragin, William H. Chrystie.

FOURTH PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.—*Ministers*—Rev. J. P. Hovey and Rev. G. W. Noyes. *Elders*—Samuel M. Blatchford and Albert Brown.

Rev. J. F. Baird, a late graduate of Union Theological Seminary, has been invited to supply the 2d Church, Cedarville, N. J.

Rev. A. B. Swift has resigned his charge of the Church of Middle Granville, N. Y.

Rev. O. P. Conklin, late of Ovid, N. Y., has accepted a call to his former charge in Berkshire, Tioga County, N. Y.

Rev. John M'Leish, late pastor of the church at New Berlin, N. Y., has accepted a call to become the pastor of the church in Bellville, Jefferson county New York.

Rev. W. T. Bartle has accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Decatur, Michigan.

Omaha City.—Rev. T. M. Dimmick writes: "Our church recently organized here is the only New School Presbyterian church in the great Territory of Nebraska. Brother Thompson Bird, at Des Moines, Iowa, is, I believe, about my nearest ministerial neighbor—150 miles distant!"—*Evangelist.*

First Church, Buffalo.—The *Buffalo Advocate*, of last Thursday says:

The interesting ceremony of installing Rev. Dr. Clarke as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, occurs to-day, Thursday. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Thompson, the former pastor. The charge to the pastor will be delivered by Dr. Hencock, and that to the church by Dr. Chester. This programme will be highly gratifying to the congregation, as well as to many other citizens, who will doubtless be present.

"The New School Presbyterian General Assembly is to meet at Syracuse on the 16th of May. The citizens are already engaged in plans to make the Assembly's stay most agreeable and pleasant. This is one of the most independent bodies in the country. Its position on the slavery question has been determined and long since settled. We wish we could say as much for some other churches."—*Buffalo Advocate.*

Revival in Evansville, Ind.—Extract from a letter of Rev. Wm. H. M'Carer, pastor of our church in Evansville, dated March 25th, 1861:

The Lord has been doing great things for the churches in this city. Several hundred conversions professed, mostly in Methodist and Cumberland Churches. We admitted forty one to our communion on the first Sabbath of this month, and others are now waiting for our next communion to join themselves to our number. We have had fourteen or fifteen new *family* altars set up in homes where the fathers two months ago were without God and without hope. We have no extra meetings now, but some who are anxiously asking, "What must we do?"—*Recorder.*

Lane Seminary.—Of nearly four hundred now living, who were students of Theology in the Seminary for the whole or a part of their course, about two hundred and fifty are preaching the gospel either at home or abroad. Of these, as nearly as we can ascertain, between ninety and a hundred are laboring in connection with other denominations. Thirty or forty are Congregationalists; and among them such men as Henry Ward Beecher of Brooklyn, who was a student at Lane from 1834–37; his brother, Charles Beecher; Dr. Jonathan Blanchard, President of Wheaton College, Ill.—*Christian Herald.*

Changes in Michigan.—"There will be quite a change among our Michigan clergy this spring. Rev. G. C. Curtis has already left Adrian, for Elmira. Rev. H. G. Blinn has resigned, and leaves Tecumseh in April. Rev. James Knox, at Hillsdale, has had two attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs, and his physicians say he must not preach for a year; so that his field will probably be vacant. Rev. H. L. Stanley has resigned at Jonesville, and leaves the pulpit April 1st. It is rumored that Rev. Mr. Strong, of Monroe, has been invited to one of our Western cities, and will also leave in the Spring. This would leave five important churches vacant, on the line of the Michigan R. R."—*Christian Herald.*

Dr. Aiken, of Cleveland, says a correspondent of the *Herald*, sought a dissolution of the pastoral relation, that he might be free from care and responsibility. The Church, in consenting, passed some most affectionate resolutions, and voted a retiring salary of $1,000 per annum.

OTHER BRANCHES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Chiniquy Colony.—In consequence of the many rumors about the ecclesiastical position and changes of the converted French Romanists of Northern Illinois, the N. Y. *Observer* learns that the Presbytery into which Mr. Chiniquy was received, have taken the case under investigation, and so soon as any result is reached, the facts as they are developed will be published.

The Chiniquy Colony.—As an offset to the stories so busily circulated of the ecclesiastical demoralization of this colony among the Episcopal journals, we find the following in the *Presbyterian* of last week, from an eye-witness and participant in what is described.

"AURORA, ILLINOIS, March 26th, 1861.

"*Messrs. Editors:*—At a special meeting of Presbytery held in Chicago in February last, a petition was presented by a number of heads of families, and others in St. Anne, to be organized into a Second Presbyterian Church, in order that they might enjoy the services of our young brother, Mr. Theodore Monod. After needful consideration, and with the expressed concurrence of the Rev. C. Chiniquy, the prayer of the petitioners was granted."

A committee of Presbytery was appointed, who repaired to St. Anne, and examined the candidates. The correspondent says that at the close of their labors, "Fifty-seven had been before us, and of these we admitted fifty-three, advising the remaining four to defer their union with this organization for a time." The organization was then completed. The writer adds: "One fact, greatly to the credit of this people, ought to be known. Last year they were receiving the charities of the Christian public, this year they have subscribed seventy-two dollars for the Bible cause, and one hundred for the sufferers of Kansas. One poor man brought his fifty cents to Mr. Monod, saying, 'I have seen so much of the good effects of the Bible here, I want to give this to send it to others.'"

CONGREGATIONAL.

A Baptistery in Mr. Beecher's Church.—A baptistery has been constructed under the pulpit in Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church, Brooklyn. For several years past the pastor of Plymouth Church, in receiving new members to its communion, has been in the habit of administering baptism in the mode most consonant with the individual views of the applicant. He does not hold that one form of baptism is right, and all others wrong; and while, for his own part, he prefers sprinkling, he never seeks to dissuade a candidate who prefers immersion. But heretofore, in administering baptism by immersion, he has been compelled to resort to some other church edifice for a baptistery. The frequency of these occasions at length determined the trustees of Plymouth Church, at the pastor's suggestion, to place a baptistery in their own building.—*The Independent.*

A Writer in the Boston Recorder has recently been criticising very severely a sermon of Rev. Jos. P. Thompson, D. D., in which he sees evidence, satisfactory to himself, of a disposition to undermine the theology of "Calvin and Fuller, of Edwards and Woods."

Not Subscribing the Creed.—Rev. E. W. Cook, formerly of Townsend, Mass., was to be installed, Feb. 20th, as pastor of the Congregational church in Hopkinton, N. H., but as only three churches, invited on the council, were represented, the day being very stormy, and as some of the theological views of Mr. Cook were not satisfactory, an adjournment was made to March 6th. At that date an invitation having been extended to six additional churches, the council met, nine churches being represented. After an examination of nearly two hours, the council voted unanimously to proceed with Mr. Cook's installation, while declaring that they would have been better satisfied if he had accepted, as it read, the 7th article of the creed of the church in Hopkinton. It runs as follows: "We believe that, *in consequence of the first apostacy*, the heart of man, in his natural state, is destitute of all holiness." Respecting the six italicised words, Mr. Cook was not certain whether they were true or not, but thought the Scripture evidence was not sufficiently clear to warrant making the doctrine an article of faith. Mr. Cook is now expounding his views in a series of articles in the *Congregational Journal*, from which paper we learn these facts.—*Congregationalist.*

The "Old School" Theology and Slavery.—This, then, is my proposition:—The genuine truth will live and triumph, but the Old School system of truth, will be a failure, if it fails correctly to represent truth, and is generally and definitely understood among *conscientious Christians*, as defending or conniving at human slavery.—*O. S. cor. Recorder.*

FOREIGN.

Scandalous Act of Tyranny.—In the Parish of Horsey, near Norfolk, England, an unbaptized infant of a few months old having died, the vicar informed the mother that he could not perform the burial service over it. She then told him she would have prayer and singing over it. He told her that would be illegal, and she must not think of it. This remonstrance was repeated, but the mother persisted in inviting a pious neighbor, who offered prayer on the road side before entering the church yard. Arrived at the grave they joined in singing some appropriate verses, which the vicar, who was present, endeavored to interrupt by protesting three times against their proceedings, while they continued to sing. He immediately commenced a prosecution against two of the parties for indecent behavior for singing at the grave of an unbaptized child, and they were committed and fined fourteen shillings each, under the act of Parliament just passed a few weeks ago to suppress the scandalous disturbances in the church of St. George's in the East. They took an appeal to the Court of Quarter Sessions, but our authority, a correspondent of the *New York Observer*, does not state with what result.

The Essays and Reviews have reached a sixth edition. Even mechanics are studying them, especially in the North; and Holyoake, Barker and other apostles of Atheism, are scattering extracts from the volume, infusing doubt and distrust, and ruining the souls of men.—*Presb. Banner.*

In addition to the movements in England against the "Essays and Reviews," the Bishops in Ireland, are about to give expression to their reprehension of them. The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin have addressed a joint letter to the bishops of their several dioceses, in which, they pronounce it as their united opinion, that the views set forth in the work are manifestly at variance with the principles of the Church.—*Cor. Churchman.*

It is remarked, that of the five professors of divinity at Oxford and Cambridge, not one has drawn a pen against the Essayists and Reviewers.

Episcopacy in the Sandwich Islands.—The correspondent of the *Churchman* says:

It is probable another Missionary Bishop will shortly have to be consecrated for quite an opposite quarter of the globe—for the Sandwich Islands. Promptly acting upon the application of the King of Honolulu, the Bishop of Oxford has already succeeded in forming a Committee for promoting the establishment of a church there in "communion with the churches of England and America." Among the published resolutions of the committee are the following:

"That, as it appears by letters from the Bishops of California and New York that there is a readiness on behalf of the American Church to unite in this effort, this Committee hail with gratitude to God such an opening for common missionary action between these two great branches of the Reformed Catholic Church.

"That the Bishops of California and New York be requested to convey to the church of America most earnest invitations from this committee to unite in the work."

Hon. John M'Lean, one of the Judges of the U. S. Supreme Court, died, at his residence, April 4th, aged seventy-six. He was a man of piety, a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Church, and for a long period presiding officer of the American S. S. Union. He was at one time Postmaster General, and for nearly thirty-one years he has been a Judge of the Supreme Court. In 1856, he was warmly pressed for nomination as the candidate of the Republican party for the Presidency of the United States, and received one hundred and ninety-six votes in the Convention which nominated Mr. Fremont. His name was also mentioned in a similar convention at Chicago last year. He would doubtless have made a good executive officer. His abilities were of a superior order, and he was one of the Supreme Court Judges who non-concurred in the Dred Scott decision.

Activity in the Naval Department.—The *Press* of Friday says: We learn from our New York correspondent that the greatest possible activity, and no little excitement, prevails in every department of the navy yard at Brooklyn. On Wednesday night *work was going on nearly all night* on some of the vessels-of-war, so urgent is the call for making them immediately ready for sea duty. The same activity is apparent at Governor's Island, Bedlow's Island, and Fort Hamilton.

FOREIGN.

Occupation of Syria.—Paris, March 23d.—The Paris papers of to-day publish a telegram dated 20th inst., stating that the Porte had consented to the prolongation of the occupation of Syria. The international commission at Beirut has demanded the prompt execution of condemned Druses.

Italy.—THE FRENCH TROOPS AT ROME.—In the Chamber of Deputies, March 16, Signor Macchi presented a petition, signed by eight thousand five hundred and sixty citizens, urging the government to use its influence with the Emperor Napoleon, in order to obtain the speedy withdrawal of the French troops from Rome. He demanded that the Chamber should declare the urgency for the proposition. After some discussion, the Chamber declared the urgency by a unanimous vote.

THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.—The *personnel* of the new Italian Parliament is thus described by one of its members:

"All of us who are here seated have, each in his own calling, toiled for the same cause; we all have brought our stone to the great edifice under which future generations will rest. Here the volunteers of Calatafimi could show us glorious scars on their breasts; here the prisoners of St. Elmo could bare the marks of heavy fetters round their wrists; here, with gray hair, with precocious wrinkles, are orators and writers, apostles of that faith which gave life to soldiers and martyrs; here are the generals who won our battles—the statesmen who led our policy; from here, then, let that outcry of enthusiasm go forth unanimous; here let the nation, long expected among nations, stands up and say, 'I am Italy!'"

Russia.—THE EMANCIPATION OF THE SERFS.—THE IMPERIAL DECREE.—The following is a summary of the imperial decree for the emancipation of the serfs, dated March 3:

"The proprietors of landed property preserve the right attached to the same.

"The landed proprietors are, however, to cede to the peasants, for their permanent use, the dwellings with the ground, which will be allotted to them anew by law, in consideration of the payment of dues. During this stage of things, which will form a transitory period, the peasants are to be designated 'tributary peasants.' The peasants are permitted by law to purchase their dwellings, and with the consent of the landlords, the land also. The peasants will then become free-landed proprietors.

"This new order of things is to be carried out throughout the empire within two years, and until then, the peasants remain in their former state of dependence upon the landlords."

Poland.—EFFECT OF THE IMPERIAL LETTER AT WARSAW.—The imperial rescript has produced a most discouraging impression at Warsaw. The deputation of citizens have resolved upon placing their resignation in the hands of the people, and to request from the Governor the constitution of a new delegation, by means of a general election.

Prince Gortschakoff has announced that reforms will shortly be granted, that a Council of State will be instituted, and that all the towns of Poland will have elective municipal councils. The municipal elections are to commence immediately.

Items.—The Great Eastern is appointed to sail for New York on May 1st next, under the command of Captain, the Honorable S. T. Carnegie, R. N.—An amendment to the Address of the Corps Legislatif, to the Emperor, calling for the removal of the French troops from Rome, was defeated, only five against two hundred and forty-six voting for it.—Here is an *on dit* which looks very much the other way. So far from recalling the French troops in Rome, it was generally reported in Paris that 10,000 men were about to be sent out, nominally to reinforce the garrison there, but really to make a counter demonstration to that of Austria on the Po.—The bank of France, on the twenty-first ultimo, reduced its rate of discount from six to five per cent.

The Latest—up to 29th March.

England.—The strike in the London building trade had assumed serious proportions.

The turn-outs among the Lancashire weavers are increasing, and a serious apprehension of rioting is entertained.

Italy.—The *Times'* Paris correspondent writes that hostilities appear imminent between the Austrians and Piedmontese. Also, that Gen. Guyon has been authorized to make contracts for the French army at Rome for six months longer.

In the Italian chambers Count Cavour maintained that it was urgent that Rome should be immediately declared the capital of Italy. The transfer will take place in consequence of the law adopted by the Chamber, without any disturbances. The time will be fixed by law. We offer the spiritual power of the Pope all guarantees for its liberty, and more force than a friendly Government can ever give to the Papacy.

Japan.—Advices from Jeddo state that the American Secretary of Legation at Jeddo, Mr. Heusken, had been murdered. The English and French Ministers had retired, but the American Minister remained there.

Died.

DENNY—At Uwchlan, Chester co., February 27th, Miss ELIZABETH DENNY, in her 70th year.

DENNY—At Uwchlan, March 25th, in his 88th year WILLIAM DENNY, a ruling elder in the church of West Nantmeal.

NOTICES.

The United Prayer Meeting of the churches of our denomination, will be held in the Third Church, cor. 4th and Pine Streets, on Tuesday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock.

The Presbytery of Niagara will hold its annual meeting at Niagara Falls, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Sessional records and statistical reports will then be called for. J. J. WARD,
Knowlesville, March 25th, 1861. Stated Clerk.

The Philadelphia Home Missionary Society will hold its next annual meeting on the fourth Tuesday of April, (23d inst.,) at 4 o'clock, P. M., in the committee room, Presbyterian House, No. 1334 Chestnut Street. The Reports of the Executive Committee and Treasurer will be laid before the meeting, and officers for the ensuing year elected. Other business regularly introduced may be transacted.

N. B.—All contributors are members of the Society, and are respectfully invited to attend.

April 4th, 1861. ROBT. ADAIR, Cor. Sec.

The Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee will be held at Alexander, on the 4th Tuesday of April, the 23d, at 2 o'clock, P. M. G. S. CORWIN,
Elba, April 4th, 1861. Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Wilmington.—The next stated meeting will be held on the first Tuesday after the second Sabbath of April, (the 16th,) in Drawyer's church.

Order of Exercises.—Opening sermon by the moderator, Rev. George F. Wiswell, Tuesday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 10½, A. M.—Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Foot, Gaylord, Hanmer, and Aikman; on the Present Condition of the Kingdom of Christ on Earth, and the Duties of the Subjects of that Kingdom. 3, P. M., Free conversation on the State of Religion. Evening, Sermon by Rev. Wm. Aikman.

Thursday, 10½, A. M.—Addresses by Messrs. Mears, Patterson and Wiswell, on "How Church Members can most efficiently co-operate with the Pastor in advancing the interests of Christ's Kingdom. 3, P. M., General Prayer Meeting. Evening, Sermon by Rev. Geo. Foot.

Statistical reports and assessments will be handed in at this meeting. JOHN W. MEARS,
STATED CLERK.

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