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THE FEELING FOR UNION AMONG PRESBYTERIANS.

Within the last two or three years, a decided tendency to reunion has sprung up among the various branches of the great Presbyterian family in the English-speaking sections of the world.

of all true Christians are asserting themselves and entering upon their era in the Church. It is no wonder that indications of a similar spirit are witnessed among Presbyterians of different branches in our own country.

ois, and with every loyal citizen and friend of humanity in our own and all lands, at this act of emancipation in the District of Columbia.

LETTER FROM REV. JOHN G. SMITH, D.D.

Washington City, D.C., 21st April, 1862. One year ago, yesterday, I called at the War Department, and offered my services to the Government.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, April 26. The services connected with Lent and Easter were unusually impressive this year, in this city, in connection with our domestic calamities.

This certainly is a day of Christian progress and enlightened advancement in nearly every thing touching man's salvation. Most surprising as it may seem, the Jews in this city, numbering some 25,000, with nearly a dozen Synagogues, are opening Sunday Schools.

The Fifth Avenue Reformed Dutch Church in this city was once a large and powerful congregation. Rev. Dr. McCauley, father and son, were pastors, both when in the lower part of the city, and after it built a hundred thousand dollar church edifice on Fifth Avenue, up town.

The various Evangelical denominations seem to be fraternizing to an extraordinary extent. Our Dutch friends have gone largely to other denominations for help, and as "crossing" in the animal world is known to improve stock, in ecclesiastical organizations, the effect must be healthy and invigorating.

THE REBELLION RECORD.

We have received from G. T. Evans, Agent, numbers 1 to 8 of the semi-monthly edition of PUTNAM'S REBELLION RECORD, edited by Frank Moore.

PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY FOR APRIL.

This number has already been introduced to the public by the issue of two of the articles in pamphlet form—'Worship in Sanctuary Services,' by Rev. H. Darling, D.D., and 'Symbols of Thought,' by Rev. E. A. Briggs.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- 8th Philadelphia, B. B. Hotchkiss, Hon. Wm. Strong, T. S. Johnston, Isaac Ashmead, Wm. H. Ostrom, G. M. Davis, Wm. T. Evers, Th. Prichard, Wm. Aikman, John C. Clark, Wm. Sterling, John E. Hall, Mason Noble, Wm. A. Booth, Wm. H. Babbit, Dan'l H. Smith, S. W. Crittenden, J. W. Bishop, Charles Hamilton, James Hyde, Geo. W. Warren, F. W. Stoddard, G. H. Mead, F. B. Shaw, Dr. Harry Allen, M.D., F. F. Ellinwood, C. K. Adams, Thomas Leacock, Philip Bassett, M.D., S. W. Bruce, J. B. Hubbard, A. A. Corlies, J. W. Bishop, N. S. Bennett, Giles B. Kellogg, J. E. Noble, Lyman Wilder, W. A. McCorkle, E. Keiser, W. McKim, G. M. Davis, W. S. Aiken, Dr. Isaac E. Brush, H. L. Leonard, F. S. Slosson, J. De La Mater, C. C. Knapp, W. M. Cheever, H. P. Odlin, B. Dickinson, Hon. W. H. Brown, G. H. Little, O. H. Lee, E. B. Wheeler, S. S. Van Kuren, J. P. Wilson, D.D., S. A. Gould, J. E. Chiles, H. V. Chamberlain, J. P. E. Kummer, S. Whitlock, Dr. Thompson D.D., E. D. Mansfield, J. E. Chiles, H. V. Chamberlain, Newton Barrett, H. V. Chamberlain, Henry Berges, T. S. Reeve, Robert Wood, F. Z. Roegner, Dr. Galpin, B. Russell, A. Pratt, Downey, Bridgeman, L. J. Milner, W. G. Gallagher, David A. Smith, F. S. McCabe, M. M. Post, H. L. Dickerson, C. C. Knapp, A. B. Clark, M. Derrick, Wm. C. Clark, Erasmus Wolcott, G. H. Little, O. H. Lee, John Gerrard, John Sullivan, Madison,

NORRISTOWN AND THE CENTRAL CHURCH.

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Our Church News.

BETTER THAN THEY PROMISED.—The Presbyterian Church in Mendocino, Cal. has sent an example worthy of imitation by all the churches of the land.

There are many churches in California that can profit by such an example. The pastor of the church referred to, is Rev. D. McClure—a gentleman of real talent, rare culture and scholarship, and thoroughly devoted to his work.

THE CHURCH OF WESTMINSTER, with its new and model house of worship, where the Presbytery of the North River recently met, was itself enough to encourage and stimulate our Home Missionary efforts.

DAYTON PRESBYTERY ON UNION.—A spirited debate on Union in the Presbyterian Church, in which Dr. Hall, President of the Miami University, and Dr. Thomas, pastor of the 1st Church, (O. S.) in Dayton, participated, being corresponding members of the Presbytery, culminated in the adoption of resolutions looking towards union as most desirable.

REV. B. W. CHIDLAW, the efficient and popular Chaplain of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, O. V., has been compelled by ill health to resign. This will be deeply regretted by the officers and men of the regiment.

THIRD PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.—At the recent meeting of this body, Rev. David B. Coe, D. D., was dismissed to the Association of New York and Brooklyn.

REV. ROLLIN A. SAWYER, at his own request was released from the pastoral charge of the Westminster church, of Yonkers, N. Y., after the first of July next.—Evangelist.

PRESBYTERY OF FRANKLIN held its Spring session at Ashby, in Delaware county, O.

INOHAM UNIVERSITY.—The relation of this important Educational Institution to the Synod of Genesee remains unchanged; it retains its ample charter as a University, devoted to the higher education of young women, with every right and franchise it has ever held; also its real estate, edifices, grounds, instruments library, furniture, and Faculty complete.

THEIR REPORTS FROM THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES as to their religious progress, was more than usually encouraging, — some of them having nearly doubled the number of their membership.

As an illustration of faithfulness in the discharge of duty, in addition to the two days and two nights travel of Mr. Strong to attend Presbytery, we might instance that of an elder, who walked fourteen miles for this purpose, through all the snow and sleet of Tuesday.

DEATH OF AN Aged MINISTER.—The death of Rev. Barnabas King, D. D., of Rockaway, N. J., is announced. He had reached the age of 83, and had ministered to the same people for a period of 55 years, having outlived every member of the Presbytery which ordained him in 1807, and during which time nearly two generations have passed away.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA for April contains Doctrines of Methodism, by Rev. D. D. Whedon, D. D., being the second of a series, of articles designed to present the peculiarities of each theological school or sect, in a form acceptable to their friends.

New Publications.

We have received from Henry Hoyt, Boston, two more of his excellent Sabbath School and Children's Books: Virginia, by Madeline Leach, with other stories; and Dreaming and Doing, also from E. P. Dutton & Co., Boston, a copy of the seventh edition of the Parting Spirit's Address to his Mother, by Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Baltimore. For sale at the Protestant Episcopal Book Store, No. 1224 Chestnut street.

The Church and the Army, by Dr. Wm. A. Scott, late of San Francisco. We like this book no better—notwithstanding its manifold and great excellencies—than we like the fine addresses made by some of our notoriously cold-hearted patriots at the meetings for the spiritual wants of our soldiers.

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