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DEATH OF REV. DR. WALLACE.

It is with more grief than we can express, that we approach the sad and solemn task of announcing the death of this personal friend, minister, and ardent and efficient laborer in the church.

Not since the clear-headed, practical, scriptural, ever-active Gilbert was taken from us, has our ministerial circle in Philadelphia, or our church, suffered so great a loss.

The high stations in the church which our deceased brother has held, are not a few. At the time of the division he was a pastor in Kentucky.

He was once espoused the cause of the Reformed Synods and advocated it in the Synod of Kentucky. Afterwards he was pastor of the important charge in York, Pa.

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Earth could have had no grander sight for his eyes, unless it were the Millennium itself. We need not say he was a Presbyterian because he was a devoted Christian.

The movements of Dr. Wallace's mind in thinking and writing were remarkably clear, rapid and easy. His style was fresh, forcible, and ingenious, with many turns of wit and originality.

He rarely touched a complicated question without throwing upon it a flood of light; his views were always sought and heard with deference by the brethren, and his words were always shown to be honest and practical wisdom.

Dr. Wallace was a man of warm personal and local attachments. Descended from the John Hays family, founders in part of the great Keystone State, and who gave their name to the capital, he felt an uncommon pride and veneration for Pennsylvania.

He mourned deeply mourn—upon earth; but great is the gain of our departed brother. To depart and be with Christ is far better.

One of the best of Dr. Wallace's extant productions, is the memorial sermon which he delivered upon the death of Rev. Dr. Gilbert.

THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF GERMANY AND THE AMERICAN BOARD.

In our issue of last week, we gave the substance of a leading article, translated from the columns of the most important organ of the Evangelical church in Germany.

These things are surprising and humiliating. We should not know how to credit them, if they had not appeared in the columns of the leading religious journal of Germany.

the slow-moving Germans, do indeed appear to be displacing the enterprising descendants of "the original English settlers in North America," in the regards of the Armenian converts.

2. Our Berlin friends are ignorant of any Presbyterian elements in the organization of the Board. They do indeed speak of the Dutch Reformed, as if that body were still in connection with the Board, but they know nothing of the union of a large body of Presbyterians, contributing one-third of the funds and about an equal proportion of the ordained missionaries to the work.

THE ASSEMBLY MINUTES.

The Minutes for 1862 have appeared in neat style. The figures given show some progress less than was expected.

THE TOTALS ARE: Synod, 104; Presbyteries, 22; Ministers, 1555; Licentiates, 151; Candidates, 244; Churches, 1468; Added on Examination, 3,895; " " Certificate, 8,852; Communicants, 185,454; Adult baptisms, 1,276; Infant, 3,205; Contributions to Gen. Assembly, \$ 5,138 08; " Domestic Missions, 91,911 46; " Foreign, 69,488 23; " Education, 47,468 54; " Publication, 39,162 46.

These figures show a loss of one Presbytery (Lexington, Mo.), and 8 ministers; a gain of 13 Licentiates and a loss of 44 Candidates; a loss of 12 Churches. The additions on examination are 805 less than last year, on certificate 465 less. Nevertheless there is a gain of 694 (794 by a correction) in the total of the communicants, the first gain in the totals since 1858.

4. The American Board is not a church nor the organ of a church—it is a very high church affair. It eschews episcopacy, yet its Prædial committee of laymen and clergymen, exercise, through the missions, an arch-episcopal power, for which they are responsible to their contributors only.

THE PRÆDIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD is the ecclesiastical power, acting through its agent, "the mission," as a sort of final appeal in which the native has no vote, and no constitutional influence; and yet this governing power and its agent, the "mission," are alike destitute of ecclesiastical character.

We are painfully in the dark about this difficulty at Pera. But we are inclined to believe that it would not have occurred had the policy above indicated been pursued.

had each church as it was organized been regularly taken under its care, and each native or Indian helper been informed that his ordination involved a sacred right to participate in its councils; then, while finance had been a matter of distinct administration, there could scarcely have arisen that indigestible mass of injustices which, right or wrong, has laid its hands on the "intelligent Armenians" and has estranged them, we presume permanently, from the Board.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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(For the American Presbyterian.) SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF HAMILTON COLLEGE.

CLINTON July 29th, 1862.

COMMENCEMENT week dawned auspiciously upon Hamilton College. The weather was propitious throughout the entire week adding greatly to the elation of the occasion.

THE EXERCISES OF THE WEEK were opened on Sabbath evening by an address before the Society of Christian Research, by Rev. Dr. Kendall of N. Y.

Dr. Parker of N. Y. delighted a large audience in the afternoon on the "relations of the College to the church." Later in the day the Delta Upsilon Fraternity held its anniversary.

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OUR QUARTERLY.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY REVIEW, for July, was laid on our table a few hours after its lamented Editor had ceased to breathe.

A little note on the cover gives a hint—a shadow cast before—of the coming event. "The late appearance of the number, and whatever imperfections our readers find in it, are to be attributed to the extreme and protracted illness of the Editor. Though better, he is forbidden to get out of his room, and it is entrusted to other hands.

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NEW YORK CITY CHURCHES.—The Spring-street and the Thirteenth-street churches, and the Chapel of the West Presbyterian (between Forty-first and Forty-second streets on Sixth avenue) will be open during the Summer. Prof. Upon first and second streets on Sixth avenue will be open during the Summer. Prof. Upon first and second streets on Sixth avenue will be open during the Summer.

ST. LOUIS.—The Installation of Rev. S. McLean as pastor of the North Presbyterian church, St. Louis, took place on Sabbath evening, July 6th.

IF we are rightly informed, Mr. Maclean is the first pastor ever installed over this congregation, though it has been in existence since 1845, and is now occupying its second church building.

REV. DR. PARKER'S farewell Sermon, before his departure for Europe, was delivered in his church, Fourth avenue, Sabbath evening, July 20. Unfortunately, a heavy rain, which began to fall just before the hour, kept away many who would gladly have been present.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"EDWIN BROTHERTON" is the title of the third of Major Winthrop's posthumous works published by Ticknor & Field and the best of the three. Its tone is healthy and manly; it is the design of the writer—in which he is entirely successful—to enlist our sympathies warmly on the right side.

THE AMERICAN ANNUAL CYCLOPEDIA for 1861 has just been issued by D. Appleton & Co., New York. It is a complete alphabetical register of important events in the History of the world for that eventful year, embracing almost every department of knowledge and fact except—our great surprise—Religion.

MAGAZINES & PAMPHLETS.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE for the current week contains a number of valuable European papers on our affairs, together with a good miscellany of more purely literary matter. Weekly, Boston: Littell, Son & Co., Price \$5 per annum.