

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

This body held its Annual meeting on Tuesday, January 6th. Rev. Dr. Brainerd was appointed Chairman, and Mr. John Sparhawk Secretary.

The following persons constitute the Executive committee—Samuel T. Bodine, Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. T. Brainerd, D.D., Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., John Sparhawk, James Billings, B. D. Stewart, M. W. Baldwin, Wm. Strong.

The Annual Statement was presented and adopted, after which, the meeting adjourned.

PRAYING AND WORKING.

To pray is to work. For every prayer is effective. True praying is the most effective work that can be done. It is to secure the aid of the Almighty. It is to complete the chain of Providence necessary to introduce the fulness of time.

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OUR INTERESTING FOREIGN LETTER, on the first page contains a New Year's wish for the readers of the EVANGELIST.

his prayers. The amount of work which he does and which he prompts others to do is indeed amazing. True prayer energizes the whole man.

PREACHING—No. 2.

ITS DIGNITY AND POWER. BY REV. E. K. ADAMS. If the statements in our first paper on this subject be true, preaching the word of God is the work of highest dignity and promise.

Our friends abroad will now see the great difference between the contending parties, and between the issues presented for the war.

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DEATH OF REV. LYMAN BEECHER, D.D. At 5 o'clock P.M., of Saturday, January 10th, this venerable servant of God ceased to breathe.

THE PROCLAMATION.

The N. Y. Methodist (Conservative) says: We do not hesitate to say, that we need to do precisely what has now been done by the President.

The N. Y. Evangelist: We believe devoutly that the measure is wise and just, and that its effect will be to hasten the close of the war.

Congregationalist, Boston: Whatever may be the practical results of this Proclamation, its moral effect is incalculable. It places the nation indisputably upon the side of justice and of right.

Boston Recorder, (Conservative): From the beginning of the rebellion, it has been the opinion of thousands of good men, not reputed to be extreme in their views, that God was working in this great and dreadful commotion.

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ADDRESS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND. The committee appointed by the Congregational Union to conduct correspondence in America on slavery, have issued an address to their fellow-Christians in England, to which are attached the names of many leading Independent and Baptist ministers.

Rev. A. F. WHITE.—The brick walls of the New church in Carson, Nevada Territory, are nearly completed. By the energetic efforts of Mr. White, who is the Stated Supply of the church, and Rev. W. W. Brier, Agent of the Presbyterian Home Mission Society, funds have been raised.

DEDICATION AT REESEVILLE.

The Dedication of the pretty church at Reeseville, which has been built through the efforts of our good brother, the Rev. John McLeod, was an occasion of much interest and pleasure.

Reeseville, (we say it for the benefit of contributors and friends who were not present) is a "village" of about ten houses more or less, and a station on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad in Chester County, seventeen miles west of this City.

They now have a Church and a Pastor. The Church, just completed, is quite a gem—built of stone, in old Gothic style, with slate-roof and a fine bell swinging in its tower, neat and tasteful within, paved and carpeted, with stained glass windows and recessed pulpit, with lamps and stoves, the whole enclosed by a picket fence.

One point however yet needed attention—after a second effort by the Reeseville Congregation, several hundred dollars were still needed to complete the payments.

The company then parted with glad hearts, and the people with their church dedicated and out of debt, and the friends from the city pleased to have had a share in a truly good work.

OPEN COMMUNION AMONG THE ENGLISH BAPTISTS. Two cases have recently been in court, in England, involving the question whether the Baptists are to be regarded in law as holding to close communion principles, or as having no fixed views on the subject.

THE SUIT RELATIVE TO CAVENDISH CHAPEL, RAMSGATE, and is by information and bill at the relation of a lady named Spencer, who contributed upwards of £2000 towards the chapel, and who associates with her certain persons as plaintiffs, holding the views of Particular or Calvinistic Baptists.

ALL HONOR to the brave and patriotic three hundred of this troop, who, in spite of the peculiar discouragements of their position, determined to act a patriotic self-denying, and perilous part, and join in the battle of Murfreesboro.

THE OPENING OF THE BOX.

The following familiar and touching description of one of the brighter incidents of Home Missionary Life, is worthy of perusal, both as the largest room in their hearts for the interests of Zion, and as reminding our ladies of the great amount of happiness and good they may accomplish by a moderate degree of exertion and outlay.

ILLINOIS, Dec. 18, 1862. TO THE LADIES OF THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE: Beloved Sisters in Christ:—

You have doubtless ere this expected to hear from us of the joy your munificent present has occasioned in this far off Missionary home. But you will, I know, pardon the delay of two weeks, when I tell you that it was occasioned by the absence of my wife, spending Thanksgiving with her friends.

This morning our otherwise happy family was made happier by examining the contents of the box, the only one we have ever received through four years of Missionary work.

"What is it?" and long before the bottom was reached, every vest was amply supplied. Little "Just as it is" was installed in his new suit.

As for myself, what shall I say? Mrs. says: "Papa you never had such a rig in your life." Gage says: "Now Papa you are rich you are rich," bounding about the room with bright, though indefinite anticipations.

Ladies, are you permitting you to come behind the curtain and hear some of the talk in the sacred enclosure of the family. Your generous gifts have assured us that you are our friends, and we can believe you will overlook our follies.

That God may bless you more and more, keep you in the most Holy faith, and return a hundred fold for the bread you thus cast upon the waters, is our earnest prayer.

PHILADELPHIA RELIGIOUS ITEMS.—The Central Presbyterian of Philadelphia (O. S.) met in the Penn Presbyterian Church, Fourth St, below Girard Avenue, on Sabbath evening, 11th inst., and installed the Rev. G. W. Musgrave, D.D., J. L. D., Pastor of said Church.

THE ANDERSON TROOP. ALL HONOR to the brave and patriotic three hundred of this troop, who, in spite of the peculiar discouragements of their position, determined to act a patriotic self-denying, and perilous part, and join in the battle of Murfreesboro.

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That will be a white day in our annals when we can hail Missouri as the rising Star of the new Constellation of free States, beginning already to break forth from the dim veil of the Border.

BURIAL OF A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER. REMARKS OF REV. DR. BRAINERD. On a recent Sabbath afternoon, the body of Lieutenant Montgomery, of the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was interred at Mapleac cemetery, in this city.

OF the evils of war in general, the Doctor said—They are legion, and only to be tolerated now to avoid the worse evils of universal anarchy and international strife and bloodshed likely to follow the breaking up of a great nation.

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SEND GEN. BUTLER TO NEW YORK CITY. It is to the praise of Gen. Butler that he has been marked as a special object by rebel vindictiveness and rage. We could wish that others of our generals had equally deserved proclamations from Jeff. Davis.

MEMOIRS OF MRS. BETHUNE, by Rev. G. W. Bethune, D.D. We are sure that every evangelical public will cordially welcome the memoir of one of the most devoted and noble Christian women of America.

THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW for November contains articles on Christian Individuality, the Austrian Empire in 1862, Clough's Poems, Prophecy of Literature, Syria and the Eastern Question, St. Clements Eve, The American Conflict. The last article may be called verisimilitudine New York; L. Scott & Co., Philada. W. B. Zieber, 106 South Third Street.

Orleans to have him among them. Appearances are now quite favorable to a faction obtaining entire control of the metropolis, precisely similar in character to that headed by the notorious Mumford of New Orleans.

THE EVANGELICAL NESTORIAN CHURCH. A correspondent of the Evangelist describes the formation of this Church by the action of the native helpers of the Mission of the American Board, at a very full meeting which took place in Oromiah, October 21st.

THE NEW YORK OBSERVER exhibits more signs of gratification at General Banks' order, allowing the disloyal clergymen of New Orleans to omit the prayer for the President, and more sympathy with them in their present circumstances, than we think we have for a long time seen displayed in its columns, towards any good object.

OUR CHURCH NEWS. We are pleased to learn that Olivet Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. W. Taylor, received some twelve persons into membership, at a recent communion Sabbath, most of them on profession.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—Rev. L. C. Seelye of Albany, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the North Church, Springfield, Mass., is a graduate of Union College, and has been pursuing his theological studies for several years in Germany.

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