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THE ASSEMBLY THAT TOOK OARE OF THE CHILDREN.

The work of our last Assembly was the enterprises of the Church already of worship, as the adults. Whatever is initiated and in progress. Among the done in carrying out the divine purpose they surely may, upon the cordial interfew exceptions to this statement, is the and plan for evangelizing the world, est of the church in this subject, for a very important-in fact we may say must contemplate the children-esperemarkable-action of the Assembly in cially the children of the Church. reference to the Sabbath School, and the children of the Church generally. reported by committee and passed by the Assembly on Friday, May 27th.

1. Resolved, That it belongs emphatically to the Pastors and Elders of each congregation to direct and supervise the whole work of the spiritual training of the young, and that it is an important part of the young, and that it is an important part of the functions of their office both to encourage parents to fidelity in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and also to secure the co-operation of all the competent members of the church in the religious education of all the children and youth to whom they can gain access.

2. That great attention ought to be paid to the work of inculcating lessons from the sacred Scriptures, and of fixing in the memory the catechisms of our church, both as to doctrine and polity; and of combining all the schools of a congregation in united worship, as far as possible ; and especially of leading them to Jesus, in the exercise of a living faith and continued reliance on the Holy Spirit.

3. That to the above end we would further recommend to the pastors that they adapt, wherever practicable, the second discourse of every Sabbath particularly to the young of their flock; thus affording to this, the most susceptible and hopeful portion of their field, at least one-half of their time both for worship and instruction.

4. That Church Sessions be required to furnish, in their statistical reports, a full account of the number of Sunday school scholars and teachers in their respective congregations, to be embodied in the Assembly's minutes.

5. That a permanent Committee of the report whatever may quicken and stimulate the church in its duty of training the young according to the Word of God.

6. That this General Assembly recommend to the pastors of the churches within its bounds to present before their congregations, in one or more discourses, the relation

mits the entire church to the duty of Let congregations seeking a pastor, supervision, in the collection of facts study and lay stress upon the candidate's and general control of the machinery of qualifications as the teacher and guide instruction. It also seeks to subsidize of their children, at least as much as to this object the great evangelical agent | those which render him "popular" with of instruction-the pulpit. Children the floating crowd, greedy for novelty must not only be taught as scholars, and excitement. but preached to, as an important part

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of the congregation. They must be regarded as just as really belonging to the congregation, and as having rights mainly confined to carrying forward in the administration of the ordinances

It is surprising, when we come to think of it, what an innovation upon We once more present the resolutions our present modes of conducting worship and presenting the truth, this latter suggestion contemplates. How few preachers,-how few reputed greatand especially, how few aiming at the reputation of great preachers, think at all of the children who are sure to comprise a considerable proportion of their audience, in the composition and preparation of their sermons! The argument, the learning, the ornament, even the earnest appeal, are for the most part, composed and constructed with the mind upon some prominent adult, upon the matured and more cultivated portions of the congregation. Sometimes, with evident constraint, a word or two is addressed to the young, say to those of twelve years and upwards; but for the most part, the children, who have suffered veritable martyrdom under the rigid rules of silence and inaction laid upon their restless members, go home without the faintest and labor, and giving their children dis-tinctly to feel that they have a place no less in the sanctuary than in the Sabbath school, church had any reference to, or interest church had any reference to, or interest for themselves. All this, we say, is surprising :-- surprising that the course proposed by the Assembly would involve so great a change, so startling a novelty. Surprising; since the phrase : The young Assembly be appointed, whose duty it shall | are the hope of the church, is too trite be to take charge of this great interest, and for repetition; since nothing is more apparent than the dangers arising from an early-acquired distaste for the services of God's house; and since the great examplar of preaching, the divine

THE CONGREGATIONALIST" ON CON-GREGATIONALISM IN PHILADA. The late hour in the week at which our Boston exchanges generally reach us, forbids a full reply to the article in the last number of our excellent cotem-

merican Presbyterian.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1864.

porary, under the above heading. We A great responsibility is laid upon the can just now simply say these things: Permanent Committee, just appointed. (1) The Congregationalist, after a manly protest against the extravagances Under God, they may make their office one of great value to the church and to and infelicities of the late developements the cause of Christ. We hope they will of propagandism in this city, seems to go to work boldly, and calculate, as have finally been dragged into acquiescence with, and endorsement, of the whole scheme.

(3) The Congregationalist is profoundly response to any wise plan of effort and gnorant of the facts in the case. improvement, and to any call for the

> (3) Mr. Barnes' presence at the council was not designed as an endorsement of Dr. Smiley's, or any one else's, orthodoxy. It was merely a friendly demonstration of a personal character. He knew too well the peculiar views of Dr. S. to be willing or able, as a true man, to give him any such endorsement. He left the council long before Dr. Smiley's case came up for examination.

> (4) As to what the Congregationalist s pleased to describe as "insinuations" in our article, we spoke out our mind frankly and plainly, and declared-not nsinuated-what we thought of the movement. The Congregationalist thinks we have insinuated things unworthy of our Christian candor, unjust, uncharitable; have turned the cold shoulder are under the influence of a "petty fear," &c. On the contrary, we said and we repeat it, that "we would rejoice at the prospect of a vigorous, working, Congregational church in this city, diffusing an evangelical influence around it, such as many noble churches of that order are doing both in and out of New England." Where is the ean-

> dour of the Congregationalist in overlook ing this wish of the American Presbyterian? Does it not share in the wish? Or is it any possible sort of an organization that can be persuaded to wear the name of Congregational, which it would have established in Philadelphia? If that is the case, the tone of its article is explained.

(5) Do our Congregational brethren abroad really know what they are about gregationalists. in thus provoking a full expose of their

a business of personal religion and Christian self-culture. We need to set before us, as the steady aim of our lives, a high degree of Christian excellence; to resolve with a pauline concentration of holy energy to do this one thing : for-

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getting the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

This work of our growth in grace is one which cannot be taken up as a sort of recreation; left until every other concern, regarded as important, is attended to; thrust into a corner, as an irksome duty, to be discharged and done with. No! it must be allowed a place pastor of the church in Beloit, Wis., on of commanding importance; it must be May 5th, Rev. Alfred Eddy preaching suffered to press its claims for our earliest attention, for the exercise of our highest wisdom, the exertion of our greatest power, and the sacrifice of Thomas Street, late of York, Pa., was every other object that stands in its installed pastor of the North Presbyterian Church of New York, May 24th. wav

(3.) We cannot be aiming and striving The services were conducted by a comfor growth in grace without knowing mittee, consisting of Dr. S. H. Cox, Dr. it; but we may be actually making pro- S. D. Burchard, Dr. Bell, Dr. W. W. gress unconsciously. Our comforts may Newell, and the Rev. R. R. Booth.be small; the recognized answers to Rev. William K. Platt, late of Somers, our prayers few; our seasons of inward N. Y., was installed pastor of the clearness, joy and elevation of spirit Church in Hector, Schuyler county. rare; our lapses and imperfections may, -Rev. Charles E. Knox, brother in our view, be alarming ; yet, if we are of Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, N humbly and earnestly seeking God, Y., was installed pastor of the Chure watching over our hearts, lives and at Bloomfield, N. J., June 18th. Re principles, and taking up our cross Messrs. Millard, Hastings, Hoyt, W. F. daily, we shall find that it has not been Knox, and Dr. Parker took part in the in vain. The growth of the true living services. --- Rev. William F. Doubleday, plant may from day to day be impercep- for 21 years in the ministry of the Prestible, yet it is none the less real. Do byterian Church, and late pastor at not fall into discouragement because Delhi, N. Y., was installed, June 1st, you do not see that you are growing. pastor of the First Congregationalist Fidelity and perseverance under such Church, Goshen, Conn. circumstances, are themselves encourag-MR. SAMUEL P. WHITING was ordained ing proofs of progress. by the Third Presbytery of New York,

WHAT THE METHODISTS THINK OF IT. Hatfield officiating. Mr. Whiting is The Pittsburg Christian Advocate comunder appointment by our Home Mismenting upon the Independent's report of sion Committee, and with his wife set the proceedings of council in the recepsail on Monday, June 13th for California. tion of Dr. Smiley says: REV. J. JERMAIN PORTER, of Saint

Dr. Smiley's views of the divine fore-Louis, has accepted a call to the First knowledge are clearly Arminian, and yet Presbyterian Church of Watertown, were acceptable to this Council of Con-N. Y.

On falling from grace, it says Dr.

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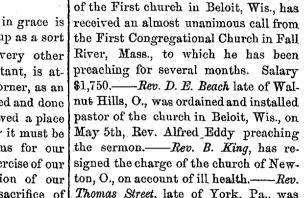
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tor was delivered by Rev. P. J. H. Myers, and the Charge to the People by the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler. Rev. Chas. S. Robinson brother of the Rev. J. H., presided in the absence of the Moderator.

MINISTERS.-Rev. L. H. Blakeley, late of Lane Seminary, has become stated supply of the 2nd Church Piqua, O.----Rev. W. W. Adams, formerly pastor



of baptized children to the church, and the the doctrines of our church.

7. That it is exceedingly desirable that the entire congregation, young and old, be permanently connected with the Sunday school, either as scholars or teachers.

In these resolutions the following policy is recommended : 1. The subordination of the whole system of religious instruction of the young, including the Sabbath school, to the Church Session.

was more deeply impressed with the the church.

our church. It is another of the cheering proofs lately given, of wise denominational feeling, which looks to the for the training of the young, and com- geous as inability to address the aged.

Teacher himself, pursued a course so reciprocal duties between parents and chil-dren growing out of their relations, as de-fined in the Word of God and declared in and youngest of his heavers. Supprisdifferent, so winning to the young, so and youngest of his hearers. Surprising, too, when all are ready to admit

when it is seen that every wise effort to interest and instruct the young is doubly interesting and instructive to the aged. We do not suppose this recommendation of the Assembly will be followed 2. Adapting one-half of the public ser- immediately to any great extent. Pasvice of the church to the capacities of tors will not be willing at once to break the young. 3. Establishing a new and in upon their established pulpit arrangedistinct bureau, or committee, of the ments. In most of our churches, too, . Assembly, for gathering facts and or- the second service is held at night, a ganizing the interest and activity of time quite unsuitable to the instruction the whole church on this important field, of the very young. Many pastors, too,

Although the General Assembly on feel themselves quite ill-adapted to this various occasions has taken action on work, and even many distinguished this subject, the above resolutions are preachers are awkward and unprofitable the fullest and the most carefully drawn, in their addresses to children. Neverand the action the most mature and theless, we are convinced that the readvanced of any upon record. Judging | commendation will do good. It is one from the resolutions, the last Assembly of those indications of the turning of the hearts of the fathers to the children importance of the subject than any of which we scarcely need the prophet's its predecessors. The parties concerned inspiration to see, will help to avert are made to feel that the Assembly was God's curse from the earth. It will inin earnest, by the appointment of a crease the already encouraging degree Permanent. Committee, to which all are of interest felt in the relation: of the to be held responsible, at least as fully young to the ordinances and privileges as to any of the leading committees of of the church. It will remind numbers of ministers of their very great neglect

On the whole, we regard the action of the most hopeful portion of their with great favour. We consider the flock. It will help to clear away many spirit which prompted it as among the cobwebs of theory from our sermon. best and most hopeful indications for izing. It will penetrate, we trust, to the scholastic recesses of our Theological Seminaries, and remind professors and students of a whole vast class of materotention of our children within the fold rial, over which their usual course of of their fathers, and the building into training leads our ministers habitually the structure of the church the strong to aim in their preaching. Let our and tenacious material of domestic ties | theological students be taught to mould | and ancestral associations. It also aims the tender mind of the young, as well at a more complete fusion of the Sab- as to contend with the stubbornness and bath school with the church, and faces unbelief of the old; let them be teachthe growing tendency to independence ers of Christ-like simplicity, as well as and distinctness on the part of the mighty logicians; skilled in feeding with former institution-an unnatural con- tender herbage the lambs, as well as in dition, which its best friends deprecate, providing for the wants of the sheep. but into which it seems to be unavoidably Let the reproach of not being able to slipping. This action lays upon the adapt oneself to the young, be regarded individual churches their responsibility as equally disreputable and disadvanta-

times as much for Foreign Missions as for Home, we raise no more for the one object than for the other. The solution of this fact can scarcely be found in a theory of a temporary over-stimulus to our Home Missionary zeal; for no one has been conspicuously ardent on the subject unless it be the Secretary, Dr. Kendall, who of course will magnify his office; nor has any church, that we can hear of, been very much incommoded by the liberality of its offerings to this cause. There is a widely-diffused, practical interest in the subject, which we think must be accounted for in the

facts of the case, which they may lay

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

presents nearly so encouraging an as-

pect as the Home Missionary cause.

The contributions to the Assembly's

Committee were \$70,000 during the

year just closed, while it is believed that,

in the same period, not less than \$30,-

000 went from our body into the

treasury of the American Home Mis-

sionary Society, making \$100,000 in all.

It is not very long since the Independent

sneeringly declared \$30,000 to be the

utmost limit of our ability as a church

in this sphere of effort; whereas we

have this year spared that sum from the

drippings of our bounty, to the treasury

It is worth while to place in connec-

tion with this item, the fact that the

Home Mission Board of the other branch

reports but \$82,684 as the income for

the year, and the Baptist Church about

\$70,000—both numerically stronger than

our own body. The latter church has,

like ourselves, just resolved to aim at

\$150,000 for Home Missions during the

On the other hand, it appears that

our brethren of the Newark Assembly

eport \$222,397 as contributed to Foreign

Missions during the past year, and have

resolved to aim at \$300,000 in the cur-

rent year; while the contributions of

our people to Foreign Missions fall

below \$100,000-not much exceeding

\$80,000 according to the reports. Thus,

hough one branch raises nearly three

current vear.

of its own partisan organization.

Certainly no department of our church

before us.

feeling that we are acting legitimately and normally, as a church, in this important and inviting field; that we are employing our own trusted and responsible agents; that our success consists in the extension of our own wise and scriptural order, and of our own organization with its sympathies, ties, community and interchange of prayers, and fraternal and official intercourse, without the interposition of foreign agencies in the process. If any one can account for the disproportionately large measure of our success in Home Missions on any other ground, we should be happy to hear from him.

OUR WORK APPRECIATED.

The following kind opinions have the most eminent divines and theological instructors in the church :

"REV. J. W. MEARS-Dear Sir: A word from me in regard to your paper at the slow rate of our progress. We may be worth nothing to you, but I have, perhaps, sunk down into a concannot forbear to express the gratifica- | tented mediocrity. We experience no tion with which I read it; especially thrill of ambition for Godlike excellence, Mr. Garnett having accepted the invitasince it was enlarged. You are doing purity, and spirituality of character, or tion was duly installed into his new and a noble work through the 'AMERICAN for large measures of usefulness. A PRESBYTERIAN.' Your 'Rochester Cor. | certain discontent with ourselves is nerespondent' gives it interest to the people in this region; while it is full, from week to week, of rich, attractive matter. May God prosper you in this enterprise.

"Yours truly, "Your paper is steadily attaining a with June 3d.

"Yours very truly,

late proceedings? Are they anxious for Smiley's view "is scriptural, reasonable a controversy on this subject? If they and needed as a safeguard to devotion are wise they will do as the Independent | and piety. We are glad that Congrega of last week did : coolly assume that tionalism, with which we have been at our Presbyterian brethren of the new war from time immemorial on the sub school have thus far made no allusion ject, has come to a better mind, and is to the late council." We have no desire willing to place among its teachers one for any controversy. A general statewho is clearly an Arminian in his views ment of the facts we have felt it our This, however, is in the line of our conduty to make; for the rest we are convictions; for we have long expected tent to look on and wait for the issue Arminanism to conquer and subdue the of an undertaking so composite, so outre world."

The conviction here expressed, of in its origin. But if more is demanded the Arminianism of Dr. Smiley's views, of us, we anticipate no drawback from agrees precisely with that reached by the lack of material.

WHY IS YOUR GROWTH IN GRACE SO We repeat, that this characteristic of the SLOW?

Dr., was the reason why he is not now, ANSWER. (1.) Not from want of ap with his church, connected with the pliances, means of culture, favorable in "New School" Presbyterian body. fluences, or Divine aid. These things are provided in abundance. The world is our place of discipline, the Church our Mews of the Churches. school; the Holy Spirit is ever present; we are living in His dispensation; the FIFTEENTH STREET CHURCH, WASHINGthrone of grace is ever open to our ap-TON, D. C.-This, says the Chronicle, has long been known here as the fashionable

proach. (2.) Not from want of motives. The nighest self-interest, regard for our During the last two and a half years, spiritual character, true happiness here and an abundant entrance ministered in charge. Mr. E. preached the first six months without any pecuniary compenhereafter, gratitude to our dear Saviour. sation, and, more subsequently, took only \$300 per annum, instead of \$700; the prospect of decided usefulness in our family, the church, and the world, strongwhich amount the church had formerly recently been volunteered by two of ly draw us to the faithful use of the paid their minister. By this means the congregation have been enabled to pay means by which our growth in grace may be promoted.

But (1) We are not enough concerned cessary to progress.

(2.) We do not practice energy and perseverance. Our efforts are occasional and intermittent. We wait for revivals

in the community, and during the intervals of such seasons we are as stupid as hybernating animals in winter. We

the resources of our characters, to make Storrs, Jr., D. D., the Charge to the Pas- with a lecture room in the rear.

C. Wallace late of Perth Amboy, N. J. who resigned his charge to take the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in Placerville, has entered upon his labors with encouraging prospects. The salary has been fixed at \$2000 a year, besides furnishing him a study, and insuring his library. The present house of worship has become too small to contain the increased congregation, and arrangements are about completed for erecting a commodious and imposing edifice during the present Summer.

PLACERVILLE, CAL.-The Rev. Chas.

June 12th, Rev. Drs. Newell, Bell, and

DEATH IN THE MINISTRY.-The Evangelist announces the death of Rev. Calbrethren of our church, who have enjoyed | vin Bushnell, of Lisbon Ill., May 15th, the fullest opportunities of learning them. at the age of eighty-five. He was a graduate and afterwards tutor of Williams College. He commenced his ministry, which was blessed with revivals. in New York, and went west in in 1835. His health, however, did not allow of protracted service; and for 25 years he has been a spectator of the great pregress of the West. He was a man strong convictions, and of rare consecra tion to Christ. During the many year. in which he was secluded from public life, and from society, his cheerful piety and his patient waring on God's will, exerted a quickening influence that extended beyond the circle of his family. These qualities shone in him to the last, and irradiated the severe sufferings through which he passed. He died, as he had lived, trusting wholly in Christ.

LANE SEMINARY.—LIBRARY HALL.— The foundation of the new Library Hall is being laid, and the work upon it is being pushed forward with energy. It is located north of north-west from the chapel.-Christian Herald.

CALIFORNIA ITEMS .- Rev. I. N. Hurd akes charge of the congregation at Red Bluff.--- Rev. David McClure, lately pastor at Mendocino, has come to San Francisco, and is to be connected with Miss Aldrich's Seminary.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE.-The corner stone of a new edifice was laid at Baldwinsville, N. Y., June 6th. The Pastor, Rev. John F. Kendall, Rev. L. H. Reidand Rev. J. Erdman, with Mr. E. R Davis, a member of the Church, tool

charge, and the congregation have called the Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, a colored clergyman from New York. sacred office on Sunday, June 5. Rev. Mr. Evans has returned to his

former successful field of ministerial labor at Ridgeville, Fredrick county, Maryland, and at the Granite Church. Baltimore county.

and popular colored church of the Pres-

byterian denomination in this city.

the Rev. W. B. Evans has been the pastor

off an old church debt, renovate and

beautify their church edifice, and raise

Rev. Mr. Evans now retires from the

about \$1,000 in aid of the contrabands.

FIRST CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG .-- On Monday evening, the 16th ult., the Presbytery of Brooklyn installed Rev. Jos. H. Robinson pastor of the First Church high position. I am profited by reading allow ourselves to be discouraged and in Williamsburgh, late the charge of Rev. it. Please send it to me, beginning beaten off by difficulties. We need Dr. McLane, deceased. The sermon was to lay out our strength, to call into play preached on invitation by Rev. R. S. part in the services. It will be of brick