

Editorial Items.

A LAST LOOK AT THE GREAT FAIR.

On Saturday night we made our last use of the privilege of entre into the great Sanitary Fair, accorded us through the courtesy of John Wolsh, Esq., the indefatigable chairman of the great system of committees, by which the extraordinary exhibition has been achieved. Admitted to the music stand at the west end of the Union Avenue, we enjoyed in a single glance that which had passed in fragments before our eyes in many preceding visits. In fragments it was more beautiful than anything we had ever beheld; as a whole, it was magnificent as the dream of a poet-architect; it was a gorgeous pageant like an old-world festival.

of such assistance. It was, in fact, never so prosperous, financially, as since this Central Fair began to be agitated. Thus the wants of the army, more extraordinary than ever before, have been better supplied than ever by the increased activity of the friends of both Commissions.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MANTUA.

This church, which has heretofore had but a nominal existence, now assumes the form of an organized body. The chapel, built three or four years ago, for Sunday School purposes, has been open for preaching, Sunday morning and afternoon, since the first of January. Previous to that there had been but one service, and that sustained somewhat irregularly.

REV. JAMES McCASKIE.

At a meeting of the South-western Presbyterian Church, held on the 13th day of May, 1864, Mr. Alexander Gamble having been called to the chair, a letter from the pastor, the Rev. James McCaskie, who eight months previously had with his family returned to Ireland, his native country, for the benefit of his own health and that of Mrs. McCaskie, was presented and read, praying this church to unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the people of his charge.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the American Presbyterian for publication.

Resolved, 5. That Messrs. Alexander Gamble and John A. Cowan be commissioners to represent this congregation at the coming meeting of Presbytery; to be held in the Presbyterian House, in Chestnut street, on the 15th of June at the hour of 12 o'clock.

IS OUR ARMY PROFANE?

Most of our correspondents and of persons conversant with the army say it is, and that to a fearful extent. We are beginning to hear lately of some indications of a better state of things. The testimony of Rev. T. H. Robinson on this point, which will be found on the inside of the paper, will not be overlooked by our readers.

It gives us the highest pleasure to record such testimony, and to aid in relieving those of our brave soldiers who do not deserve it, of the charge of outrageous profanity which has hitherto been made—justly we fear—against the mass of the army.

PAPERS FOR THE ARMY.

The response to our appeal, three months ago, for funds to supply chaplains in the army and hospitals with the American Presbyterian, was so liberal that we have been able to keep up our list to the present time; and we have now sufficient funds for all hospital chaplains on our list, for another quarter; but our means for supplying army and post chaplains are exhausted, and we appeal to our friends to furnish us the needed funds to continue this supply.

REV. E. AUGUSTUS SMITH.

We are informed that this brother has decided to accept the call of the Mantua-ville Church, in this city. This announcement will be received with pleasure by Mr. Smith's numerous friends, who have been desirous of retaining a man of his excellent spirit and decided abilities in the neighborhood.

AMERICAN BOARD.

Not a few friends of the board will now look, with interest and solicitude, from month to month, to the acknowledgments of donations, and other receipts by the Treasurer. The "Appeal," issued with the June Herald, of course did not reach the churches in season to affect their action, to any considerable extent during the month of May; nor, probably, had the previously published statements respecting financial prospects fallen under the notice of many, before they made the contributions which reached the treasury during that month.

Items of Intelligence.

ZULUS.—Mr. Lindley, of Inanda, writes respecting that station, February 3: "The Spirit of God has been with us. The week of prayer, last month, was the means of bringing on us no small amount of blessing from above."

MABURATS.—Mr. Harding wrote from Sholapoor, April 12. "In my letter of January 12, I mentioned that there were several inquirers at Barsee."

MADRAS.—Mr. Winslow, writing March 12, and reporting the mission work at Madras for the previous year, mentions the addition of seven persons to the church at Chintadrepetah, states that the schools and congregations are in as good a state as they have been for the last two or three years.

GREECE.—Communion administered to the King.—On the 13th of April, Dr. King wrote: "Last week an event transpired which was to me most unexpected. The King sent me to administer the communion to him in the palace, it being the Easter week of the Greeks."

MADURA.—Converts from Romanism.—The Annual Report says, that in Madura the number of converts from Romanism, and in Sivagangay, Manar, Madurai, and Tirupuvanam, 55 persons, or five-sevenths of all the communicants received have been from the Roman Catholics.

CENTRAL TURKEY.—Mr. Wood, Secretary of the Board, wrote from Aintab, April 16: "Aintab is indeed a wonder in missionary history. Last Sabbath we saw 1,101 persons—men, women and grey-bearded men, and maidens and children as well as children in the Sabbath school, on a rainy day."

They also voted to establish a chair of "Physical Culture, Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene," and elected Wm. M. Cornell, M. D., LL. D. of Philadelphia, to that Professorship.

AMERICAN BOARD. Receipts in May.

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needed to prevent embarrassment. The price of gold has been still, all along, tending upward. In other words, the value of the money which is sent to the Treasurer, for all purposes of supporting the missions, has been still depreciating. The financial prospects of the Board are therefore more and more threatening.

DEATHS.

June 29th, 1864. In West Chester, Pa. SARAH FARIS MOORE, only daughter of Rev. William E. and Hannah F. Moore, aged 4 years and 4 months.

The Presbytery of St. Lawrence will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on TUESDAY, July 12, at Washington, at 5 o'clock P. M.; and the St. Lawrence County Sabbath School will meet at the High School, on the SECON D THURSDAY, viz: the 14th day of July.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.—The Sixth Meeting in behalf of this Society will be held in the Church of the Intercession, Spring Garden street, below Broad, on SABBATH EVENING, July 3d, at 8 o'clock.

Advice.—Direct not him whose way himself will choose; The bard of Avon was a philosopher, and we shall follow his advice; advising those who will be obedient to us, to procure their clothing at GARVINS STREET, Metropolitan Hall of Fashion, No. 609 Chestnut street.

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