

Editorial Items.

ADVANCE IN PRICES. Our readers will not be surprised to learn that we are compelled to follow the universal upward movement of prices...

INCREASE OF PRICE. From and after September First. To MAIL SUBSCRIBERS per annum \$3.00...

Subscribers, new or old, whose year begins before the First of September, are not subject to this charge until the commencement of their new year.

THE LATE NEWS.

It is with irrepressible feelings of grief and indignation that we hear of such events as the destruction of Chambersburg by the enemy. The barbarity of the act is outrageous and unparalleled in the war.

The inability of Gen. Grant to hold the lines which he blew up and captured at Petersburg, is also a temporary embarrassment, and the losses suffered in that daring act cannot but give pain.

Before Atlanta, we have the best grounds for believing that the rebels, in spite of their boasts of a victory, have lost since July 20th not less than 20,000 men, against less than 5000 on our own side.

HOME MISSIONS FROM A SANITARY POINT OF VIEW.

A Synodical Missionary in one of the growing States of the North-west, in a recent letter to us, calling for laborers in his field, presents the subject in a new point of view; thus:

"If there are any brethren whose health is impaired by climate or weak lungs, there is much encouragement that a removal to the superior climate of this State might prove of great benefit to them.

Thus, not only the active and youthful, but the worn-out in body, who, in this portion of the church, would be constrained to regard their usefulness in the ministry as at an end, may find new opportunities for employment, and the shadow on the dial of their official lives may be made to go back full fifteen years, by entering some field of missionary effort in the North-west.

WE COMMEND to those who are interested, the advertisement of a boarding school for young ladies and quite young girls in Greenfield, Mass., a place remarkable for scenery, and the general facilities for culture.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OTHER BRANCH.

From these Minutes, a copy of which has just been laid on our table, we gather the following statistics:

Synods, 35; Presbyteries, 171, (including those in the Seceded States;) Licentiates, 292; Candidates, 366; Ministers, 2265; Churches, 2626; Licentiates, 91; Ordinations, 95; Churches Organized, 38; Ministers Received from other Denominations, 11; Dismissed to do, 11; Ministers Deceased, 34; Members added—on Examination, 9250, on Certificate, 7016; Total Communicants reported, 231,960; Adults Baptized, 2380; Infants Baptized, 9801; Amount Contributed for Congregational Purposes, \$1,677,106; for Boards—five in number—\$422,857; for Disabled Ministers, \$15,606; Miscellaneous, \$230,102. Total, \$2,345,671.

It is manifest that we have here a powerful church, and great instrumentality for good, in spite of its recent trials and losses. The Minutes of the Assembly, too, show plainly that it is undergoing a purifying process, thus profiting by the hard discipline of the three years of its history just past.

MANTUA CHURCH, WEST PHILADA.

On last Sabbath evening, Rev. H. Augustus Smith was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Mantua, by a committee of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia. Rev. J. W. Dulles, the Moderator of Presbytery, was present, but a temporary loss of voice compelled him to delegate to another his duties for the evening.

DEGREE CONFERRED.

Dartmouth College has recognized the worth and abilities of one of her sons, now holding an important pastoral charge in this city by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor in Divinity. We refer to Rev. E. E. Adams, of the North Broad Street Church, now recruiting his health in New Hampshire, who received the unexpected honor at the recent commencement.

Three of our Philadelphia brethren have received academic honors from our colleges this summer: Rev. Daniel March, of Clinton Street Church; Rev. J. G. Butler, of Walnut Street Church; and Rev. E. E. Adams, of North Broad Street Church.

A NEW AND LARGE HOSPITAL.

The Government has just opened a new and extensive Army Hospital in Beverly, N. J., 16 miles up the Delaware River. The immense brick factory appropriated, with several hundred tents, are intended for 3500 men. Rev. Mr. Lane, of the Presbytery of Newton, N. J., is the chaplain. He was drafted, and also appointed chaplain.

SMITH & JACOBS notify us that their charge for shirts was slightly raised, as follows: New York Mills muslin, \$4.75; Williamsville muslin, \$4.50.

News of the Churches.

REV. THOMAS DAGGETT was installed pastor of the church at Niagara Falls, by the Presbytery of Niagara, on the 20th ult. Sermon by Professor H. B. Smith, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary; charge to the pastor by Rev. I. R. Bradnak; charge to the congregation by Rev. Joshua Cooke; other parts of service by the Moderator, Rev. L. S. Atkins, and Rev. L. J. Root. Mr. Daggett's pastorate opens with pleasing prospects of usefulness.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAIGA, at its late meeting, received Rev. Nathan Bosworth, from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. R. O. Allison and Rev. George D. Horton, from the Presbytery of Watertown. At the same time it dismissed Rev. F. V. Warren to the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. A. M. Shaw to the Presbytery of Ontario; and Rev. Messrs. H. P. Bogue and H. P. V. Bogue (father and son) to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

REV. C. P. QUIRK has become the stated supply for the church at Flushing, Mich.

SECOND CHURCH OF OXFORD, OHIO.—This church has just relieved itself entirely of debt, for the first time since its organization, and also added \$200 to the salary of their pastor, Rev. J. P. E. Kumber.

REV. WOLCOTT CALKINS, at his own request, has been dismissed by an ecclesiastical council, and commended "as an able and faithful minister of the gospel, in whose future usefulness, wherever he may labor in years to come, the churches here represented will rejoice." He has already entered upon his labors in Philadelphia under favorable auspices.—Hartford Herald.

NEW YORK AND NEW SCHOOL.—In looking over the "Minutes of the General Assembly," N. S., for 1864, says the Independent, we are a little surprised to see how largely that body appears to be a New York institution. Of the 205 members of assembly, New York (including a few from New Jersey) has 85 or 42 per cent. Of 1,044 ministers, New York has 800, or 49 per cent.; of 1,442 churches, 589, or 42 per cent.; of 138,074 members, 75,881, or 55 per cent.; of 135 licentiates, 93, or 69 per cent.; of 175 candidates, 113, or 65 per cent. Of \$174,000 contributed for home missions, New York gives \$38,633, or 51 per cent.; and of \$98,529 given for foreign missions, \$64,843, or 65 per cent.

Religious Intelligence.

Presbyterian.

An Eminent Minister Gone.—The Richmond Enquirer of July 6th, contains the obituary of the Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, D. D., pastor of Tabb-street Church, Petersburg, Va. He was once pastor of Westminster Church, Baltimore, and also later colleague of Dr. Spring, New York. In 1861 he went South. He was eloquent and devout, but a secessionist.

Professorship Accepted.—Rev. A. A. Hodge, D. D., has accepted the Professorship of the Western Theological Seminary, to which he was appointed by the last General Assembly of the Old School Presbyterian Church. He will enter on the duties of his office at the beginning of the next session. Dr. Hodge is an able Theological and popular preacher, and will meet a cordial welcome to his new field of labor.

In the Army.—Rev. J. B. Clark, D. D., of the 2d U. P. Church, Allegheny, has again entered the service of his country, under the late call for 100 days' men. He was unanimously chosen colonel of a regiment, lately formed in Camp Reynolds, near this city, and is probably now on his way to the scene of strife.—Pittsburgh Paper.

Dutch Reformed.

The Holland Churches in the West.—The Classes of Wisconsin and Holland are almost exclusively composed of ministers and churches who have immigrated from Holland. There are probably 11,000 in Southern Michigan, 8000 in Wisconsin, 8000 in Northern Illinois, 4000 in Iowa, mostly in and near Pella, Marion county. These churches are fondly attached to the doctrine and government of the Church. They have shown the deepest interest in the work of education. Holland Academy is to receive an endowment as a college. The effort to procure funds has, thus far, met with astonishing success. Dr. Van Raasdaken's congregation has subscribed six thousand dollars, and will probably make the amount to ten thousand dollars. Besides this, sixty acres of land adjoining the village have been given by one whose efforts for the development of

liberality in others are always attended by his own liberal gifts. The other churches in the "colony" will probably double this amount. Let us think of this. Seventeen years ago there was no house in the vicinity, except a few Indian wigwags, near the present village of Holland. The immense growth of timber must have applied the Hollanders. But they soon made themselves famous by lifting up the axes upon the thick trees. The wilderness has been conquered. Situated on Black Lake, six miles from Lake Michigan, there is a thriving business in lumber and staves, whilst the farms wrested from the forest, form a more permanent source of wealth, and are truly Christian homes.

Congregational.

Rev. G. F. Magoun, of Lyons, has accepted the Presidency of Iowa College, and is to spend a few weeks abroad before entering the Iowa duty. The paper adopted by the Rev. Mr. Magoun in parting with him is extremely touching and appreciative. Pres. Magoun will make a large addition to the educational corps of the West.—Rev. E. O. Tule, a graduate of the Chicago Seminary, to Washington.—It is understood that Rev. Dr. J. C. Holbrook is to become the pastor of the Pl. of Union Church, at Homer, N. Y.

Installation.—Rev. A. H. Quint was, on the 21st inst., installed pastor of the North Congregational Church in New Bedford.

Interesting incident at the late Commencement in Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary.—To each of the diplomas of the graduating class was attached a badge. Rev. Mr. Mead, calling the attention of the class to this, after the diplomas had been distributed, reminded them of their generous donation, a few weeks previous, to the Christian Commission, of the money—nearly two hundred dollars—which they would have expended in procuring a class badge. The Chairman of the Christian Commission, Mr. Stuart, of Philadelphia, has cordially responded to the suggestion, that they should not graduate without a badge, and he ordered the manufacture of those silver pins—in form, the same as those worn by the delegates of the Christian Commission in the army, but smaller, and more neatly finished; and he had caused the following inscription to be engraved upon them:

THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION TO THE MOUNT HOLYOKE CLASS OF 1864. SOU WE BIDE ALL WATERS.

Mr. M. then told them that the expense was borne by a few of their friends, so that nothing had been taken from the funds contributed for the benefit of the soldiers, in order to gratify them. There was abundant evidence in the faces of the young ladies at the moment, as well as in their expressions afterward, that they are intensely pleased with their badge, and it will no doubt long be cherished as an interesting memento of the graduating day.

Methodist.

The Methodists are about to erect a new church on Arch and Broad streets, which they intend shall surpass in beauty and taste, any church in the city. The lot cost \$36,000; the style adopted for the edifice is pure Gothic. The material to be used is white marble, and the steeple will be 220 feet high. The church will be seventy feet front by 100 deep, and the sittings will accommodate 11,000 people. The cost of the church and chapel in the rear, will not be less than \$125,000, while it may be much more. It is a great mistake, in our view, to do anything of this day which shall increase the cost of church sittings.

Baptist.

Arizona Territory.—The Rev. H. W. Read writes from Fort Whipple, that he had returned from his fourth missionary tour, which completes a thorough missionary reconnaissance of all the settled portions of Central Arizona. He preached in almost every neighborhood, both in English and Spanish. In several instances, crowds of Spaniards solicited him to preach. He found many families where no marriage had ever taken place, or where no one had long lived together, were united in marriage by Mr. Read. Doors were open to him in almost every place he visited. During his tour he conversed with more than one thousand persons, and he was kindly treated by all.—Rev. D. B. Cheney, D. D., has reason to be satisfied with his visit to the East. He came sorrowing over the want of Baptist ministers in California, but he returns with the best of all evidences that his appeals to the hearts and consciences of his brethren have been of the most effective character. Three new ministers, with their wives, go with him on the 13th of August, as a reinforcement of the Baptist ministry of California.

The Calvary Baptist Church, of Washington, and its faithful pastor, Rev. T. R. Hoellel, are firm and outspoken in their patriotic loyalty, and few churches, as we have reason to know, have been more highly favored during the distracted condition of our country than the Calvary Baptist Church of Washington. Her walls have been built in troublous times. This church was constituted with an original membership of thirty-five brethren and sisters, on the 2d of June, 1862. At present it numbers nearly one hundred and thirty, many of whom have been added upon profession of a repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It has already become a power for good in the capital of the nation, where Christian influences are so much needed. It has been blessed of God, not only in spiritual, but also in its temporal affairs. Soon after its organization, it received from the Hon. Amos Kendall the munificent donation of the use of ten thousand dollars, to be vested in a lot and church edifice, rent free for a term of eight years; and also for the payment of the pastor's salary for a like term of eight years, the dividends accruing on twenty-five thousand dollars of stock in the American Telegraph Company.

Lutheran.

Number of German Lutherans.—From the report of the committee on the German population of North America, presented to the last General Synod, it appears that there are at least 4,000,000 Germans in the United States, one third of whom—that is, 1,333,000—are Lutherans. This estimate includes the entire population. Estimating two-fifths as confirmed adults, it gives us between 400,000 and 500,000 who were members of the Church in Europe. The editor of the Kirchenzeitung estimates the number of these who are in actual connection, either with some Lutheran or United Church, at 150,000 leaving at least 250,000 to be accounted for outside of the Lutheran Church. Many have united with the American Church who have entered the German harvest-field; multitudes have glided into a state of Church indifference, and it is to be learned that the largest number of them have become infected with infidelity and rationalism. The duty of the General Synod to adopt measures to supply the desolation and build up churches is one of the most pressing characters.—Lutheran Observer.

Moravian.

Moravian Converts in Australia.—Nearly all that has been done for the salvation of the degraded Aborigines of New Holland has been by the humble and tireless labors of the Moravian missionaries, who are actually gathering converts from among those despoiled and almost exterminated people. Rev. F. W. Spieseke writes from Ebenezer Station to the Missionblatt: "On the 6th of December (1863) two young natives, of whom I reported in my last that they were candidates for baptism, received the Sacrament. They are Young Boney and Talho. I baptized them with great satisfaction. With regard to Young Boney, he knows whom he believes. He is one of those who were deeply impressed at Nathaniel's baptism (the first converted) with the saving power of the Gospel. Although reticent, and not in the habit of expressing his feelings, yet prior to the administration of the sacramental ordinance he joyfully opened his mouth; and confessed his faith in Jesus, the Saviour of the world, whom he had personally experienced as such.

Bishops Elect.—The last steamer from Europe, says the Moravian, brings the intelligence of the appointment to the Episcopacy of two of the four brethren enumerated by the recent Synod of our Province. The Unity's Elders' Conference submitted the decision to the lot, and the lot appointed Rev. Henry A. Shultz and Rev. David Bigler, the two pastors of the church at Bethlehem. The two brethren are, therefore, the Bishops elect. It may not be generally known, that the United Brethren still resort in certain cases to the lot according to the Jewish custom, to decide important matters.

Episcopal.

Episcopacy in England.—A writer in the Church Standard, an evangelical Episcopal paper in England, says: "The Established Church is, as every man may see, fast becoming an established chaos." "During the last thirty years," he adds, "there have sprung up in the Church about twenty-five heresies and schisms; and with whom have they originated—with the clergy or laity? Undoubtedly, with the shepherds of the flock, the sheep looking on with astonishment, perfectly scared."

Election.—We learn that the Trustees of Trinity College, Hartford, have elected the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., LL. D., to the vacant Presidency of that institution, and it is rumored he will accept the same.— Gospel Messenger.

Miscellaneous.

Christian Patriotism of our Colleges.—A correspondent of the Independent gives a suggestive statement respecting Wabash College, which indicates the spirit of our higher institutions of learning have generally shown:

The current catalogue of Wabash College which reports one hundred and thirty-four students in all the departments, has also a list of its alumni and students who are in the army, from which it appears there are three major-generals (Reynolds, Wallace, and Canby), three brigadiers, nine colonels, six lieutenant-colonels, three majors, 11 sergeants, 50 captains, 5 chaplains, 40 lieutenants, and one hundred and twenty-five commissioned officers and privates; in all two hundred and fifty-six! An able discourse delivered before the students by President Tuttle, and published by the Literary Association, is entitled "Moses and Washington."

Society of Friends in England.—For the first time in several years, this society reports a positive increase of numbers, and an increase of interest among the younger members in favor of their worship. Last year, 61 persons joined on "conviction." An increase of missionary spirit is also exhibited, not in the way of proselytism, but by religious efforts among the neglected classes. It is said that the recent changes in the habits of the society are the causes of the recovery of their former growth—the rigor of the older Friends having yielded to more modern ideas. From 1800 to 1855 upward of four thousand persons have been disowned by the Friends of the United Kingdom, for marrying contrary to their laws. The inference to be drawn from such a procedure is obvious, and from the disaffection thereby produced in the families where such excommunications have taken place, a diminution in the society may be easily accounted for.

Testimonial Fund to Rev. John Campbell London.—John Campbell, D. D., pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational Church, London, will soon enter on his 70th year, and his friends are preparing to give him a money testimonial in commendation of his public services, particularly in breaking down the old monopoly of the exclusive right to print the English Bible, and his success in establishing the two popular religious magazines, The Christian Witness and The Christian Penny. The inference to be drawn from such a procedure is obvious, and from the disaffection thereby produced in the families where such excommunications have taken place, a diminution in the society may be easily accounted for.

Singing Meeting.—We are glad to learn that the Union Devotional Singing-meeting commenced June 27th, and held on Monday evenings in the lecture-room of the Middle Street Church, corner of Fourth street and Lafayette place, has proved a great success. The attendance at every meeting has been large. If every church in our cities were to establish a similar meeting, the advantages would soon be apparent in congregational singing. To Mr. Lamphier belongs the credit of originating this movement.

Catholic South.—For some time after the commencement of the war, Catholic priests and chaplains belonging to the United States, had no ecclesiastical right to exercise the functions of their office in rebel states, because that territory is under Confederate Bishops. The Pope, however, by a special letter from Rome, has now authorized (Catholic) chaplains to perform the duties of their office anywhere at the South, "without the knowledge of Southern Bishops!" This statement reminds us of the story of the man who, seeing a person in danger of drowning, waited for an introduction before trying to pull him out.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—Commencement passed off on the 20th ult. A class of nine-five graduated, among them Robert Todd, son of President Lincoln. The Law School graduated forty-five students, the Medical School twelve, and the Divinity School four. The number of deaths among the Alumni the past year has been seventy-three. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Reuben Atwater Chapman of Mass., William Pitt Fessenden of Maine, Charles Francis Adams of Mass., and Edward Laboulaye of France.

COLLEGE RECORD.

WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE.—The Baccalaureate Sermon, by President Hitchcock, on Sunday evening, 10th, set forth the mind of Christ as an armor sufficient for all the demands and necessities of life. The sermon before the Missionary Association was preached by Rev. H. M. Storr, of Cincinnati. On Tuesday evening the Rev. Dr. Claxton, of Rochester, N. Y., delivered the address before the Alpha Delta Phi Society, and Rev. Thomas Daggett, now of Niagara Falls, addressed the Alumni, handling the general theme of literature in a way to interest a large audience. Wednesday evening well occupied with Prize Declamations. Thursday the proceedings of Commencement proper were gone through with to much acceptance. The graduate speakers were thirteen in number, on whom the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred, and that of Master of Arts, in course, upon ten graduates of the class of 1861. Prof. Henry D. Smith, D. D., of this city, addressed the Literary Societies, exhibiting our condition and prospects as a nation in the light of history in a way—says the Christian Herald—"worthy of the man and his reputation." The prospects of this institution for extended and permanent usefulness were never brighter.—Evangelist.

LA FAYETTE COLLEGE.—The Commencement exercises closed on the 28th ult. There were fifteen speeches from the graduating class and two from the masters. The valedictory was by W. P. Montelius, of Pennsylvania. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. G. W. Janvier, of New Jersey, and Rev. F. T. Brown, District of Columbia. The Trustees have established a new professorship of Mines and Metallurgy.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.—The Anniversary exercises of this ancient institution closed with the regular commencement exercises, on the 21st ult. The new President, Dr. Smith, presided for the first time with much dignity and grace. Forty-nine young gentlemen of the Classical, and seven of the Chandler scientific department, received the closing honors of the college.

Among the honorary degrees conferred were that of D. D., upon Rev. Levi Spaulding, the veteran missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., Rev. Ezra E. Adams of Philadelphia, and Rev. Joseph C. Bodwell of Woburn, Mass., and that of LL. D. upon Rev. N. Lord, D. D., the ex-President of the College, and Rev. Benj. Labaree, President of Middlebury College. Philadelphia acknowledges the compliment bestowed in the person of her representative. Our brother of North Broad street needed not this feather in his cap to secure appreciation, but it is pleasant to his ex-presbyters to learn that he is not without honor in his own country.

BELOIT COLLEGE, Wisconsin.—There are no public commencement exercises this year, in consequence of the entire senior class having volunteered under the hundred days' call. HOBART COLLEGE, Geneva, N. Y.—At the commencement, which came off on the 14th ult., the distribution of honors was as follows: A. M., on George Cumming McWhorter, James Dennison, Montgomery Hunt Throop, D. D. on Rev. Solon W. Manney, Rev. David Keene, Rev. Theodore Babcock, Rev. Marcotius A. Herick, Rev. A. T. Twing.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions during the month of June:

Table listing contributions to Home Missions from various churches and individuals, including names like Robert Black, Esq., Rowland, Wis., and amounts in dollars and cents.

Special Notices.

Ferry Davis' VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER. The Great Family Medicine of the Age! Every Volunteer should have a Bottle, in cases of sudden attacks of disease. Pain Killer, taken internally, should be adulterated with milk and water, and sweetened with sugar, or made into a syrup with molasses. For a cough, few drops on sugar, eaten, will be more effective than anything else. For Sore Throat, gargle the throat with a mixture of Pain Killer and water, and the relief is immediate and cure positive. It should not be forgotten that the Pain Killer is equally as good to take internally as to use externally. Each bottle is wrapped with full directions for its use. Price 35c., 75c., and \$1.50 per bottle. [1862-21]