

Correspondence.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT

DEATH OF DANIEL RUMSEY, M. D.

On Monday last, (7th inst.), an "old man and full of days" was recently laid to rest at Silver Creek, followed to the grave by loving relatives and friends, and a large concourse of sympathizing citizens.

He was born in Sharon County, in the stirring times of 1778; and consequently died at the advanced age of eighty-six. Many years ago he removed from his native place to New Haven, for the sake of educating his children.

In 1830, he removed, with his children, to Silver Creek, in this State, and here for twenty years, perhaps, we may say, he was the leading man in the Presbyterian Church.

A GOOD MOVE. The old First Church of this city, with their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Beadle, have determined to hold their second service in the evening of the Sabbath, instead of the afternoon.

DEDICATION AT HONOLULU FALLS. The new and neat chapel, which the Presbyterian Society at Honolulu Falls have been building, is completed, and was dedicated, with interesting and appropriate services, on the evening of the last Sabbath of October.

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OUR LECTURE COURSE. The Athenaeum and Mechanics Association of Rochester have arranged for a splendid course of Lectures for the winter. We doubt if any other city has

gibly and understandingly. Even the night before he died, while in all other respects the cloud seemed as deep and dark as ever on his mind, yet it is not easy to conceive a more appropriate and comprehensive prayer than that which fell from his lips, "That I may live to the glory of God; die in peace; and sleep in Jesus, till the morning of the resurrection."

Although he died in Buffalo, he was buried at Silver Creek, by the side of his only son. The funeral was attended in the Presbyterian church, where he was so long a pillar, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Heacock. In view of his love for the holy Scriptures in his best days, and their power to soothe him in his sickness, three of his grandchildren had presented him with a handsome Bible. This was buried with him, with its open leaves resting upon his heart, and his right hand still pressing the sacred treasure, which it had so often held before it was cold and lifeless in death.

THAT ANNIVERSARY SERMON.

It was preached, by Rev. Mr. Ellinwood, last Sabbath, according to appointment, reviewing the ten years of his ministry with the Central Church; ten years of faithful labors, and ten years of great blessings, of which we gave some account last week, and to which we now recur only for the sake of adding a few facts.

In ten years the Central Church has raised \$110,000; or, eleven thousand dollars a year, for benevolent and church purposes. In 1854 the Sabbath school had 200 scholars, and 38 teachers; it now has 522 scholars, and 71 teachers. The average attendance upon the Sabbath school for ten years has been 295; and from this nursery 293 have been added to the church. In this time also, the Sunday school has raised nearly \$4,000 for benevolent purposes, and is now sustaining a mission school of 300 scholars.

The Central Church is not rich in the earthly sense, but rich in faith, and rich in good works. After giving their pastor the \$1200 of which we spoke, they have cheerfully granted him leave of absence for six months or more, in which to revive his health. He is expecting to start soon, by clipper ship from Boston, directly for the Mediterranean, to visit Egypt and the Holy Land. Two sons of our excellent and esteemed fellow-citizen, William Alling, Esq., of Rochester, go with him; so he will not want for good company. One is the junior partner in the firm of Allings & Co., and the other is a member of the present senior class in Hamilton College. They go to see those ancient lands of the East.

ARRIVALS.—Rev. H. Kendall, D. D., the accomplished Secretary of our Home Missionary Committee, arrived safely at his home in New York, on the 4th inst., after a six months' absence. Dr. K. has spent this time in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California and Oregon, looking after our Home Missionary interests in all that region, and doubtless returning with such an amount of information as will greatly facilitate the purpose of the Committee in laying broad plans for our church work in the mountains and on the coast. The Evangelist also announces the return of Rev. W. H. Bidwell, editor of the Eclectic Magazine, from a summer sojourn in the north of Europe.

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engaged so many stars of the first magnitude; Curtis, Taylor, Storrs, Hosmer, Clarke, Gillmore, Holland, Anderson, Upson, Chapin and others; and all for two dollars!—a thousand dollars worth of wit and wisdom, to be had for less than a day's wages. Our great Corinthian Hall ought to be packed every week to hear these lectures.

We have heard, by the way, that Lecturers rather like to come to Rochester. They expect to meet appreciative audiences; and we are sufficiently partial to our own city to think that generally such expectations are not disappointed. Let us see how it will be this winter.

PERSONAL.

We understand that Rev. Dr. Chester, of Buffalo, in addition to the arduous and responsible duties of his position, as Principal of the Female Academy, has engaged to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church of Westfield for six months.

Dr. Condit, of Auburn, is to preach for the Central church, of this city, next Sabbath. Many are hoping that he may be obtained as constant supply, during the pastor's absence in Europe.

GENESEE.

ROCHESTER, Nov. 12th, 1864.

News of the Churches.

INSTALLATION.—Rev. W. K. Platt was installed pastor of the church of Peach Orchard, N. Y., Oct. 19, by a Committee of the Presbytery of Ithaca. Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by the Rev. D. Chichester, of Burdett; opening prayer, by Dr. Mann, of Trumansburg; sermon by Rev. H. E. Woodcock, of Meeklenburg; constitutional questions, by the Moderator, Rev. W. Mayo, of Danby; installing prayer, by Rev. C. C. Carr, of Horse Heads; charge to the pastor, by Mr. Mayo, and to the people, by Dr. Mann; closing prayer by Rev. E. Brown, of Dresden, and benediction by the pastor. The whole services were highly interesting and impressive.

AN EARNEST PRESBYTERY.—The Presbytery of Genesee Valley, one of the youngest in our connection, at its recent meeting resolved to raise its full proportion of the \$150,000 which the General Assembly, asked in behalf of our Home Missionary Committee the present year. Two members were appointed to divide the field between them, and present the claims of the cause to every church. The Presbytery, during its sessions, installed Rev. E. L. Boing as pastor of the church in Angelica. Dr. Shaw, of Rochester, preached the sermon; Rev. H. E. Niles, of Albion, former pastor at Angelica, delivered the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. E. W. Stoddard, of Sackanus, N. J., also a former pastor, charged the congregation. Dr. Stillman, of Dunkirk, also, participated in the exercises.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.—We learn that this church has extended a call to Rev. George H. Gould, lately of Olivet Church, Springfield, Mass., to assume the pastorate vacated by the resignation of Dr. Sunderland. We are not informed whether the call has been accepted.

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to commence his new labors at an early day. What San Jose loses, Oakland gains, and we trust that the whole church gains by the change. We heartily welcome Mr. Hamilton to closer neighborhood and bid him joy and speed in his work.—San Francisco Pacific.

Religious Intelligence.

Presbyterian.

Synod of Chicago, O. S.—This body, at its late meeting, as we see by an account in the N. Y. Observer, approached the inevitable question of the state of the country more daily than is common for such bodies in these days of Christian patriotism. We are sorry to see any fraction in the church lingering under the shadow of the dark influences of the past, or coming up but half willing and wholly fearful to meet the solemn issues of the hour. These are not the times for damp powder and slow fuse. Slavery is doomed: God send better temper to the church assembly which is afraid to say it!

The account before us says: "A paper was adopted, after a good deal of discussion, approving 'in the general' the deliverance of the last General Assembly on the subject of Slavery and the State of the Country. Early in the session a motion was made to raise a committee to prepare a report on the state of the country. A member moved to amend by inserting the words 'religious' before the word 'state.' This was adopted; but it put the thing in a shape that did not suit the movers. Another member moved to insert before the word 'religious' the words 'civil and.' Pending a speech in opposition to the amendment, and in opposition to spiritual courts interfering with civil affairs, the motion was withdrawn by its friends."

Refreshingly in contrast with the above, was the action of the Presbytery of Chicago, belonging to this Synod. Did not every member feel himself an inch higher after the following manly and Christian utterance. "Resolved, That this Presbytery heartily endorses the action of the General Assembly on the subject of slavery, and rejoices that our Church stands before the world, as heretofore, fairly committed in its opposition to that great evil,—an evil for the speedy and utter extirpation of which we are encouraged to hope."

Before the passage of the above resolution an attempt had been made to dilute it with an amendment inserting after the word slavery the words, "in its moral and religious phases;" but after a protracted discussion, the amendment was rejected, and the resolution adopted by a strong and emphatic vote.

Against Centralization.—The Synod of Ohio, (O. S.), at its late meeting, unanimously adopted an overture to the next General Assembly, asking for the removal of the Board of Education to the city of Pittsburg, Pa., and of the Board of Domestic Missions to Cincinnati or Indianapolis.

Reformed Dutch.

Presbyterian Union.—The Reformed Dutch not to be counted in.—The Christian Intelligence, organ of the Reformed Dutch Church, speaks in terms of the highest approbation of the movements towards a Presbyterian unity, but adds:

"We observed some time since, that one of our Presbyterian contemporaries proposed that the Dutch Church should also be included in this grand aggregate of orthodox believers. Having no authority to speak in the name of our Church, we may yet be allowed to express the opinion that such a thing is not likely to take place, and that it is not in itself desirable. As to the first point, our impression must go for what it is worth; as to the second, we have clear and definite convictions. For the Dutch Church to unite with our Presbyterian brethren would involve the surrender of our doctrinal standards, for it could not be asked or expected that the larger should give place to the smaller in a matter of this sort. Our name, too, would require to be abandoned or merged. Here is an insuperable bar. Not that the name and symbols of our brethren are not in themselves as good as ours, or, if the claim is made, even better. But they are not, and never can be better, or even as good as ours. We cannot afford to throw away our historic memories, our ancestral traditions. These are growths, and new ones cannot be manufactured to order. Revolutions, great social changes, or even slow time's effacing fingers may finally disintegrate our associations so that the elementary parts shall resolve themselves into new combinations. But no such transformations can be accomplished per saltum. At present our denominational life is bound up with the Providential developments of the past, and to sever the connection would be fatal. Such a rupture would put back the progress of our churches half a century."

Farewell Missionary Meeting.—An interesting meeting was held in New Brunswick, N. J., on the 1st inst., to take leave of Rev. J. Howard Van Doren, about to leave for China, under appointment from the Foreign Missionary Board of the Reformed Dutch Church. Rev. Drs. W. J. E. Taylor, and H. D. Gause, Rev. J. V. N. Tallmadge, and Rev. Mr. Beatty, of the Presbyterian Church, participated in the exercises.

Methodist.

Revival without a Protracted Meeting.—The Philadelphia correspondent of the Advocate and Journal writes of the Scots church, Rev. T. B. Miller pastor, situated in the southern part of the city:

"Although no regular protracted meeting has been held, and perhaps none may be, yet the more excellent way is being pursued of seeking to get sinners saved at all the regular means of grace. Twenty-five souls have recently professed to find a pardoning Saviour. Forty have joined the church since conversion. On Sunday last three new ladies connected with the Bible class were converted in the Bible class prayer-meeting. At all the meetings God is blessing and comforting in a signal manner. The classes are well attended, and all the interests of the church are flourishing. A festival, to raise means to place an iron railing around the church, is in contemplation, which is to take place on the 24th of the present month."

Ohio.—The Ohio correspondent of the same paper, writing of the condition of things in that State, says:—"Methodism with us is again upon the ascendancy. The reliable thermometer of our Church (her class-meetings) for some time past has unmistakably attested that the agitation of questions of ecclesiastical and civil policy which has somewhat disturbed her peace in the East has had a still more unhappy effect upon the spirituality of her membership in the West, which is less remotely related. The timely discovery of this alarming tendency has fully aroused both the ministry and membership, and is producing a most healthful reaction. Various expedients have been resorted to, to secure a more general

attendance upon our social meetings; and among many other good resolutions adopted by our conference at its last session is one condemning that as a mistaken policy which enlarges classes to several times the size specified in the Discipline, and renders it entirely impracticable for the leader to perform properly his specified duties. Acting upon this suggestion in several of our charges the classes have been reduced to a maximum membership of twenty, with a better attendance than with a previous membership of fifty. We are earnestly laboring and hoping for such a general revival as will reimburse our conference for the two thousand ministers and members which were taken from it by the organization of the Central German Conference."

St. Louis.—Dr. Cray says in the Central Advocate:—"On Sunday, Oct. 23, we dedicated a church bought by the colored people of our Church in this city. These poor stricken people enjoyed the services very much; they were overjoyed to get a good place of worship again. The M. E. Church South, robbed this same congregation of their meeting-house because they would not vote to leave the M. E. Church."

New Orleans.—The Rev. J. C. Gregg, writing on Oct. 29, says:—"For the past five months, in addition to my labors as chaplain of a general hospital, I have been preaching in the Algiers M. E. Church for the loyal citizens and a battalion of soldiers. This church is under the charge of Rev. J. P. Newman. Over two weeks ago I commenced a protracted meeting, that has resulted in the conversion of several citizens and soldiers. The Rev. Messrs. Newman, (Brig. Generals,) Pile, Gilbert and Strong have each preached for us with power and success, and our meeting is still increasing in interest."

Episcopal.

Galesburg, Illinois.—The Episcopal church in this place has extended a call to Rev. J. W. Cracraft, formerly Rector of the Epiphany in this city. Mr. C. was here the successor of the lamented Dudley Tyng, and followed up, with perhaps less of acceptableness, his line of effort, including a generous cooperation with other evangelical denominations, and a faithful rebuke of national wrongs. The Illinois Diocesan, (Bishop Whitehouse,) who has made himself a little distinguished in the opposite line, writes as follows, to the Galesburg parish:

"The Rev. J. W. Cracraft has violated the Canons of the General Convention and the Diocese, by assuming the situation without a certificate from me. He has presented no letters dismisory, though he has been resident nearly a year, and has assumed thus to officiate."

"I am also credibly informed that Mr. Cracraft has violated the rules and order of the Church by ministering and preaching in the First Congregational church of the city in conjunction with the pastor of the same, and without using the Liturgical service or vestment."

"I have also received formal complaint that Mr. Cracraft has at different times introduced political subjects into the pulpit on the Lord's Day, which in manner and matter were unbecoming and offensive to a respectable portion of the congregation, who have been obliged, from the reiterated grievance, to absent themselves from public worship."

"In consequence of these alleged offences, I have officially addressed the Right Reverend and acting Bishop of Ohio and requested him to remand Mr. Cracraft to his jurisdiction for ecclesiastical inquiry, according to Tit. II, Canon 3, § 1 Digest."

Foreign.

Church Congress.—The English church is just now using with good effect, the system of Church Congresses, or meetings of ecclesiastics and laymen for deliberation on the state of the church and the means of advancement. The fourth of the series was opened at Bristol, October 11, and the Bishop of the Diocese was of courtesy the presiding member. Several other Bishops, with a sprinkling of the secular nobility were present. All parties were represented, but High Churchism was decidedly in the ascendancy. The increase of the Episcopate was the leading subject. There was a general agreement that the increase of population and of public activity demanded an increase of the number of Bishops, but there was a diversity of views respecting the best system of enlargement—whether by a division of dioceses, or by the appointment of suffragans. The Earl of Harrowby was in favor of adopting either one or the other plan, according as might best suit the circumstances of the particular diocese. The subject of Home and Foreign Missions was also discussed. On the former Dr. McNeil read a paper suggesting that diocesan preachers should be appointed to preach in rooms and in the open air; that short services composed on authority should be used, and lay readers not only stipendiary, but voluntary readers, should be authorized. Another topic of discussion was the formation of collegiate churches in large towns, instead of an independent parish for each regular place of worship. For example, let a district of say 8000 souls become one organized parish with its central church and subservient chapels, and be manned with a clerical force according to its needs. Those who urged this system thought it would, among other advantages, afford higher security against the internal doctrinal corruptions now threatening the church.

The appearance on the platform of Rev. W. Lyne, better known by the self-assumed title of Brother Ignatius, who has undertaken to restore to the English church the monastic institution, produced something of a breeze. He was received with applause and hisses, loud calls of "hear," and louder of "no, no," until at length the president succeeded in securing for him a hearing by observing that, as a member of the congress and a deacon in the church, he was entitled to their respect, and assuring them of his own belief that he would say nothing unbecoming the occasion. The subject under consideration was, how the national church should reach the untended thousands of the town population. Brother Ignatius advocated the collegiate church system, grafting upon it his own speciality—in other words establishing houses of unmarried men and women consecrated to religious service. "The collegiate bodies," he said, "must be

such as our church bodies could sanction as scriptural. It was impossible that such bodies could be kept together unless some rules for their guidance were laid down. Rule was a necessity, wherever they got it from, and he would say, if they would look for themselves into the rules of St. Benedict—(Shouts of 'No, no,' laughter and hisses, and cries of 'Fair play,') There was nothing of Popery and modern innovation in it, for the rules of St. Benedict were in existence before popery stole in on the church. Then these collegiate houses; should they consist of a certain body of married men? Would it be compatible with their duties that their wives and families should live with them? Was it not necessary in collegiate establishments—it was so at Oxford and Cambridge—that they should be unshackled by these holy ties—for they were holy ties; and would they not be disadvantages to a body of people living together to do the work of God? (Cries of 'No,' and applause.) They would find a large collegiate body of men with wives and children would be thus shackled. Let them consider the matter and do something. Did they not remember how Bishop Montagu and others sighed for the restoration of monasteries? (Hisses and applause.) He begged pardon for using the term; he did it inadvertently. He did not say this because he was ashamed of the term, and he did not apologize for using it, but he did not wish to offend. (Hear, hear.) The Church of England wanted workers; there were plenty of talkers, but work was wanted. It was impossible that the parish clergy could grapple with the difficulty."

THE CHURCH'S WINTER CAMPAIGN. Many things combine to encourage the people of God in regard to the season of effort on which we have just entered. The excited condition of the public mind cannot be considered unfavorable to an attentive hearing of the great truths of the Gospel. It is far better, certainly, than a stagnant, inactive condition: it is more favorable for the spread of popular sympathy—so important to any great success in religious efforts. And the moral tone of the prevailing excitement, the high questions with which it is concerned, the elevated position just assumed by the great body of the people—involving a readiness to endure trial for a principle and a cause removed from the narrow range of selfishness—all give a character to the prevailing temper, which the preacher of righteousness must regard as auspicious for his peculiar work. The devout tone of the utterances and acts of our civil rulers,—unprecedented in degree and unquestionable in sincerity,—must have its effect among the various influences bearing upon the public. The work of God in the army, so easy and so successful, indicates the presence of a spiritual influence, which may be expected to show itself in other classes of society and in other parts of the land, when the right measures are adopted to detect and develop it. The children in our Christian households and Sabbath Schools respond readily to all believing efforts made in their behalf. We believe a ripe field is opening to the church, and all that is needed is earnest secret and social prayer to usher in the harvest. Christians! see to it that you are much in prayer. Rest not until you become strong in the use of this great instrumentality. Throng to the prayer-meeting. Make the exercises interesting and profitable by the brevity, directness and earnestness of your petitions and exhortations. Those in this city should especially remember the Union meetings of our churches, and should draw together there the embers of spiritual life, until every church among us is quickened and the work of God becomes general.

TEMPERANCE.

The friends of this cause in Montreal and some other parts of Canada, are far enough from the stupor which has come over them on this side of the river. We read in our exchanges frequent accounts of movements that are spirited and effective. In the old country—Scotland especially, the Reform is assuming unwonted activity. At the last annual meeting of the Scottish Temperance League it was resolved to invite all abstainers from the use of alcoholic drinks to unite, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November next, in special prayer for the universal prevalence of abstinence principles and practice, and for the speedy abolition of the liquor traffic. As the first day named was the first Sabbath in November, it afforded opportunity for the presentation from the pulpit of the duty of Christians everywhere to adopt the principle, and to use efforts for its extension.

We also notice at home signs of revival. In Boston a strong and influential association has been formed, taking the religious principle as the basis of their effort, and urging the use of the press, the pulpit and prayer. Rev. Dr. Chickering Corresponding Secretary, was welcomed to the city and introduced to this great Christian and patriotic work, at a meeting lately held in Tremont Temple.

Col. E. M. GREGORY, we are glad to hear, has been promoted to be a Brigadier-General of Volunteers. A noble of the life and brave deeds of this noble Christian soldier has been prepared for our columns, and will appear in our next.