

American Presbyterian.

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It is earnestly requested that subscribers suffering annoyance from the irregular delivery of their papers, especially in this city, will promptly inform us of the fact, so that, if practicable we may apply a remedy.

THE NEXT UNION PRAYER MEETING of our churches in this city will be held in the Western Church (Rev. Mr. Willis), corner of Seventeenth and Filbert streets, on Tuesday evening next.

ACCESSIONS.—Thirty persons, mostly by certificate, were received into the North Broad Street Church, on Sabbath, the 8th inst.

Twenty-two persons, fourteen of them by profession, united with the Wharton Street Church (Rev. J. G. Hamner's), on the last Sabbath.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—From Hurd and Houghton, N. Y. per F. A. Leypoldt, Philadelphia: "Autumn Leaves." By Samuel Jackson Gardner, 12mo. pp. 301, price \$2.—"Milman's History of the Jews," River-side edition, from the newly revised and corrected London edition, 3 vols., 12mo, pp. 509, 497, 479, with index. Price \$6.

THE SERVICE OF SONG.—A contemporary says the following good thing: "Church choirs seem too often to take up the erroneous idea that the leading object is to have good music; whereas the true object is to worship God. Tunes are selected in view of the former object, whereas the latter should always decide the choice. Often when a tune is suggested, some one cries out, 'O! that's too old.' Too old for what?"

ORDINATION.—We have received, although late, the account of the ordination of Professor Benjamin Talbot to the Gospel ministry, at Brooklyn, Iowa, by the Presbytery of Iowa City, on the 7th of September last. The introductory exercises were by Rev. A. D. Chapman; Rev. G. D. A. Hebard preached the sermon; Rev. L. B. Rogers offered the ordaining prayer, and the charge to the evangelist was delivered by Rev. S. S. Howe.

CORRECTION.—In our last week's notice of the special thanksgiving in the Lombard Street Central Church, we stated that of the amount of debt cleared off—in all \$3,800—one-half was raised by the people of the congregation. A note from the pastor, Mr. Reeve, says: "This gives us more credit than we deserve. In addition to the \$1,900 received from the 'Fund,' we received about \$400 from benevolent gentlemen in this city and in Catawauqua, Pa. For all of which we return our sincere thanks."

SABBATH-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Sabbath-school in Dr. Butler's Church, in West Philadelphia, under the efficient superintendence of Rev. J. W. Dulles, had an interesting anniversary season Sabbath afternoon, January 8. From four to five hundred children were present, full of animation, and affording practical illustration of the power of Sabbath-school influences over the minds of those of their age. Appropriate and highly acceptable addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs John McLeod and Wolcott Calkins.

A GOOD RECORD.—High among the Episcopal pastors of this city, for diligent and efficacious labor, stands Rev. Samuel Durbin, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Catharine street, above Seventh. He has held the Rectorship about ten years, and they have been years of great ingathering. Sixty-nine were confirmed during the last year. The parish was organized as a mission in 1837, less than thirty years ago. During this time there have been 2,603 baptisms, 840 confirmations, 696 marriages, and 1,328 burials. At present there are 494 communicants and 527 Sabbath-school scholars.

COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED.—We learn with sorrow of the destruction by fire of one of the buildings of Middlebury College, on the night of the 28th ult. It was erected in 1861, and formed a long-needed and very satisfactory addition to the accommodations of that time-honored institution. Its cost was \$15,000, but it is believed that \$5,000, added to the insurance of \$5,000, and the use that can be made by the standing walls, will replace it. Middlebury, as might be expected, is on the alert to do its part. By the way, we see it stated that the lamented Missionary Winslow was a graduate of Middlebury, and not of Yale, as reported in the first notice of his death.

DEATH OF HON. EDWARD EVERETT.—This distinguished scholar and civilian died at his residence in Boston, on Sabbath morning last, at the age of 70 years. He was suddenly removed by apoplexy, having retired to bed the previous evening in nearly his usual health. The event was announced in the city from the various churches and by the tolling of the bells, and produced a general and profound sadness, which extended over the country as fast as the intelligence spread. By order of the President, public honors are to be paid to his memory in the several Executive Departments of the Government, at home and abroad, wherever the national name and authority are acknowledged.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

This body convened, in annual meeting, at the Central Church, in Rochester, on Tuesday, 10th instant, at two o'clock, in the afternoon. Rev. C. P. Bush was elected moderator, and Rev. Edwin Allen, of Parma Centre, clerk. In the absence of the former moderator, Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. O. H. Barnard, of North Bergen. In spite of a fierce, driving snow storm, the worst of the season, a large number of the Presbytery were present, and the usual matters of business were promptly and pleasantly dispatched.

NEW MEMBERS.

Rev. H. B. Gardiner, who has received and accepted a call to settle with the church in Bergen, was received, as a new member of the Presbytery, from the classis of Montgomery; and Rev. W. H. Webb, who is preaching for the church in Victor, was received, at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in October, from the Ontario Association.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly; clerical, Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Rochester, and Rev. J. C. Taylor, of Sweden; lay, Louis Chapin, Esq., of Rochester, and A. C. Allen, Esq., of Honey Falls.

THE CHURCH IN BROOKPORT.

Some six or eight years since this church withdrew from the Presbytery, and has stood alone. It is generally supposed that the action was brought about by the personal influence of the minister then serving them. By a recent vote, of forty-nine to four, the church returns to the Presbytery, and was very gladly welcomed back. A special minute was made, expressing the great gratification of the body, and assuring the church of their affectionate regards and unfeigned pleasure upon their return.

ON REUNION.

Pleasant resolutions, in regard to the reunion of the two leading branches of the Presbyterian Church, were offered by Henry Churchill, Esq., delegate from the Central Church in Rochester, and passed without debate. They simply express the interest the Presbytery feels in the subject, and the sincere desire they cherish that such reunion may be realized as soon as it can safely and wisely be accomplished.

COMMISSIONERS TO AUBURN SEMINARY.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners to Auburn Theological Seminary; Rev. Charles E. Furman, for three years, Rev. Chas. P. Bush, alternate to Rev. Yates Hickey, for two years; and Elder David Dickey, for one year.

THE CAUSES OF BENEVOLENCE.

These were more particularly introduced to the attention of the Presbytery by the letter of the sub-committee of the Assembly's permanent committee on Foreign Missions. The four great interests, Home and Foreign Missions, Publication and Education were considered, Mr. Stowe being heard on Home Missions, and Mr. Bush, on Foreign; and special committees, or "Presbyterial Agents," were appointed, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, to look after these causes within the bounds of the Presbytery; Rev. E. M. Toof, of Holley, being appointed for Foreign Missions; Rev. N. Hurd, of Mendon, for Home Missions; Rev. Chas. E. Furman, of Rochester, for Publication; and Rev. W. A. Fox, of Ogden, for Education.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In response to the appeal of the sub-committee above referred to, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:— Resolved, That this Presbytery regard it as the sacred duty of pastors and sessions to see to it, that collections be taken in their respective churches, at least once a year, for the cause of Foreign Missions. Resolved, That it is also regarded as important to have a set time for the presentation of this subject; and that contributions be taken as far as possible by collectors, or by personal solicitation, or in some way best calculated to secure the largest practicable amount for the cause.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

We copy from the statistical reports presented to the Presbytery, the following items, which certainly speak well for the life and power of the church above named. Whole number of members, Jan 1, 630 Number of Sabbath-School teachers, 71 Number of scholars, 631

Table showing financial reports for the Central Church, Rochester, including items like 'Given to Foreign Missions in 1864', 'To Home Missions', 'Bible cause', 'Tract cause', 'For the Sabbath-school', 'Education', 'Publication', 'Christian Commission', 'Box clothing for Home Missionary', 'Two boxes for white refugees at Cairo', 'For West Avenue Mission-school', 'For poor of the church', 'To the pastor for his foreign tour', 'For church repairs, organ, &c.', and a 'Total' of \$18,167.42.

ORDINATION OF AUGUSTUS C. SHAW.

A son of Rev. Dr. Shaw, of this city, who graduated at Auburn Seminary last summer, has been preaching for some

months at Clayville, in Oneida county, and being a licentiate of this Presbytery, applied for ordination as an evangelist. He is expecting still to preach at Clayville, but permanently to settle there. The ordination is to take place to-morrow in the Brick church, of which his father is pastor. Rev. Dr. Yeomans, of St. Peter's Church, is to preach the sermon, and Rev. Dr. Shaw to deliver the charge to the candidate. Rev. Chas. E. Furman, Rev. C. R. Wilkins and others are to take part in the services.

FIRST CHURCH OF UTICA.

We have received a very significant and valuable little pamphlet, entitled "The Benevolent Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Utica, N. Y., organized May 12, 1862." This association means work—work on principle; work by plan, work for the poor and needy; the legitimate end of church existence.

The church has four Sunday-schools under its care; it employs one city missionary, and one Bible woman; it engages in industrial and evening schools; and has under appointment twenty-five or thirty "family visitors," who are selected to go from house to house, once a month in their respective "districts," endeavoring to promote "both the temporal and spiritual welfare" of the families on whom they call.

The city missionary, Rev. John Lyle, who seems to be eminently qualified for his work, is the superintendent of this systematic family visitation, and also minister at large for the city. The Bible woman, Mrs. E. M. Sheldon, whom we also know to be admirably adapted for her part of the service, is to minister to her own sex, instructing and helping mothers and daughters, promoting the comfortableness of homes, caring for the destitute and sick, holding women's meetings, and the like.

We hear that the plan is working well in all its parts. Many are being gathered into the various Sunday-schools, and there is a manifest increase of "the great congregation," and a joy of spirit in the workers, which nothing but work will bring. Dr. Fowler, the pastor, has evidently hit upon the right plan to serve his church most usefully; to wit, by getting them really into the service of Christ.

A NEW PREACHER.

JOHN B. GOUGH lectured in this city on Friday evening of last week. He generally arranges once a year, at least, to remain here over a Sabbath, and attend the Brick Church, and hear his friend, Dr. Shaw, preach. This time he was a hearer in the morning, and himself the preacher in the evening. In other words, he occupied the desk by the pastor's invitation, and gave a most instructive and intensely interesting upon the "Tendencies to Scepticism," against which he tried especially to guard the young men listening to him. He said he once belonged to an infidel club, and they tried hard to make themselves believe that they didn't believe; after all; and so were infidels only in that they hated the truth, but could not get rid of it. This, we doubt not, is the experience of most infidel clubs.

No public notice was given of this lecture, and yet it got whispered around; and Dr. Shaw's great church was crowded to its utmost capacity to hear the gifted speaker.

MR. ELLINWOOD HEARD FROM.

Letters were received this week from Rev. Mr. Ellinwood. He had a remarkably prosperous voyage, of only sixteen days, by sail, from Boston to Malaga in Spain, the shortest passage made by the same ship in eight years. He also reports his health improving. He expected to remain in Malaga some ten days, and then proceed in the same ship to Sicily, and then take steamer for Alexandria. A very pleasant letter, from the absent pastor of the Central Church, was read at the Wednesday evening meeting, and fervent prayer was offered in his behalf. C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 13, 1865.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN CENTRAL DELAWARE.

Rev. L. C. Lockwood, under date of Canterbury, Kent Co., Delaware, January 9th, writes to us as follows:—"There is a good prospect of a Presbyterian Church in Camden, three miles north of this place, and two south of Dover, the Capital. It is a place of nearly a thousand inhabitants, with a good farming population. There are now only a Methodist Church and Friends' Society. There are a number of the old inhabitants that are favorable to a Presbyterian enterprise; and there are several Presbyterians from the north, and more expected, among whom are Judge A. P. Hascall and his sons from Central New York. Judge H. has been an influential patron of Presbyterian institutions in that section, and comes here to promote the interests of our Church in connection with emigration. I refer any of your readers who desire candid information in regard to Delaware, to him. He has purchased a valuable property in the village, and one of his sons has bought a fine farm near. Enterprising villagers and farmers are wanted.

There are also about twenty northern Presbyterians in Bridgeville and vicinity, who are expecting soon to organize a Presbyterian Church.

An efficient missionary is expected soon to commence his labors in these

promising fields, and others that are rapidly multiplying.

Nor is the progress confined to Delaware. Emigrants from the North are settling in Federalsburgh and other places on Eastern Shore, Maryland. And there will probably soon be nuclei of Presbyterianism there to be organized.

FESTIVAL OF WHARTON STREET SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The annual festival of the Wharton Street Presbyterian Sabbath-school, held last Thursday, the 12th instant, is deserving of notice in several particulars. During the past year the school, with its roll of six hundred children and more, has transferred itself from its dependency as a mission enterprise of the First Church to the care and charge of the new church organized in October, 1864. Much of its prosperity, evidenced not merely in its numbers, but in the conversion of the children, is due to the earnestness and faithfulness of the Superintendent, Mr. R. K. Stewart, and the teachers associated with him.

The missionary contributions of the year were as follows: \$30 to the Presbyterian Publication Committee, to constitute Miss Clement a corresponding member; \$60 to Committee of Home Missions, to constitute Rev. J. Garland Hamner and Mr. R. W. Smith corresponding members; \$30 to the American Sunday-school Union, to constitute Mr. R. K. Stewart a life member; also, \$100 to American Sunday-school Union, to furnish ten schools in the West, with libraries, by the following missionary bands: "Cheerful Givers," taught by Miss Carter; "First Presbyterian Church," taught by A. R. Perkins, Jr.; "Ark of Safety," taught by Wilson Duntun; "Martin Luther," taught by Miss Thompson; "Good Shepherds," taught by Miss Bell; "Christian Soldiers," taught by C. Dills; "Pocemakers," taught by Mrs. Burr; "Stewart," taught by Miss Barnett; "Olivet," taught by Miss Donoghue; "Pearl Gatherers," taught by Mrs. Speakman.

Some sixty or seventy handsome books and photograph albums were donated by the superintendent to such of the scholars as merited them by missionary work in bringing others into the school. A presentation was made by the teachers to the Pastor, of a handsome 'ice-pitcher.' May the many cups of cold water it will contain, given in the name of disciples, be returned with an hundredfold reward.

A still more interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation to the Rev. Mr. Barnes, for his family, of a beautiful marble bust of himself, purchased at a cost of \$300, by the superintendent of the school and other personal friends. The bust is the workmanship of Mr. S. B. Downing, a member of the First Church, whose genius in sculpture is most marked. Mr. Barnes kindly admitted him to his study, where—while the author of the Notes on the New Testament was absorbed at his table—he first moulded in clay, simply by his eye and hand, the classic features, which he has since chiseled into this decided work of art, which forms the best likeness of the subject in existence. We understand that the young sculptor has also produced, in marble, the busts of other prominent citizens of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Brainerd presented the bust for the donors in one of his most happy speeches.

Addresses were also made by the Rev. Mr. Bringham and Messrs. Godfrey and Wurts, of the American Sunday-school Union, but the most eloquent and pleasing of all to the children were the pound cakes and fruit and bags of confectionary. May the present year be as prosperous and useful and happy in the history of this school as has been in the past.

CHRISTIAN COMMISSION'S WINTER CAMPAIGN.

This noble organization, which seeks the spiritual as well as the bodily welfare of the soldier, is vigorously pushing its beneficent undertakings in this season of comparative inactivity in the army. Large chapel tents, capable of accommodating two hundred, four hundred, and even six hundred hearers, have been purchased and sent to the field, where they are sure to be fitted with the best of audiences. A great enlargement has been made by the Commission in the important work of supplying the army with fresh religious reading. Many thousands of religious newspapers are now circulated every week among the soldiers. It has been perceived that this is the most effectual and most welcome means of gaining the attention of the mass of the men to religious truth, and of keeping up the tie between them and the church at home. Just at this time, we may affirm, without exaggeration, that the undertakings of the Christian Commission among our soldiers are of greater importance than any other branch of the work of the church in our country, and worthy of the leading place in the prayers and charities—if we may use that word—of Christian people.

MORE TESTIMONY FOR THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—The undersigned, in behalf of the 12th Regiment, U. S. Colored Infantry, gratefully acknowledges the aid of two gentlemen of the Christian Commission, who stood near him during all the sharp skirmish of Tuesday afternoon, December 13th; was well supplied with wine and water, bandages and lint, and all the appointments necessary to aid a surgeon in his efforts to relieve the disabled. They cheerfully, and actively assisted me to take care of the wounded. Signed, G. STEYMAN, Surgeon, 12th U. S. Colored Infantry.

News of the Churches.

COMPLIMENTS TO PASTORS.—Some notices of kind remembrances of pastors in our church, by their parishioners, prepared for our last paper, were crowded out by matter which came in late. Others have since been reported, all of which we are obliged to condense. Indeed we are happy to say that this very safe epidemic is reaching a height which will compel us, for a while at least, to confine our notices to the simple statement of the localities and figures. Congregations may always assume that the thanks of their pastors are implied.

A note from Rev. A. D. Moore, of Dauphin, Pa., is before us, recording interesting incidents of a visit made to him by his people on Christmas eve, and gratefully acknowledging the substantial left behind, liberal in amount and valuable in kind, a cash donation of more than eighty dollars, included.

A business note from a gentleman of the Harrisburg Church, says that the Thanksgiving presents to the collegiate pastors; Revs. Drs. De Witt and Robinson, amounted to eight hundred and fifty dollars.

The people of the Third Presbyterian Church in Chicago, (Rev. Arthur Swazey's), called upon their pastor, on the evening of the 30th ult., and presented him, with their photographs, arranged in an elegant photograph album, and a cash benefit of eleven hundred dollars.

Rev. Wm. C. Dickinson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lake Forest, Ill., acknowledges, through the Evangelist, a holiday present of five hundred and twenty-five dollars. He says, "the church is yet new, and not large, and the present was therefore an exceedingly generous one, as it would be indeed from a people of much greater strength."

Rev. Henry V. Warren, of Georgetown, O., through the Christian Herald, makes grateful mention of a visit of his people at the parsonage, leaving when they departed, "a perfect cornucopia of good things."

Through the same medium, Rev. D. Vandyke, pastor at Manchester, O., acknowledges a series of visitations, a "protracted donation visit," valuable in results and grateful as an assurance of the regard of the donors.

The West Nantmeal congregation, (Rev. D. C. Meeker's), in this vicinity, helped their pastor to a happy New Year by a gift of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars, the ladies at the same time complimenting his wife with a present of fifty dollars. Also "gifts of various articles have found their way to the parsonage at various times, helping very materially to solve the question how to make both ends meet."

Rev. T. S. Hawkes, D.D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, received as a Christmas gift an autograph album, containing nearly a hundred autographs of gentlemen of his congregation, and interspersed among the leaves one thousand dollars in National Bank notes.

Rev. E. W. Stoddard, of Succasunna, N. J., received at an "annual visit," one hundred and twenty dollars from the adults, and twenty dollars from the children of his congregation. Freeport, Ill., has at different times through the year presented its pastor, Rev. J. E. Carey, with seven hundred dollars, added two hundred dollars to his salary, sent to his lady an elegant sewing machine, and enjoyed an ingathering of thirty to its communion.

Lima, N. Y., has done a noble thing. In addition to a gift of two hundred and twenty-five dollars to the pastor, Rev. A. L. Benton, his wife was presented with an insurance upon the life of her husband of two thousand dollars.

Rev. C. S. Le Duc, of Hastings, Minn., was made the recipient of one hundred dollars from his people, on New Year's eve.

Rev. Edgar W. Clarke, through the Evangelist, acknowledges donations from Milton and Marlborough, amounting to three hundred dollars.

Rev. R. A. Sawyer, of the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark, Ohio, acknowledges numerous and valuable gifts, including an elegant overcoat from the Sabbath-School, "the pockets lined with greenbacks."

THIRD CHURCH, PITTSBURGH.—We see it stated in the Pittsburgh papers, that this church, (Rev. Herriek Johnson's), has just contracted with a Philadelphia firm for a new church edifice, at a cost of \$122,000. Its former house of worship was destroyed by fire some twelve months ago.

CALL ACCEPTED.—The Fifty-fifth street Church, New York, has at length succeeded in obtaining a successor to their deceased and greatly lamented pastor, Rev. Dr. Hovey. A call has been extended to Rev. A. E. Kittredge, late of California, and he has signified his purpose to accept it.

FROM THE OIL REGION.—A correspondent of the Evangelist, writing from Garland, Warren county, Pa., on the 2d inst., says:—"God is pouring out his spirit upon us. About forty publicly requested prayers of the church last evening. That God should thus move the heart in the midst of such a great oil excitement is wonderful. May he continue to revive his work."

CHURCH DEBT CANCELLED.—The First Presbyterian Church, in St. Louis, Mo., (Rev. Dr. Nelson's), an important church at an important point, has, by a single vigorous effort, emancipated itself from pecuniary incumbrance. We take the account from the St. Louis Democrat, of January 7th, as follows:—"Many of our

readers will be gratified by the announcement that the church and congregation of Dr. Nelson, the First Presbyterian, have liquidated, by a single effort, the last installment due for their beautiful edifice. For this purpose they recently raised the sum of thirty thousand dollars. On last Sunday, New Year's Day, Dr. Nelson preached an appropriate jubilee discourse, referring in eloquent terms to the history of his charge and their hopeful future. Dr. Nelson's is among the churches distinguished, in St. Louis, for a bold and influential championship of the Union at its most critical period in Missouri, and we therefore feel peculiar pleasure, and no little pride, in chronicling this very significant prosperity." We have also a letter from a gentleman connected with the church, which says:—"Our kind friends, in New York and elsewhere, who loaned us about \$15,000 without interest, when we were in a great strait, will now be paid off in full, with many thanks for their kindness. Our elegant church, costing in all \$145,000, is now clear of debt if parties who have mortgages not due will take their money. Thanks to God for this signal manifestation of His favor!"

MOUNTAIN CHURCH, DELAWARE WATER GAP.—Rev. E. J. Pierce, under date of January 9th writes as follows, concerning the present aspects of this enterprise:—"Our little mission church, at this place, still lives to throw its light on the sides of the mountains, on the hill tops, and through the valleys. We cannot report as well as we did this time last year. We had, however, an addition of two to our communion, by profession, on the first Sabbath of the New Year. This makes twenty-one during the last eighteen months. We believe all so far have done well, and we hope they will continue to do so."

NORTH BROAD STREET CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.—The last social assembly of the congregation was held, on Monday night, at the mansion of Mr. W. H. Baird, in North Broad street. A very large number was in attendance, and the efforts of Mr. Baird to meet the exigencies of the occasion were eminently successful, and gratifying to every one present. Eighty families have been added to the congregation since the opening of the new church.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

FRONTIER WORK.—The following, which comes to us through the Presbyterian Banner, is from a minister in the far West, and is a specimen of the toils and trials of such work, and of the grade of consecration needed for it:

"I find many difficulties to contend with in my labors here. The members of our church are few, and often reside so far from each other as to render it exceedingly difficult for them to get together on the Sabbath. There are few rooms at all suitable for holding services in, and I generally preach in small, dark, open school-houses, or in private houses. In cold weather the few who venture out to church are so uncomfortable as to disqualify them for listening to the Gospel with much profit. A new church was built by one of the congregations for which I am laboring, but it is far from being finished, and cannot be used if the weather is cold. They hope to be able to finish it next Summer.

"The tastes of the people here are also so different, that if you prepare a discourse to suit one portion of them, others will be displeased. Some desire learned, logical and doctrinal sermons, full of thought and prepared with great care; while others care for nothing but loose, extempore harangues, destitute almost of thought and sense. But there is a far greater difficulty than all these. The moral characters of many of those who have come here as ambassadors of Christ, have been so far from good as to bring the ministry into disrepute. It is no recommendation to be known, as a minister here. Many people will at once begin to look upon you with suspicion. I never before realized how much evil an unfaithful minister could do. I trust God will make me an earnest, zealous, and faithful minister of Christ, and give me strength and wisdom to overcome all the difficulties which would hinder the conversion of precious souls and the establishing of flourishing churches. Though I have many trials and privations to endure, yet I experience many precious hours of the sweetest Christian fellowship in my labors among the few humble, warm-hearted Christians here. I have good reasons to hope that a brighter day will soon dawn upon our feeble churches."

REVIVAL IN IOWA.—Rev. J. Condit reports an interesting revival in a little church in Bethel, Washington Co., organized last spring with nineteen members. Several accessions have now been made, and all things temporal and spiritual are progressing.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR SEAMEN.—We have before spoken of the incipient steps taken by the Presbytery of New York, for the organization of the "Presbyterian Church of the Sea and Land," in the lower part of the City of New York, designed primarily for the benefit of seamen, but also for families in that locality where no church of this denomination is convenient of access. The church was fully organized on the 29th ult., and a corps of elders and deacons ordained. We are not aware that any distinctly Presbyterian Church for seamen has before been organized in this country. Of this enterprise, the New York Observer says:—"More than a