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THE WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.—We have received the first number of a new weekly hearing this title, published at Danville, Ky. It is devoted to the interests of religion generally, and of the Old School branch of the Presbyterian Church in particular.

DEATH OF MRS. DR. COX.—Our church, ever in warm fellow-feeling with our venerable father, Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Cox, will extend to him a heart-felt sympathy in his present bereavement.

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IN another column will be found the "Principles and Rules" which govern the Executive Committee in the distribution of the Ministerial Relief Fund.

IT is important that this document be read, not only by those who need assistance from the fund, but also by all persons who may be interested to know what course should be pursued to secure relief for worthy clergymen, no longer able to provide for themselves, and for the widows and orphans of those who have died, leaving their families in indigent circumstances.

THE RE-UNION PAPER.—We learn, through the Cincinnati Presbyterian, that the first number of the Re-Union Presbyterian, a monthly magazine published in that city, devoted to the promotion of the re-union of the Presbyterian Church, has made its appearance.

MASON, OHIO.—A protracted meeting has recently come to a close in the church in this place, (Rev. E. S. Weaver's,) resulting in important additions to the church, and leaving upon the minds of some, who have not made an open profession, impressions from which good results are hoped.

JERSEY, OHIO.—Rev. C. M. Putnam, now in his thirty-sixth year of his pastorate in this place, has received from his congregation recent special benefactions to the amount of about \$200, and what is still better, \$200 has been permanently added to his salary.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

SUNDAY CHEESE-MAKING.

We have, in a previous letter, stated that this subject came up for discussion at the late meeting of the Utica Presbytery, upon a report prepared by a committee, of which Rev. Dr. Fowler was chairman.

1. That the sanction and value of the Sabbath entitle it to the most careful observance, and that at the present time there is peculiar need of avoiding even the appearance of its violation.

2. That the making of cheese is an unnecessary work on the Sabbath, and that the making of it in factories on the Sabbath, is an aggravated breach of that day, uncalculated by the exigencies of the case, of doubtful propriety in the judgment of Christians who encourage it, a disturbance of the quiet pertaining to the sacred rest, a grievance to spiritual conscience, debauching the public sentiment respecting the authority and sanctity of the Sabbath, and violating the practice of the community in regard to it; a violation of an enactment of the State; and a wrong to the bodies, the minds, the morals, and the souls of those who do the work.

3. That we earnestly beseech the members of the churches under our care, to abstain from the manufacture of cheese on the Sabbath, and especially from furnishing milk to factories for this purpose; and that while we urge it upon them as an imperative duty, we encourage them in it as sure of a great reward.

4. That we enjoin it upon the pastors, stated supplies, and sessions of the churches under our care, to give special attention to this subject, and to spread instruction upon it among the people through the pulpit and the press.

THE KINGSLEY PROFESSORSHIP. This is something new—another big windfall to Hamilton College. The growing popularity of this institution is delightful to behold. Rich men are beginning to learn that it is a good place to invest large sums.

But to the case in hand. Some two years or more ago, the citizens of Utica began the endowment of the Chair of Rhetoric, now so gracefully and completely filled by Professor Urson. The subscription came within six thousand dollars of the requisite sum, and there stopped for the time. Mr. CHARLES C. KINGSLEY, a young merchant of Utica, of whose noble liberality to every good cause we have had occasion to speak before, has now supplied what was lacking, in one generous gift of six thousand dollars, and that important chair is fully endowed.

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SAWYER DEFEATED. Rev. L. A. Sawyer, once supposed to be an Orthodox Congregational clergyman, author of a new translation of the New Testament, and author of a book called "Biblical Science Improved," has been trying to recover damages of the Christian Intelligencer for calling his book an infidel work.

TRANSFER OF REV. H. E. NILES.—At the meeting of the Presbytery of Niagara, at Knowlesville, N. Y., Jan. 17th, a call from the first Presbyterian church in York, Pa., accompanied by the certified action of the Presbytery of Harrisburg, granting leave to the congregation to prosecute such a call, for the pastoral services of Rev. H. E. Niles, of Albion, was laid before Presbytery.

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THE WEATHER. The winter is generally conceded to be one of unusual severity. The intense cold, and the deep snows have interfered not a little with railroading. Trains are behind time; rails are breaking; machinery is giving out. It is said that so much trouble of this sort has not before been experienced for ten years. For many days, we understand, freight trains were hardly moved at all. A great number of cattle were waiting for trans-

portation East. Feed for them was hard to get, and some were driven through the snows to this city to keep them from starvation.

LATE LECTURES.

These difficulties in travelling have seriously interfered with the convenience of some of our popular lecturers. Rev. Dr. Stone, of Boston, addressed an Albany audience on Monday evening, and was engaged to speak in Lockport on Tuesday evening. After lecturing in Albany, he took the 11 o'clock train on Monday night, expecting to reach Lockport on Tuesday forenoon; but at six o'clock on Tuesday evening he had not got further than this city.

A PROMISING INCIDENT.

An interesting young pastor, among whose people meetings have been held, with a good degree of interest, ever since the first of January, with a few conversions, but no marked revival, took the following method to try to bring matters to a focus:

After the solemn administration of the Lord's Supper on last Sunday morning, he remarked that he had the names of seventy unconverted persons belonging to that congregation, written on slips of paper. He would lay them upon the table in front of the desk, and if any Christians were willing to take any of those names, and make the persons special subjects of prayer, they were requested to come forward at the close of the service, and take such as they should choose.

Quite a number of the members of the church came forward; forty-five out of the seventy names were taken. We shall hope to hear of good answers to these prayers.

DR. CANFIELD'S DISCOURSE.

We are glad to see that the friends and admirers of Rev. Dr. Canfield, of Syracuse, were so well pleased with his Thanksgiving sermon, "The American Crisis," as to request a copy for the press. It is handsomely published, and reads even better in print than it did in manuscript. It is an able discourse, and takes good ground for our own country, against all sedition, secession, treason or division.

PERSONAL.

On the 15th of January, Rev. Mr. Ellinwood was at Cairo, in Egypt. His letters were just one month coming from that city to this. He was improving in health, and apparently enjoying the wonders of that strange land with great zest.

Rev. H. H. Allen, the young pastor at Cayugas, has been "visited" by his people to the amount of \$150.

Rev. B. F. Willoughby, of Verona, has received and accepted a call to the Congregational church of Augusta, of which the late Rev. O. Bartholomew was so long the acceptable and useful pastor.

Rev. G. L. Root, of West Troy, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Lovvlie, in Lewis county.

REVIVAL IN HENRIETTA.

A powerful work of grace is in progress in this place. Strong men are bowing to One stronger than they. It is a union meeting. All the pastors are at work, assisted by Rev. Edwin Burnham, of New England, who is preaching with great power.

We hear also from SKANEATELES, that there is especial interest there. A similar report comes to us from Norwich, Chenango county. Many of our pastors are being cheered by special indications of the divine favor on their labors. "Oh, that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion." C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 18, 1865.

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1. That we grant the request, and dissolve the said relation, and cordially commend our brother to the Presbytery of Harrisburg.

2. That our associations with our brother Niles have been of the most pleasant and delightful kind; and that it is with the deepest regret that we are compelled, in the providence of God, to part with him from our bounds.

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4. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Evangelist and American Presbyterian with the request for insertion.

L. I. Root, Stated Clerk.

News of our Churches.

OXFORD, NEW YORK.—The church in this place has complimented its pastor, Rev. E. H. Payson, with gifts to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars. We add with still more pleasure that it exhibits signs of unusual religious interest, and good things are expected.

PASTORS REMEMBERED.—The Christian ladies of Leroy, New York have gladdened the home of Rev. S. B. Shaw and family at an estimated value of two hundred dollars, to which the Sabbath-school children have appended twenty dollars of their own. Koxand has also donated one hundred dollars in the same cause, and Oneida forty-three dollars and twenty-five cents.

PROGRESS.—The church in Howell, Michigan, is decidedly on the rising grade. Its benevolent contributions the last year, were more than doubled. The house of worship has been thoroughly renovated, and its pastor's salary more than one hundred and twenty dollars overpaid. Rev. J. Ford Sutton is the pastor. From the above, his efficiency as such may be taken for granted.

FROM THOMPSONVILLE, CONNECTICUT, we have reports of "both temporal and spiritual prosperity" with our church there. As indications of Christian regard for their pastor, Rev. C. W. Adams, we find that, in addition to a furlough last summer, with a present of one hundred and seventy dollars for travelling expenses, he has just been made the recipient of a purse and contents—the latter three hundred and six dollars.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Our church in this place is at length emerging from a long series of discouragements and gloomy providences, commencing with the financial troubles of 1857, which overtook them while struggling under a heavy debt. Recently it has rallied sufficiently to relieve itself of all indebtedness outside of its own membership, has added one-third to the pastor's salary, and made him a substantial donation visit, presenting him, among other benefactions, with a set of the new American Encyclopedia.

LIMA, NEW YORK.—Another church in a well cultivated field. We noticed a few weeks since the special liberality of this church to its pastor, Rev. A. L. Benton. The generous impulse, finding itself unspent, next landed itself in the domicile of the aged ex-pastor, Rev. John Barnard, D.D., whose pastorate there was in its day one of the longest and most blessed in western New York. A liberal expression of their grateful remembrance of it was made. Even this was not sufficient to wear out the giving humor. The sexton and his wife were next presented each with a new and good set of wearing apparel.

DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.—The Christian Herald reports that our church in this place is enjoying the reviving influence of the Holy Spirit. During the month of January, twenty-three persons were added to the church; of these, more than one-half were heads of families. The church is much revived, and a delightful state of religious feeling now exists. In addition to the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting, there are three other weekly meetings for prayer—one each for the ladies, the young ladies, and the young men. These are all well attended. The Sabbath-school is large and flourishing, and sustains a mission-school in the suburbs of the city.

CORTLAND, NEW YORK.—Outwardly, at least, and we hope truly, the year past has been one of rising prosperity with this church and its pastor, Rev. J. L. Beman. The congregation is very greatly increased; the collections for our various church enterprises have been unusually liberal; large benefactions have been made to patriotic objects; four thousand dollars have been expended in improvements on the church edifice, making it now one of the finest in central New York; some three hundred dollars presented to the pastor, and his salary permanently increased twenty-five per cent. Better than all, God's reviving spirit seems now at work, and many are inquiring the way to salvation.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.—At the meeting of this Presbytery, held last month in Cooperstown, New York, the following resolutions relative to the topics named, were adopted. The first of them after an earnest discussion, in which it was claimed that Home Missions should be as liberally supported as Foreign Missions, or any other of the benevolent enterprises of the church:—

"Resolved, That considering the peculiar condition of our country at the present time, the weakening of our Western churches by the war, the opening of the South to evangelization, the danger of demoralization from the baneful influence of war, the cause of Home Missions has acquired especial importance equal if not superior to any other cause whatever, and that we pledge ourselves to make a special effort to increase the contributions of our several churches for this purpose during the present year.

"Whereas there have been steps taken by both branches of the Presbyterian Church, with a view of uniting these branches, so rudely severed in 1837, "Resolved, That we, the members of Otsego Presbytery, do most earnestly desire and pray that a reunion may be secured on the true principles of Christian unity."

At the same meeting Rev. Charles Gillette and Elder Robert Russell, principals, and Rev. S. S. Goodman and Elder J. Blair, alternates, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly.

FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.—Rev. Levi B. Wilson, pastor of our church in that place, acknowledges more than \$200, mostly cash, as the fruits of a friendly visit from his people, on the 7th instant.

DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION.—The Presbyterian church at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, had an interesting day, Thursday, January 26th. In the afternoon they dedicated to God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—their new and beautiful house, which they have erected for the purposes of his worship. The sermon on the occasion was by Rev. Elias C. Sharp, of Atwater, brother of the pastor elect of the church of Mineral Ridge. This house, which is beautiful in its neatness and convenience, has been built at an expense of seven thousand dollars, five thousand of which has been paid, and towards the remaining two thousand a donation of twelve hundred dollars was made at the close of the dedication service. In the evening, the Presbytery of Trumbull installed Rev. Benjamin F. Sharp as pastor of the church; sermon, by President Hitchcock, of Western Reserve College; constitutional questions by the Moderator, Rev. Levi B. Wilson; installing prayer, by Rev. E. C. Sharp; charge to the pastor, by Rev. James Shaw; charge to the people, by Rev. Levi B. Wilson.

The history and prospects of this young church are very interesting. It is but about two years since it was organized by the Home Missionary Committee of the Presbytery of Trumbull. It was the result of a Sabbath-school enterprise, started mostly by the pastor and brethren of the church in Youngstown. After the little church of eleven members was gathered, they soon resolved to build a place of worship. In this the Sabbath-school took an active part. The basement of the church is comfortably arranged for their accommodation. The school now numbers something more than two hundred attendants. The church is the only English church in the village, which, as its name signifies, is a place of coal and iron; with furnaces and coal banks, which give employment to many workmen, who, with their families, make a numerous and stirring community. The church has now about fifty members, and its prospects are promising for usefulness.—Evangelist.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

REVIVALS.—The Presbyterian has a letter from Rev. H. R. Peairs, of Kenton, Ohio, which says: "We had a very interesting revival of religion in our church. Since the week of prayer, which we observed, we have received twenty-two members—all on examination but three—and there are still quite a number of inquirers. The Lord is evidently with us." The same paper says that there is much religious interest in the bounds of the Presbytery of Newton. At late communications ten converts were added to the church at Blairstown, sixteen to the church at Washington, and fifty-nine to the church at Hackensack. In the Danville church a work of grace of much power is in progress. In the Hackensack church measures have been taken to pay off a debt of nine thousand dollars.

A writer for the Presbyterian Banner states that "an encouraging degree of religious interest exists at present in Dr. Rice's church on Fifth Avenue, N. Y., considerable additions having been just made from persons in middle life and heads of families." The same paper has cheering intelligence from Upper Ten Mile, Washington county, Pa., where a gracious quickening effusion has been showered upon the members of the church; nineteen have been hopelessly converted, and many are still under deep conviction of sins. Also, that in Eddyville, Iowa, daily meetings continued after the close of the week of prayer. "God's Spirit has been present; many have found the Saviour, and others are seeking him. Our meetings are quiet and solemn."

The Western Presbyterian says of a revival in the Presbyterian church in Kirkwood, Ky.: "At the close of a three weeks' meeting, some twenty-five expressed hope in Christ. The revival is attributed in a great measure, humanly speaking, to the prayers of an aged, infirm saint of God, who upon his dying bed wrestled for this blessing ere his departure; and when the gracious answer came, he fell asleep in Jesus."

A correspondent of the N. Y. Observer, writing from Chicago, Ill., says: "Whilst there is, alas! no general work of grace in our city that might be called a revival, yet there is in many of the churches a revived state of religion. Christians seem quickened and to have a more earnest mind to the work of the Lord; pastors seem stirred up to greater earnestness, and a goodly number are turning to the Lord. In the North Presbyterian church twenty-seven have been added since the present pastor commenced labor in September, and a few during his visit in July. The South church has received about an equal number recently."

PROPOSED EMIGRATION.—George Kane, of Tipton, Indiana, through the papers of the United Presbyterian church, proposes that about twenty families connected with that church, should unite with his own in forming a settlement in some part of Missouri or Tennessee, taking with them a minister of their own denomination, and so locating themselves as to act in concert for their own worldly interest and for advancing the cause of the Redeemer. This system of emigration is by no means new in our country, and we know of communities where, after a lapse of generations, the stamp which it affixed to society remains. Indeed it is nothing more or less than the Mayflower system.

PSALMODY.—At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Butler, in this State, connected with the United Presbyterian church, (Scotch origin, and using only the very literal rendering of David's Psalms in the worship of song,) the following overture came up from a church session: "Can United Presbyterians consistently join in associations for religious worship, prayer meetings and the like, as a party to the same, when songs of praise other than the Psalms are used part of the time; and can they do so and be faithful witnesses for the truth as contained in the 18th Article of the Testimony of the U. P. Church?" The overture was answered in the negative.

CONGREGATIONAL.

DEATH.—The Rev. Henry Foster Burder, of London, one of the oldest and most eminent of the English Congregational clergy, has died at the ripe age of eighty-two years.

He was the eldest son of the Rev. George Burder, author of the Village Sermons. During his long life he had but one pastorate, that of the Congregational church in Hackensack, which he resigned some years ago.

REVIVALS.—In Andover, Mass., there is said to be an increasing religious interest, and among the hopefully converted are a number of the students in the Phillips Academy, in that town. The Congregationalist, speaking of the observance of the week of prayer by Rev. D. T. Packall's church in East Somerville, Mass., says that the meetings were greatly blessed to their reviving, and were continued after the week closed. Quite a number of hopeful conversions have occurred, and the interest is growing. A revival of considerable interest is going forward in the South Congregational Church, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Revivals are also reported in Natick, Conway, and Chester, Mass.; Westminster, Vt.; Woolwich, Me.; and several places in the Northwest.

GERMAN REFORMED.

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.—The Westmoreland Classis, at its meeting, January 26, created a new parish, embracing Ligonier and Donegal, together with some other available points in the Ligonier Valley. Concerning this arrangement the German Reformed Messenger says: "We venture the prediction that this field, now having to be cultivated in faith, in a sort of double sense, will constitute two flourishing charges in less than twenty years hence. But work, self-denial, heroism, and good done, lie between them and now. Classis also appointed Rev. C. C. Russell, late of Latrobe, as pastor and he has already entered upon the discharge of his duties. What a work many ministers do! Five years ago, the three charges, Mount Pleasant, (excepting St. Paul's church,) Latrobe and Ligonier Valley, containing now some congregations, were served in English by one man—this same Rev. Russell. But a greater wonder remains to be told. For more than thirty years past, Father Voigt—may he be yet long spared to us!—served all the territory in question, and more besides. During the first twenty-five years of his labors in this vast field, he had no colleague, and generally walked from one appointment to another—a habit that he has not even in his old age laid by."

EPISCOPAL.

BISHOP ELLIOTT OF GEORGIA.—A correspondent of the Church Journal writes from Savannah:—"Through a friend who has lately visited this city from Savannah, we learn that Bishop Elliott left the city in company with General Hardee's army. On Sunday, just before leaving, he stated to his people his reasons for going, which were, that, as the largest part of his diocese was outside the city of Savannah, his first duty was to be able to serve the greater number of his parishes; and that, as he was the 'Presiding Bishop of the Confederate States,' he felt it his duty not to separate himself from communication with the other dioceses of the South. Each man's going or leaving, he said, must be a question to be settled by himself. He did not advise others to leave. We have since learned that the Bishop and Mrs. Elliott are at Augusta, and are well."

DIVINITY SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA.—The establishment of this institution, two or three years since, was virtually a reorganization of the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., broken up by the war. A committee, consisting of Bishop Potter and three lay gentlemen, in an appeal for the endowment of a fund for miscellaneous expenses, say of its present prosperity:—"Forty students are now in attendance. The school has real estate which cost less than \$40,000 and which is said, by good judges, to be worth \$80,000 to \$100,000. It contains apartments for library, lecture-rooms, dormitory and boarding. The situation is healthy, and unsurpassed for beauty. Through the goodness of God, the school has been greatly favored by special endowments. Four professorships have been founded by the gift of \$30,000 each. Three of them by single individuals, one of them by a congregation. Free scholarships for necessitous students have also been founded. Large contributions have been made to the library, and a sum sufficient to pay for the real estate, at its original cost, has also been given by one gentleman. We are left, however, without a fund to meet miscellaneous expenses, and to supplement salaries which are insufficient. We need for this purpose four thousand dollars during the current academic year, beginning July 1 1864. We also need a general fund for such purposes, the income of which will be regular; \$100,000 or \$150,000 would not be too much."

METHODIST.

HANSON PLACE CHURCH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Methodist of February 18, says:—"A very remarkable work of grace commenced at this church on Sunday night week. Some forty-five or more persons were forward for prayers, and at least ten persons professed to have been born again. A very interesting incident occurred in the progress of the meeting. A man in the gallery rose and with much earnestness exclaimed that he had a daughter and a grand-daughter at the altar. 'I have yet one unconverted son in the congregation, and oh that he would come out to the altar. Will you not come at noon, my son?' he exclaimed; when, lo! a man of six feet in stature made his way right up to the altar." The same paper also says:—"There is a work of much religious interest in York Street Church, same city. Many persons were forward for prayer on Sunday night week, and several were made happy in the sense of sin forgiven. Twenty converts were added to the church in the month of January."

BAPTIST.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN PHILADELPHIA.—The National Baptist informs us that a precious work of grace is in progress in the Twelfth church. Rev. W. D. Siegfried, pastor, baptized three persons on the 5th, and eight on last Sunday night week. Twenty or thirty persons are inquiring. The work is deepening and widening in the congregation and Sunday-school. There are increasing indications of good in the Eleventh Church, Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, pastor. One candidate was last week received for baptism, a soldier from the hospital at Sixteenth and Filbert streets, of which the Rev. A. G. Thomas, a member of the Eleventh Church, is Chaplain. The good work at the Falls of Schuylkill Church still continues. The number of inquirers is still large.

THE REVIVAL IN ALBANY, N. Y.—Of this season of refreshing, which we have before noticed, the correspondent of the Watchman and Reflector adds the following account:—"Yesterday, February 5th, exceeded even the interest of last Sabbath. Twenty were baptized by the pastor in Pearl Street, and twenty-nine at the First Church. In the afternoon both churches observed the Lord's Supper together. The entire body of Pearl Street Church was crowded with communicants. After the preliminary exercises by Brother Bridgman, the central aisle, from end to end, was filled with two rows of new members of the First Church. To these, their pastor, followed by brethren Earle and Bridgman, gave the hand of fellowship. Then exactly the same act was repeated by the pastor and members of our sister church, brethren Bridgman, Earle, and Magoon, passing in succession along the double lines of rejoicing souls. One hundred were thus received."