

American Presbyterian.

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PAYMENTS for the current year are coming in slowly. Subscribers will remember that but few days remain in which bills dated January 1st can be paid at the reduced rates.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.—We intend, after the first of April, to revise and re-publish the Directory of Ministers of our church in this city. We would be obliged to any who have changed their residence, or any who were inadvertently omitted in the last publication, to advise us without delay of their proper address.

TRANSFER OF DR. PATTON.—Rev. John Patton, D.D., has signified his acceptance of the call to the pastorate at Middletown, Del., and enters immediately upon his new field. The resolutions adopted by his late charge, in view of his removal, will be found in this paper.

THE "OTHER BRANCH" IN WEST PHILADELPHIA.—The Princeton Church, (O. S.) across the Schuylkill, is rejoicing in a recently secured freedom from the bondage of debt. The lot on which the church edifice stands, was the gift of Mrs. Miller, the widow of the late Dr. Miller, of the Princeton Seminary.

M. GUIZOT ELECTED.—We are glad to announce that the second election, referred necessary by the state of the votes at the first, M. Guizot, the candidate of the evangelical party was elected sixth member of the Eresbyterial Council of the National Reformed Church of France.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED MINISTER.—Rev. W. W. Phillips, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City, departed this life on the 20th inst., aged 68 years. Dr. Phillips had long occupied a prominent position as a Presbyter in the Old School Church.

A NEW AND BAD PAPER.—We are sincerely sorry to see that our brethren of the Old School branch are not yet through with their annoyances from disloyalty and slave-holding theology, as an internal element of discord.

AN IRISH CATHOLIC MOB INVOKED.—The following appeal appears in the Toronto, C. W., papers, over the signature of "John Joseph Lynch, Bishop of Toronto."

"TO THE CITIZENS OF TORONTO.—The Sisters of Charity have been, from time to time, grossly insulted in this city. Men have rudely seized hold of them in the public streets whilst going on their errand of charity; they have been pelted with stones and snow-balls—they have been called the most opprobrious and insulting names; their costumes have been contumeliously exhibited in masquerades on a skating rink.

and movements of the sisters, something unbearably provocative, it will, left to itself, doubtless secure the abatement of the wrongs complained of. But a few such smart comments upon it as the following, which we copy from The Universe of this city—"the oldest Catholic paper in the United States"—would soon strew the pavements of Toronto with broken heads, the old-fashioned way of enforcing respect for the sacred persons and things of the papacy.

"What," says the Universe, "are the Irish people in Toronto doing? Are there any Fenians there? The Sisters of Charity are the most heroic women in the world. In this instance they are natives of Ireland. They should be protected at every cost; and the proper way to protect them, is to exterminate from the city the Orange villains who offer them insult. What is the good of the 'pikes' lately stowed away in Toronto? There is now a legitimate opportunity for using them. Let them be brought forth to the light. Let them be used a little on the Orange insulters of the Sisters of Charity, and Dr. Lynch will never again be under the humiliating necessity of invoking public protection for the religious ladies of the Catholic Church.

TRAVELLERS' INSURANCE.

We have examined with great interest this new scheme of Life Insurance, for which our friend W. W. Allen is the agent, in this city. Without any regard to the health or ages of the parties, lives are insured against fatal accident in travelling or otherwise; weekly payments may be secured in case of disability from accident, and policies covering both contingencies together may be taken out. The premiums are so moderate that almost any one can avail himself of the advantages of the system.

THE EXCITEMENT in our city was, of course, very great. All business was suspended. Crowds thronged at every point of special interest, to see what was going on. Others were rushing to and fro, trying to save their property. Some came near losing their lives by shipwreck in our principal streets, trying to reach their places of business, to put goods and papers out of harm's way.

DR. PATTON AND LOGAN SQUARE CHURCH.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Logan Square Presbyterian Church, in this city, held on Wednesday evening, the 23d inst., the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, Our pastor, Rev. John Patton, D.D., has informed the congregation that an unanimous call from the Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Delaware, has been placed in his hands, and that he feels inclined to view it as a providential opening to a very useful field of labor, and

Whereas, He has requested the congregation to acquiesce in the contemplated severance of the relation that now exists between himself and this charge, Therefore,

Resolved, That while we sincerely regret that a relation that has continued for so many years, with such harmony and kind feeling, should be severed, yet we will not place our feelings of affection and regard in opposition to what may be to our pastor a change, beneficial in many respects, and which he feels is an opening by the Allwise Head of the Church for his continued and increased usefulness.

Resolved, That in parting with him we part with a kind friend and pastor, and we feel assured that, as the result of his labors here in the last great day, many souls will come up from this congregation to call him blessed.

Resolved, That he will carry with him, wherever he may go, the kindest wishes of the entire congregation, their earnest prayer that his lot may be cast in a pleasant part of the Lord's vineyard, and that he may enjoy a rich harvest of souls as his reward.

Extract from the minutes. J. A. L. WILSON, Sec. of the meeting. PHILADELPHIA, March 23d, 1865.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April is out. We quote from a new "Biglow paper" the following stanza: "I'd sooner take my chance to star' At Judgment bar where your meanest slave is, Than at God's bar hol' up a han' Ez drippin' red ez yourn, Jeff. Davis."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

OUR FLOOD. "These are eventful times." This "oft told tale" gets new meaning every day; and to us, in this "highly-favored city," it has had a new significance for just one week. Indeed, some of us have learned at that time to call ourselves "antediluvians;" and we suppose there are some already who will have to confess, in the future years, that they were born just after the flood.

In other words, our beautiful Genesee River, which makes our town, by which we have our wealth, has been playing sad pranks with us, as most of our readers had doubtless already learned from the secular papers. We do not propose to go much into particulars. Suffice it to say, this was the greatest freshet ever known in all this region. That mythical individual, the oldest inhabitant, knows nothing to compare with it except the "great flood" of 1835, just thirty years ago, and then the water was not so high as at the present time by several feet.

The river was at its greatest height on Saturday, the 18th. The water was then flowing over Main Street Bridge, and running a mighty river through Exchange, Buffalo, State, and Front Streets. Almost the whole of the business portion of the city, on the west side of the river, was submerged.

Logs and drift wood, of every description, were swept along with mighty force through the very streets where our citizens walked with safety the evening before. Great lights of plate glass were broken out of store windows; doors were forced open; streams of water, three or four feet deep, poured, a mighty torrent, right through many of the stores on Buffalo street, where, the evening before, it was supposed all was safe.

Two street cars, which had been moved from Buffalo street on to the Main Street Bridge, were carried away. One passed through a part of Front street, was swept off into the river by a new opening which the water had made for itself, and carried over the falls; the other sailed part way down Buffalo street, and was lodged in a hole which the water had made in the sidewalk, and there rested, in a damaged condition, until the flood subsided.

The New York Central Road bridge over the Genesee, was carried away on Friday night. Thousands of people were on it on Friday afternoon, viewing the mad rush of waters. Three persons crossed it about eleven o'clock at night, just before it was torn from its moorings. They felt it giving way, heard it crack under their feet, and ran for dear life. Two, at least, escaped. It was reported, but not certainly known, that the other was lost.

One span of the bridge of the Genesee Valley Railway is also gone, and one or two of the piers badly injured. It was feared also, by some, that the great aqueduct of the Erie Canal would give way. Its water courses were all filled, and three millions of feet of lumber, and logs, and rails were piled against its upper side, making a complete dam, until the water stood within a few inches of its top. The pressure must have been enormous, and still that noble structure stood firm. If it had gone, the wreck and ruin would have been far beyond what they are now.

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On Sunday morning the waters had fallen considerably, but not sufficiently to allow the opening of most of the churches. The First Presbyterian, the Central, and the Brick, were all closed.

On Saturday, the water was flowing around both of the latter. Dr. Chester could not come from Buffalo to preach in the Central, and would not have been wanted if he had come. Rev. D. K. Bartlett was to be installed pastor of the Plymouth Church, on Tuesday of this week, a council having been called for that purpose; but inasmuch as railroad travel was suspended in every direction, the installation was postponed to some future occasion.

But quite as wonderful as any thing else in regard to the flood, is the fact that the damage is but a trifle, after all, of that which was feared while it was at its height. For instance, a prominent lumber merchant, as he stood helpless, looking at the wreck of his great yard on Saturday, supposed he should lose \$100,000; but since the storm has passed by, he finds his losses are only \$5,000. As we saw the water, three or four feet deep, rushing into Adams & Ellis' Book Store, we could not have believed that their loss would be set down at \$150; but so it is. And still the damage, on the whole, is to be estimated by millions, and on some individuals it bears very heavily.

But the next great wonder is to see how cheerfully it is borne, and how readily and efficiently men are setting to work, as far as possible, to repair the damage. We have heard of no complaints, no vain murmurings; but thousands of men have been all the week at

work, cleaning out dirty stores, readjusting streets and pavements, clearing away the debris of fallen buildings. Much has already been accomplished toward setting things to rights again. Considerable progress has already been made toward replacing the great railroad bridge, but it may be a week or two before cars can cross upon it. In the meantime passengers are carried around through the next street, and trains are running both east and west. It will be a long time before the flood of 1865 will be forgotten.

A CALL.

Mr. Lyell T. Adams has received a call to the Presbyterian Church in Albion, of which Rev. H. E. Niles, now of York, Pa., was recently the pastor. Mr. Adams is a licentiate of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, Pa., of the other branch; is a graduate of Princeton Seminary; has been preaching a few years at Lawrenceville, Pa.; he is also a nephew of Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Cincinnati, and is spoken of as a young man of more than ordinary promise.

We can sincerely congratulate this large and important church on having so soon found one upon whom they can so happily unite, to take the place of our esteemed and excellent friend now called to another pleasant and inviting field of labor. C. P. B. ROCHESTER, March 24, 1865.

News of our Churches.

COMMISSIONERS.—The Presbytery of Columbus has elected Rev. D. A. Bassett and Ruling Elder Augustus P. Smith, as Commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. Moses Ordway and Ruling Elder John B. Dwinell are the alternates.

PARMA CENTRE.—We have further accounts of the revival in Rev. Edward Allen's church in this place. The extraordinary religious interest has continued for several weeks, and both pastor and church are greatly encouraged. The interest is not, however, confined to this one church. Many union meetings of great interest have been held, and other denominations rejoice in the blessing.

HOWELL, MICH.—The revival in our church in this place, before mentioned, still progresses. It was continued, without any so-called special services, about nine months, "widening and deepening, solemnly and surely." About thirty, of all ages from eight to fifty years of age, have already made a public profession. Nearly every member of the Pastor's Bible Class have been hopefully converted.

HAMPTON, IOWA.—A correspondent writes from this place to the Christian Herald:—"We are having a precious revival of religion here. The last of January we commenced a series of meetings which were held every evening for four or five weeks; a sermon preceded with a short prayer-meeting. The fruits are, fifteen or twenty backsliders reclaimed, twenty or twenty-five hopeful converts, ten or twelve family altars erected, and there will be added to different churches about forty members."

THIRD CHURCH, PITTSBURG.—The liberality of this noble organization has made its name as a household word in our Zion. The latest manifestations we have to chronicle, are a collection for the Education Cause of \$1097 23 and a gift of \$2000 to the pastor. It was given by the people on learning that Mr. Johnson was about commencing housekeeping.

The Presbytery of Pittsburg met last week, when they expected to ordain Mr. Davis, now preaching at Birmingham Church, as an evangelist.

POTTSVILLE, PA.—Rev. Isaac Riley writes:—"Permit me through your paper to acknowledge the gift of one hundred and twenty-five dollars from the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Pottsville. All can appreciate its intrinsic value. But its peculiar acceptableness comes from the kindly feeling which it manifested, and with which it was accompanied."

Such a generous gift, the friendly expressions I daily hear, the interest of the church and the congregation in the services, the additions to our membership, and, above all, the signs of God's presence with us, are to me reasons of gratitude, encouragement, and hope.

ANGELICA, N. Y.—Rev. E. L. Boing, through The Evangelist, gives thankful utterance of his obligation for a series of special benefactions from his people, stretching through the past winter, and culminating, in a recent visit of large substantial benefit. Respecting God's infinitely higher goodness, he says:—"We record, with humble gratitude, the mercy of our dear Lord, who came suddenly to His Church in the manner, character, and results, described by the prophet Malachi, and for two months, beginning with the week of prayer, we have been witnessing His glory and the triumphs of His grace in the unusual numbers, night after night, filling the place of prayer and the sanctuary, listening to the Word of God as accountable and immortal beings. Few, if any, can recall so general and genuine a work of grace with so little excitement. More than eighty have been especially impressed, and have asked the great question, 'What shall I do to be saved?' What proportion of this number have found Christ would be difficult to say. I have not dared to number Israel, yet when I call to mind the many family altars that have been

erected (some even among the membership), of whole households turning to God, and the young converts meeting for prayer and inquiry, we feel that God has done great things for us. Our Sabbath-school shares largely in the blessing. Quite a number of the students at the Seminary, who come to sojourn among us careless and prayerless, return to their homes with new hearts and new hopes. How many dear parents will experience the joyful feeling of the father described in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The work is still in progress, and at present I am much occupied in guiding the inquiring, and training those who are hoping for an intelligent profession of their faith."

REVIVAL IN EAST TENNESSEE.—We have before noticed the fact that Rev. Wm. H. Lyle, an East Tennesseean by birth, was, in 1862, refused ordination by the Presbytery of Union, under the operation of the following action by the Synod of Tennessee, an integral part of the Southern ecclesiastical secession from our General Assembly in 1856:—"Whereas, Christ requires it as an essential qualification in his gospel ministers, that they be sound in the faith; therefore,

"Resolved, That it is the mind of this Synod, that our Presbyteries should not license or ordain any man holding anti-scriptural or abolition doctrines."

Last fall the resuscitated and re-united Presbytery of Union ordained Mr. Lyle, and placed him in charge of the Washington church, a few miles out from Knoxville. Concerning God's gracious dealings with them. Mr. Lyle, under date of March 17th, writes us as follows:—"Rev. J. W. MEARS,—I give you a short account of a revival at Washington Church, situated eleven miles north of Knoxville. The meeting commenced on the 18th of last month, and continued some days, when Brother Sawyer, (who is now residing at Knoxville,) came among us by invitation, to preach. The meeting was one of deep interest. There was no unusual excitement, no noise and shouting. It was characterized by stillness and attentiveness. The result is, that forty-two professions were made, six of them, however, a short time before the meeting began. Thirty-nine united with our church, and three backsliders were reclaimed. The church has been greatly edified and strengthened. Among the converts were some of the stoutest sinners. Some were aged—one man was fifty years old, and another forty-eight.

There are two things to be distinctly noticed in the case of this revival:—

1. The Holy Spirit is the author of the work. There was no labored effort on the part of the minister to get up excitement. The still small voice did the work. 2. The Holy Spirit's agency to do the work was secured by fervent prayer. At the outset of the meeting, and indeed before it began, the idea had been impressed upon the people by their minister, that if they wished for a revival of religion, they must ask for it, ask for it in faith, nothing doubting, and it would be granted. The people were humbled and prayed earnestly to God for his blessings. We, as a church, must come up to the point of having strong faith in God. We must expect great things of Him and attempt great for Him.

I rejoice to see through the columns of your paper accounts of various revivals throughout the churches. In these parts we have been terribly scourged by the war, but I hope for a better state of things in the church than we have ever had. Those of us who are on the side of the Government, are more closely watched than ever. And we must be more devoted and have a higher consecration than heretofore. When the guerillas shall have been driven out of our country, there will be quite an opening for the ministers from the North.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF IT.—The February number of "Christian Work," a magazine published in London, contains a long article on "The United States Christian Commission," from which we extract the following paragraphs:—"We would especially claim the attention of our English clergy to one fact which, in our opinion, does their American brethren the greatest credit. Although the clerical portion of the committee appears to be made up of different sects, not a particle of sectarianism can be detected in any of the voluminous reports and documents before us. They have marched to their duty—Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Episcopalians—shoulder to shoulder, having before them only two motives of action: the love of God, and the welfare of their brethren at the seat of war. Nor is the lay element one jot more prejudiced; they seem actuated by exactly the same reasons which brought from their pulpits and congregations their spiritual teachers. "Another feature should also be noticed and retained in the memory of all Protestants, the power of their clergy in the promotion and organization of good works. The Catholics speak with most justifiable pride of the influence of their priesthood in obtaining the assent of such acts, and not unfrequently have pointed at the weaker power of the Protestant clergy; but here we have a proof how far the reformed creeds go in works of general utility. \*\*\*\* In no Roman Catholic country can be quoted a mission of mercy in point of magnitude equal to that at present to be seen in America."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

SRAGUE'S ANNALS of the American Unitarian Pulpit. Published by Carters. For sale by Claxton.

LIFE OF MENDELSSOHN. Published and for sale by Leypoldt.

CAPE COD. By Thoreau. Published by Ticknor & Fields. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

R. W. EMERSON'S POEMS. Blue and gold. Published and for sale as above.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

"FESTINA LENTE."—The two Presbyterian Churches are in pleasant sympathy, and steps are on foot for their reunion; but which shall give up its ecclesiastical relation? which its location? which shall be allowed to absorb the other? Are not great principles, concessions and sacrifices involved? "Make haste slowly!" The Beloit clergy are able faithful men, doing a good work for Christ and country.—S. S. Times' Beloit Cor.

DIED IN HIS ARMOR.—The Western Presbyterian announces the death of the Rev. James C. Barnes, D.D., which occurred on Sabbath, the 12th instant, at Stanford Kentucky. He preached in the morning of that day, and in the afternoon was suddenly called to enter into rest. He had been a faithful laborer for many years, and was well known in the West, particularly in Kentucky and Missouri, as an earnest and successful minister of Christ.—Pres.

MERCER, PA.—We have been informed that an interesting work of grace is in progress in the First church in this place. Meetings are well attended, and nearly forty youths have already presented themselves. Pres. Danner.

IN MOSMOUTH, ILL.—Twenty-five persons recently connected themselves with the United Presbyterian church, as the fruits of a revival recently enjoyed.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION EFFORT IN SCOTLAND.—Progress.—The Joint Committee on Union met in Edinburgh on the 8th and 9th ult. After lengthened and frank conference, it was found that entire harmony prevails in the Churches represented as to the principles on which their several Courts are constituted. Considerable progress was also made in ascertaining the facts in reference to "Public Worship." The Committee meets again on the 15th inst., when this subject will be resumed. It is well to bear in mind that the Committee is not occupied in attempting to form a basis of union, but simply in ascertaining how far the Church represented agree or differ. It will belong to the Churches severally, after all the facts have been ascertained, to determine whether or not there be such an amount of agreement as to encourage an attempt at union. Whatever may be the ultimate issue of these conferences, it is certainly of great importance that the Churches should be correctly and fully known to one another.—Ref. Pres. Magazine.

REVIVALS IN OHIO.—Rev. L. I. Drake writes from West Liberty to The Presbyterian:—"During a series of meetings in connection with our communion services, which occurred on the 12th inst., there were added to our number thirty-six souls. Of this number, thirty-two were received on examination and profession of their faith. Of this number, fourteen were baptized." From Lithopolis the same paper has the following account:—"The work of grace among us commenced on the 19th of February, in the branch church of Green Castle. The meetings were conducted by Rev. Geo. W. McMillan, who has been laboring in this field for nearly two years, and continued for nearly two weeks in that place. Twenty-four were added to the church at the close. In the parent church at Lithopolis, where there has been no revival for many years, a work of grace commenced the 6th instant. The church was crowded to overflowing with anxious souls from evening to evening. At the close of these meetings, twenty were added to the church. In this place there is but one organized church, and to that church forty-six persons have been added in the last few weeks; forty-three on profession of faith and three by certificate. More are expected at the coming communion next Sabbath."

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—On Friday, Feb. 20, the Rev. H. M. Millan, late of Bournemouth, was presented with a purse containing a hundred guineas, from visitors and others who had sojourned at Bournemouth during his incumbency there, and who, in grateful recollection of his earnest and eloquent pulpit ministrations, of his sympathetic and consolatory visits to the sick and the dying, and of his zeal and devotedness in forwarding generally the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, begged his acceptance of this testimonial, accompanied with the earnest hope that in due time he might be restored to active usefulness.

The churches at Plymouth and at Wigan have been engaged in successful efforts to clear their edifices of debt.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Presbytery of Glasgow has had under consideration an overture looking to the improvement of the psalmody. The following is the ground taken:—"Whereas, the present collection of paraphrases and hymns contains what is thought by many to be objectionable matter, and is defective in not taking sufficient advantage of the fulness of the revelation of the New Testament, &c.

Dr. Buchanan and Professor Gibson proposed it and it was lost by 29 to 20. We should think the discussion alone, of a subject so delicate, as well as the respectable minority on the side of the measure would create some shyness about union.

CONGREGATIONAL.

NEW CHURCH IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The Congregationalists have started a new church enterprise in that city of San Francisco known as the North End. The opening is said to be sufficient, and with a substantial nucleus for the beginning, prosperity is confidently expected.

REVIVALS.—Reports of these continue in the Congregational papers. Among the latest, we notice God's saving work in Ois, Mass.; Milwaukee and Reedsburg, Wis.; Farmington, Iowa; Orleans, Vt.; South Glastenbury, Ct., and Princeton, Mass.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ANDOVER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Three new buildings, (one for Phillips Academy included,) are to be erected during the coming summer, at an expense of about \$100,000. The Trustees have voted to establish a Pastorate for these institutions as soon as funds can be secured for this purpose; and, within a few days past, have inaugurated measures to establish in the Seminary a Professorship of Biblical Science, also several Lecturships, such as one on Education, one on Music, proposed likewise, also a Gymnasium. They propose likewise to increase the charitable funds of the Seminary, that they may give to indigent students more generous assistance than their present funds warrant.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—We have before spoken of the revival in progress in the South Congregational church in this city. The pastor writes to The Congregationalist respecting it:—"The religious interest which began with us early in December, has continued throughout the winter; some conversions every week. No protracted meeting; no aid from Christians outside of ourselves. Each week one inquiry-meeting, one lecture, and one session of prayer in addition to our regular Friday evening prayer-meeting. An excellent state of feeling has existed in the church which has most faithfully co-operated with the pastor." We learn also that fifty persons were added to the church on the 6th instant, and that more accessions are expected in May.