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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee of Arrangements of the General Assembly, which is to meet in the city of Brooklyn in May, requests commissioners and delegates from corresponding bodies to forward their names and post office addresses to Edward A. Lambert, No. 45 John Street, New York.

Notice will be given at an early day naming the railroads granting the usual facilities to commissioners.

THOS. L. CUYLER, Chairman Com. of Arrangements. BROOKLYN, April 3, 1865.

TO STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

A blank form for the Annual Statistical Report to the General Assembly, has been sent by mail, to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery. Should any one of the Clerks fail to receive the blank, another will be sent on information of the fact.

The Clerks are earnestly requested, in preparing their reports, to conform strictly to the instructions on pages 561 and 562 of the minutes of the last Assembly. In the report of "Funds Contributed," the fractions of the dollar are to be omitted.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, Stated Clerk, G. A.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

SPURGEON'S SERMONS. Eighth Series. New York: Sheldon & Co. 12mo. pp. 372. For sale by Claxton.

ANDREWS' LIFE OF OUR LORD upon the Earth. Fourth Edition. New York: C. Scribner & Co.

MRS. ELIZABETH TODD.

The following memento of an estimable lady, a native of this city, and only remaining child of Rev. John Blair Smith, D.D., who was pastor of Old Pine Street Church in this city at the time of his death, we copy from a Springfield, Illinois, paper:

Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, relict of Dr. John Todd, departed this life March 11th, 1865. Her funeral obsequies were solemnized in the First Presbyterian Church, on the 14th instant. Notwithstanding the inclemencies of the day, the attendance of respecting, sympathizing friends was large. Dr. Brown preached the funeral sermon, and was followed by a brief address from her old pastor, after which the mortal remains were deposited in Oakridge Cemetery, by the side of her recently departed husband.

She was a daughter of Rev. John Blair Smith, D.D., who was President of Hampden Sidney College, Virginia—afterwards President of Union College, New York; and when he died, was Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Her mother was Elizabeth Nash, daughter of General Nash, of Virginia, of Revolutionary memory.

She was born in Philadelphia, April 18th, 1793, was married to Dr. Todd July 1st, 1813, and was the mother of eleven children. Her conjugal life was happy, and ere it closed, they and their many friends and children, were privileged to enjoy the celebration of their golden wedding.

Her lot was early cast in Illinois. Her mother, one of the most excellent and exemplary of women, was long an inmate in her family, ever blessing and being blessed, and ever shedding on all around the savor of the Christian spirit and life from a cheerful heart. The family resided in Edwardsville from 1817 until 1827, when they removed to Springfield. Here the writer renewed his acquaintance with her and her mother, which had commenced at Princeton, N. J., in the family of her uncle, President Samuel Stanhope Smith, D.D.

Mrs. Todd, while she had been, early trained religiously, never made a public profession of religion until middle life. So far as the writer is aware, she was the first fruits of his ministry in the West. Her name has long stood at the head of the list of members of this church. She was a Christian lady of exemplary piety; and from the decease of her mother, in 1843, it was apparent, and increasingly so, until her death, that the mantle of that mother had fallen on the daughter.

And, in the words of the address at her burial—while we look, to-day, on the loved, mortal remains of that daughter so affectionate, of that wife so loving, of that mother so devoted, of that friend so kind, of that Christian sister so lovely, lying in the place where our revered friend and brother, her long, long loved husband so lately laid in death; all who look and all who knew her well, will respond—these are the remains of a truly Christian lady. Grace was in her heart, sat on her countenance, spoke from her lips, was seen in her step, in her family, was visible to her friends, in the social circle, in the meeting for prayer, at the communion table of our blessed Lord and Saviour, and was apparent in her last sickness and in the article of death. Not a murmur of complaint escaped her lips. The last word she uttered was that most expressive word "submission."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

DR. SHAW ON THE FLOOD.

After being kept out of their sanctuary one Sabbath, by reason of the flood in our city, the great congregation of the Brick Church were again in their accustomed place of worship on the last Lord's day. Of course, the pastor, who always keeps abreast of the times, did not let such a striking providence pass without improvement. He took for his text the singularly appropriate words of the ninety-third Psalm:—"The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice."

"And what," said the doctor, "do the floods say? What are the lessons taught us by this sudden calamity?" These were drawn out in several particulars, at once striking and instructive, illustrated by many incidents of thrilling interest in connection with the late disaster. One little story drew tears from many eyes. A father and only son had toiled in their store far into the night, to put their goods out of harm's way, but when they had done what they could in this respect, they found themselves surrounded and imprisoned, and were forced to wait and wearily watch for the morning. With the first grey of the dawn they looked out, and far over the raging flood, and beyond their reach, they saw a snow white handkerchief waved from the window of their home, and they knew they had not waited and watched alone. Loved ones were also looking and hoping for some signal of their safety.

The doctor's closing remark was simple and natural, but also very solemn and impressive. He regarded this disaster as a fearful warning to all to prepare for that greater calamity which will come far more suddenly and unexpectedly at the last. "If I had predicted this flood one week before," he said, "who would have believed me? So we tell you of that greater calamity, when the world itself is to be overwhelmed, not by flood, but by fire; but how many do not believe that any such day is coming. It will overtake such as a thief in the night." The sermon was also printed in one of the daily papers, and widely circulated.

THE NEW RAILROAD BRIDGE.

A bridge for one track is already rebuilt, we are happy to say, for the Central Railway, over the Genesee River, just above the Falls. It was found, as the flood began to abate, that portions of the piers were yet standing, and though the angry waters were still rushing with awful force around them, such is the power of mechanical contrivance that huge timbers were taken up as if they had been wands, and lifted out over the mighty torrent, one length after another, until the entire river, in just one week's time, was again spanned with its firmly braced and mighty trestle and its iron rail.

It was fearful to see the men moving to and fro, lifting, stooping, and working in every way on those bare timbers, just above that rushing torrent, with the fearful cataract of ninety-six feet only a few rods below, knowing that a fall from that frail foothold was certain death. And yet such skill and nerve do men acquire by practice, working in such places, that they would stand upon the edge of an eight-inch timber, and swing a heavy maul, and pound away, apparently with as much ease and unconcern as though standing in the middle of a ten acre lot.

To those without practice we know it would have been a perilous operation. In this connection, we are happy to add, that though this bridge was so much wanted, though such an immense amount of freight was accumulated, piled up on both sides of it, waiting for transportation, and though every day's delay was a great loss to the railway company, yet all work was suspended on the Sabbath. We are glad to mention this to the honor of the managers of this great corporation. We only wish the same rule was applied to their freight trains, and they too were required to rest on God's holy day.

RAILROAD DISASTER.

A fearful calamity of this sort occurred on the New York Central Railway, near Rome, on Thursday of last week, by which five cars were thrown from the track into a ditch, and partly submerged and sadly broken up. Two persons were killed, and some twenty others were injured, some very severely; cause, a broken rail. This is, indeed, a sad disaster, and carries sorrow to many a household. It was also a scene of painful confusion and alarm. Many who escaped physical injury suffered but little less by the painful shock to mind and nerve. A bridal party from this city were on the train, and felt the fearfulfulness of the shock, but suffered no serious harm.

But while thinking of such a calamity to a single train, we are apt to forget that more than five thousand trains have passed safely over the same spot within the last twelve months. And while we think of two persons killed at this time, we forget that three and a half millions of persons were carried safely on the same road the last year. Though we are sometimes startled by such a calamity, bad enough in itself, yet this being whirled along after the iron horse, even at the rate of thirty miles the hour, is found to be safer than any other method of locomotion. Jogging to mill or meeting after an old plough-horse, is, after all, a more dangerous mode of travelling. Out of the three and a half millions of passengers upon this road the last year, only four were killed, and three of them by their own fault; one by the explosion of an engine.

Conversing recently with one of the conductors upon this road, we found that he had been in this service about fourteen years; had travelled about six hundred thousand miles, and had not, in all that time, met with any serious accident; no one had been injured on his trains. What a record, in dealing with such mighty powers of destruction.

BURNING OF THE UTICA SEMINARY. We are pained to learn that on a recent morning the fine building belonging to the Utica Female Seminary was entirely consumed by fire. The building was centrally located; was erected by a joint stock company in 1838; and was rented to Miss Jane E. Kelley, the principal, where one of our best institutions of this sort has long been in successful operation. It was at this school that "Fanny Forrester," the late Mrs. Adoniram Judson, of Burmah, was once a pupil, and afterwards a teacher. It was while at this school that she wrote many of her pleasant contributions to the periodical literature of the day, which made the above nom de plume somewhat famous.

The flames were discovered in a wood-house in the rear of the building about four o'clock in the morning, and was evidently the work of an incendiary. Four persons have been arrested, and held on suspicion of being concerned in it. About one hundred boarding-pupils were occupying the building at the time, but had sufficient warning to make their escape, and save most of their things. Most of the furniture of the establishment was also saved; and Miss Kelley's losses are covered by insurance.

Utica has been much troubled in former years with incendiaries, and they seem to think that their vocation is not yet ended. It was found necessary to hang one not very long since, and only this week another has been sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen years. A just severity in such cases is the true mercy; it may be necessary to hang a few more. Surely, one who would fire such a building as that, in the darkness of the night, with a hundred defenceless sleepers in it, deserves no less.

PERSONAL.

We see that Rev. G. W. Mackie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Adams, has been caught in Uncle Sam's wheel of fortune. We do not know whether he will conclude to go himself to the wars, or send a substitute.

We learn also the Rev. Joshua Cooke, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lewistown, was drafted on the 27th ult., and, declining a substitute, has put on the soldier's blue, and gone to the rendezvous at Elmira, to report for duty. No one that knows him will doubt but he will make a good soldier; though we trust he will be called to a chaplaincy, for which he is well qualified.

Since writing the above, we hear also that our esteemed friend, Rev. Levi Parsons, of Mount Morris, is among the "elect." Truly, Uncle Sam seems to be partial to our good men; he knows they will make thorough soldiers; but we do not see how so many important churches can spare their pastors. Good influences are necessary at home, as well as in the army.

Rev. M. S. Platt, pastor of the Congregational Church of Hamilton, is about to leave that field for another in New Jersey.

Rev. Dr. Bristol, Secretary of the Central Branch Christian Commission, seems to be doing finely for his cause in Chenango county. Good contributions were realized in Norwich, Oxford, and Sherburne.

Rev. Dr. Clarke, of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, is preaching a series of sermons to young men. They are spoken of as well attended and interesting. We see it also stated in the Advocate, of Buffalo, that Rev. Dr. Hancock has been preaching a sermon of marked interest and impressiveness on intemperance, with special reference to the sad exhibition of that vice recently witnessed on inauguration day at Washington. It will take us a long time to outline that fearful disgrace. Doesn't the Vice-President, at least, owe the nation a humble apology? If he is the noble patriot we supposed him to be, should he not do himself and the country the justice to make it without further delay? Surely he has seemed to be every inch a man in the past; and, grateful for what he has done for his country, we are among those who hope he may yet "right himself," and continue to be a tower of strength to the Union cause.

Mr. Samuel Taylor Clarke, son of Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Buffalo, and a licentiate of Buffalo Presbytery, has been supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of this city for a few weeks, in the temporary absence of their pastor elect Rev. E. R. Beadle. We understand that Mr. Beadle's health is improving, and he is expected back to our city in the course of a few weeks. He will receive a cordial welcome from his waiting people. C. P. B. ROCHESTER, March 31, 1865.

THE HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN MONTANA.—Our readers will not overlook the deeply interesting letter from Rev. G. G. Smith, missionary of our church in Montana Territory, which they will find on our inside page. The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kendall, in transmitting it to us, writes as follows:—"I hope some young clergymen will see this letter, and immediately offer themselves to go out early in the spring to preach the Gospel in Montana."

News of our Churches.

PITTSBURGH.—The Presbytery of Pittsburgh met on the 25th of March, in Birmingham, Pa., and ordained Mr. Peter S. Davis as an Evangelist. The Rev. Herrick Johnson and Hon. H. W. Williams were elected as Commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. J. S. Travelli and B. P. Bakewell, Esq., are the alternates. The Rev. J. S. Travelli goes to Nashville, Tennessee, in a few days, as General Agent of the Freedmen's Commission for Western Pennsylvania. The Third Presbyterian Church "broke ground" on Tuesday of last week, for the erection of their church edifice. Their house of worship, and lot, will cost them, when completed, about \$145,000. The Presbyterians of Pittsburgh, both Old Style and New Style, are hurrying through what Dr. Franklin used to call an American whitewashing, that they may be prepared to entertain the Old School General Assembly. What a change has come over "the spirit of their dream," and ours, since May, 1836, when Albert Barnes was on trial for his ecclesiastical life. Yours, truly, S. M. SPARKS. Mount Pleasant, March 31, 1865.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—We notice in the same paper, interesting accounts from correspondents, of revivals in Camden, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Franklin, and in Rose, where Rev. Wm. Young is Pastor. In the latter place the Methodist and Baptist churches are participants in the blessing. About seventy have made a public profession, distributed nearly equally between the three churches. We regret the occasion for these closing sentences of Mr. Young's letter:—"The excessive labors of the past few months have so aggravated the inflamed eyes of the pastor, that he is compelled to surrender a most delightful relationship, heightened by the ties of five years' labor with the Presbyterian Church and Society. Any minister who may wish for a pleasant place to reside, and a kind, whole-hearted people to minister to, will find it at Rose. The pulpit will be vacant on the first Sabbath of April."

YOUNGSTOWN, N. Y.—The Presbyterian Church in Youngstown continues to enjoy the influences of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Mr. Burdick was invited to supply the pulpit last fall, and since his entrance into that field, there has been an increased attention to religious things. There are a large number of inquirers who desire to know what they must do to be saved, and between forty and fifty who are resting on Christ. There is a large Sabbath-school and Bible classes connected with the church, and we trust that the results thus far attained are only a trifle compared with what will be reaped before the interest abates.—Evangelist.

LEGACY TO OUR HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.—The Presbyterian Reporter for March contains the notice of a munificent bequest to the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions, made by the late James M. Culbertson, of Danville, Ill. It consists of real estate, located in four different counties in Illinois, the avails of which, at a moderate estimate, will be \$10,000. It is to be expended, at the discretion of the Committee, in Illinois and Indiana, South of latitude 41 deg.

FROM UNION SPRINGS, CAYUGA COUNTY, N. Y.—Rev. Charles Anderson writes under date of March 24:—"I am encouraged in my new field. At our communion on the first Sabbath of this month, we added ten to our number by profession. A few weeks ago we added three to our Session, and one to our Deacons. Our Sabbath-school has nearly doubled since I came. The congregation is large, and the prayer meetings are large in numbers and of an excellent spirit."

GERMANS IN NEW JERSEY.—The Presbytery of Newark, and more especially the Presbyterians of the City of Newark, have been for some time past, actively engaged in obtaining and supporting a ministry for the benefit of the Germans in that part of the State. An effort is in progress, and is already nearly completed, for raising \$8000 for the benefit of German churches in Newark, Paterson, and Bloomfield, all under care of the Presbytery.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—LA FAYETTE AVENUE CHURCH.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler writes to the Evangelist:—"A gentle distillation of the Spirit—like the soft rain on the tender herb—is descending at present upon our church in Lafayette Avenue. Last Sabbath twenty-two were received into church fellowship, of whom one-half were young converts; this swells our roll of communicants to nearly seven hundred."

COMMISSIONERS.—The Presbytery of Onondaga has elected as Commissioners to the General Assembly—Principals, Rev. E. Benedict and Ruling Elder Justus Townsend; alternates, Rev. G. S. Boardman, D. D., and Ruling Elder J. C. Monro.

WISCONSIN.—This State has had a blessed prominence in the accounts of revivals in our denominational connection during the past winter. We have this week to add that a work of grace is in glorious progress in Lodi. We have as yet no particulars.

MONTICELLO, ILL.—At the last accounts the work of grace in the church in this place, was still onward. The Seminary has been especially blessed. Over thirty hopeful conversions had already taken place among the scholars.

REVIVALS IN INDIANA.—The Christian Herald of last week has the following grateful items:—Greencastle, Ind.—We learn that there is an interesting work of grace in progress in this church. Rev. H. A. Rossiter, pastor. Some fifteen adults, and ten or twelve of the lambs of the flock are hoping in Christ, and others still are thoughtful.—Columbus, Ind.—Rev. N. S. Dickey, writes that he and his church are enjoying a precious season of refreshing from the Lord. Rev. Henry Little is laboring there. The Baptist and Methodist churches are sharing in the blessing.—Mitchell, Ind.—We have just closed a protracted meeting. The Lord is good and delighteth in salvation. Twenty-seven persons have been received on profession of their faith in Christ, and three by letter; among them several interesting young men. My prayer is that they may be directed to the work of the ministry. THOMAS A. STEELE.—Putnamville, Ind.—I am happy to say God has graciously visited us with the reviving and converting influences of his Holy Spirit. Our meeting continued nearly two weeks. Some have been hopefully converted. Twelve have been added to the church on examination, four of them baptized, and the church has been greatly revived. To God be all the glory. The Rev. H. L. Dickerson, of Danville, has labored with us nearly all the time, with great faithfulness and acceptance. R. HAWLEY.

NOT ABSORBED.—The following note to the Christian Herald will probably end the travels of one of the wandering rumors of the times:—"Messrs. Editors:—Will you please state that the report of the consolidation of the Presbyterian Churches in Greenville, is incorrect. No such consolidation, I am informed, has taken place, nor is there any probability of its occurring in future. The New School Church there, in which Brother Kummer worked so faithfully and successfully, and over which our dear lamented Brother Wilson shed so many tears, is strongly bound to us, and has no desire to change its relations and sacrifice its identity. PASTOR.

REVIVALS IN MICHIGAN.—In Monroe, Michigan, forty-seven persons were received to the communion of our church, (Rev. Dr. Mattoon, Pastor,) on the 26th ult.—the fruits of a revival, which we have before noticed as in progress there. A correspondent of the Evangelist gives information of a work of grace going forward in the church of Lapeer.

REINSTATING THE OLD FLAG ON FORT SUMTER.—The President has appointed the 14th day of the present month for the sublime transaction of formally raising our flag over the ruins of Sumter, the place where it was first lowered by the attack of insurrection. With great propriety Brevet Major General Anderson, the commander in the gallant defence, and now an invalided hero, has been designated to run up the stars and stripes. All the officers and men of the garrison now living, and under circumstances to attend, are invited to participate in the scenes of the day. The President has also ordered that the flag which was stricken down, shall be of its own raised, and that on the instant of its re-assumption of its old place, it shall be saluted with one hundred guns from every fort and battery which then fired upon it. Suitable military ceremonies are also to be performed under the direction of General Sherman, whose operations compelled the evacuation of Charleston, or, in case of his absence, under the direction of General Gilmore, commanding that military department. The naval forces around Charleston are directed to take part in the ceremonies. Last, not least, the President has invited Henry Ward Beecher to deliver a public address on the occasion.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN OUR PHILADELPHIA CHURCHES.—At the communion last Sabbath, the Clinton Street Church, (Dr. March's,) received an accession of twelve members, nine of them on profession. On the same day twenty-two were added to Dr. Adams' church, eight of whom made their first public profession of Christ. We hear also of unusual interest in several other churches exciting happy hope of a general effusion of converting grace in answer to prayer. We hope soon to have occasion to speak more definitely on the subject. It is closely related to the movement among children of which we speak elsewhere.

THE CHURCH CATHOLIC.—THE CHRISTIAN UNION ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for the discussion of the great questions of how to combine all the energies of Christendom in the work of the conversion of the world, are to be held, similar to the one held in the Methodist church in Fourth Avenue, throughout the country. The appointments for April are: Brooklyn, Tuesday, 4th; New York, Thursday, 6th; Philadelphia, Tuesday, 11th; Cincinnati, Thursday, 20th; Chicago, Thursday, 27th. The meeting in New York on the 6th, at 7 1/2 P. M., in Rev. Dr. Huton's church in Washington Square, Rev. Drs. Rice, (Presb.), Schaff, (German ch.), Durbin, (M. E.), Storrs, (Cong., if engagements permit), Dowling, (Baptist,) and John Cotton Smith, (Epis.) will speak.—N. Y. Observer.

DENOMINATIONAL COURTESIES.—In the proceedings of the Newark Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, we find the following as occurring March 23:—"Rev. Drs. Kempshall, Roberts, and Aikman, pastors of the several Presbyterian churches in Elizabeth, were severally introduced to the Conference, when Dr. K., in behalf of himself and his associates, placed in their several pulpits at the service of the conference for the next Sabbath. One of the one of the Presbyterian churches."

On Friday, at the Baptist Church, notwithstanding the very heavy rain, three or four hundred persons, most of them children and youth had gathered. Mr. Hammond took the passage, Ezek. 34: 26, "A new heart will I give you," &c., and with utmost simplicity and faithfulness explained what a new heart was, and what it must give if the change was real. These notes of the meetings for children will suffice to give those unacquainted with them an idea of their character. Laymen are first standing for intelligence, and promoting in this city, have been earnestly engaged after day in the work, and some of them have blessed in their own souls and their families. Whatever scruples some of them may have had at first, they lay aside such precious and manifest results, such indications of the power of the Holy Spirit as the meetings advanced, that their doubts have vanished, and instead of sympathy and their mouths filled with words. On Friday night a meeting was held in Olivet Church which, in spite of a storm crowded, and was regarded by many as a blessing in the service of the Holy Spirit and most manifestly successful. About one hundred and fifty persons came up for prayers, or to declare their faith in the new found Saviour. Among them were

REPORT OF MR. HAMMOND'S MEETINGS LAST WEEK.

Mr. Hammond's meetings for children commenced as we stated in our last, on Sabbath, March 25th, in North Broad Street Church. In the opening service Mr. Hammond endeavored to arouse and win the indifferent. He read the account of the trial and crucifixion of Christ in Matthew, and commented upon it in a way to give the facts impressiveness to the hearers. His address was based upon the text, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—John 12, 32. Here he used his famous magnetic tack hammer illustration, having the hammer and several sizes of nails in the pulpit, showing how the small tacks are more readily drawn than the large ones. The aim of the discourse was to show how right and natural it was to love Jesus, in return for his great love and sacrifice for us. Illustrations of gratitude and sacrifices made for temporal deliverances were forcibly told, and the story of the black boy, whose master whipped him to death for persisting in his simple Christian course, was given to show how powerfully children have been drawn to Jesus. The audience was so large and closely packed, that little could be done in the way of conversation with them, until those who preferred had left the house. Many doubtless were deeply and so seriously impressed. Mr. Hammond repeatedly declared that if Christians in sufficient numbers had been prepared to follow up, that afternoon, the work, the results would have been far greater than at the time they appeared to be.

On Monday afternoon the church was full, but not densely crowded. The same general course of remark and illustration was pursued. The account of Christ's sufferings by John was read, and the text of the preceding day was further commented upon. The story of the Russian serf who threw himself among the pack of wolves to save the life of his master's family was the principal illustration used to enforce the duty of loving Christ. Nearly all present remained at the close of this meeting, and the evidences of the Spirit's presence were very abundant, clear and delightful. Scores, perhaps hundreds, of children and youth appeared to give themselves calmly to the Saviour.

On Tuesday the meeting was transferred to the Fifth Baptist Church, corner of Spring Garden and Eighteenth streets, which was crowded, many adults being in the audience. A large number of ministers of various denominations were present, and one of them, Rev. Geo. D. Boardman, formerly of Rochester, now pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, introduced Mr. Hammond in a happy address, as one with whom he had labored two years ago in Rochester. He said:

"I thank God that my dear brother Hammond was ever at Rochester. I thank God that he is in Philadelphia to-day. And I am here to declare with the authority of personal observation, that I heartily approve of Mr. Hammond's mode of conducting children's meetings. When he goes along the aisles and asks this one and that one, 'Do you LOVE Jesus?' he asks a personal, test, pivotal, question, which brings the person directly before the face of Almighty God. Its very simplicity gives it grandeur. That simple question as brother Hammond puts it, has been blessed to the awakening of scores and scores. I speak what I do know and testify what I have seen." Mr. Boardman proceeded to say that some ninety persons were added to his church in Rochester as the result, under God, of Mr. Hammond's labors. Twenty of these young persons, recent immigrants from Rochester is to the effect that but one of the whole number has been disciplined, and that one for doctrinal error, not for misconduct.

At this meeting Mr. Hammond read the 53d chapter of Isaiah. He commenced his address by reading and commenting on the beautiful poem commencing "The Master has come over Jordan," and used certain parts of it with great effect in rebuking those who would keep the little ones from coming to the Master.

On Wednesday the meeting was held in the same place. The proportion of adults was perhaps larger than at any previous meeting. Forty or fifty ministers, of almost every evangelical denomination, including Episcopalians and O. S. Presbyterians were in the house, most of them on the platform. The passage read to-day was the Philippian jailor, and the text for the address was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." This was drilled into the children's memory until they all repeated it in most pleasing and general concert. The story of a little boy who mounted a ladder and uttered this text through a broken window pane, to a miserably woman dying in poverty and despair, whom he could not otherwise reach, was told with great effect.

At this time the material brought within reach of Mr. Hammond and his co-laborers seemed nearly exhausted. The body of children and youth attending the meetings regularly, seemed to have found the Saviour. There were exceptions—many of them—but they were exceptions. Those indulging hope began to gather in prayer meetings of their own, or were brought to the pulpit for special instruction, and Mr. Hammond began to pay regard in his addresses to their condition.

On Thursday, the North Broad Street Church was again well filled, and Mr. Hammond delivered what many considered the very best of his addresses, the subject being the Wedding Garment. Here the evidence that a very extensive work of grace had been finished in many hearts was very clear. A hundred children held a prayer meeting in the lecture room, the great body of whom believed that they had found the Saviour. Many others in the same state of mind were in the upper part of the house or having gone for home.

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