

American Presbyterian.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1865.

OUR SCHOOL LIST.

[For particulars, see advertisements on pages 277 and 279.]

The Select Classical and English School of B. Kendall, A.M., Southeast corner of Thirteenth and Locust, opens September 11th.

W. F. Wyers, West Chester Academy and Military Institute, September 6th.

Rev. S. H. McMullin's English and Classical School, Fortieth and Baltimore Avenue, W. P., September 11th.

Rugby Classical and English Academy, 1226 Chestnut Street, Sept. 18th.

Treemount Seminary, Norristown, September 19th.

Freehold Institute, New Jersey, September 13th.

Nassau Preparatory Family Boarding School, Princeton, N. J., August 14.

Middletown (Del.) Academy and Family Boarding School, September 4.

BOYS.

Spring Garden Institute, 608 and 611 Marshall street, September 4.

Frederick (Md.) Female Seminary, September 4.

Cooney Seminary, Pottstown, Pa., September 5.

French and American Institute, 2953 Frankford Road, Phila., September 11.

Elmira (N. Y.) Female College, (Presbyterian), September 6.

Young Ladies' Seminary, West Chester, Mrs. Chisman; September 13.

Rev. Charles A. Smith, Philadelphia Collegiate Institute, N. W. corner Chestnut and Eighteenth streets, September 18th.

Chestnut street, (No. 1615,) Female Seminary, September 13th.

Woodland Seminary, 9 and 10 Woodland Terrace.

DR. FRANKLIN TUTHILL.

The death of this well known and able journalist, late of California, is announced. He died in Brooklyn, August 27th. From a notice in the New York Times of the 28th, we clip the following paragraphs:

Dr. Tuthill was born in Suffolk County, L. I., on the 3rd of April, 1822. He entered Amherst College at the early age of 14 years, and graduated four years thereafter.

Having great literary taste, soon after the Times started, he began to write for its columns, manifesting such marked ability and originality, that he was invited to abandon medicine, and embrace journalism as a profession, which he did, and with great success. He remained in this office until some time in the year 1859, when he resigned his desk to go to San Francisco, upon an engagement with the San Francisco Evening Bulletin, where his talents soon were so highly appreciated that he was taken into partnership by its then proprietors, with whom he was still associated at the time of his death.

Twice did Dr. Tuthill hold a seat in the Legislature of this State. First in the Assembly of 1850-51, as a Conservative Unionist, for 1858-59 from the city of Brooklyn. As a legislator, his course was marked by intelligence, industry, fidelity and an integrity which no man ever thought of questioning. Though earnest and decided in his convictions, and positive in their maintenance, his exhaustless good humor disarmed all hostility, and if he ever had an enemy nobody discovered the fact. It is very rare that a man of his positive character is able to fulfill every public duty with firmness, and yet avoid personal enemies on the part of those whose views or interest he has crossed or opposed. But Dr. Tuthill never failed to laugh his opponent into good humor, even when he demolished his theories or projects.

So well satisfied were his constituents with his services, that he was re-nominated for the Legislature in 1859, but declined because of his engagement to go to the Pacific.

Here his health failing, he took a trip to Europe and returned to Brooklyn a few weeks since apparently much benefited. But his disease took an unfavorable turn and hurried him off. The friends will find consolation in the memory of his truly charming character, and the reflection that he has found everlasting peace in the God whom he has trusted with a faith as steadfast as it was pure, fervent and intelligent.

The last work in which Dr. Tuthill engaged, was the completion of a history of California. It is less than a week since he finished its preface and read his last proof sheets. This book was with him a labor of love. Marked by his clear judgment and keen research, and by his earnestness, conscientiousness and truth, it cannot fail to prove a valuable contribution to history, and an enduring monument to his fame.

ADULT SABBATH-SCHOOLERS.—The British Wesleyan Sabbath-school Committee, complaining of a decline in the efficiency of their Sabbath-schools in England,—the scholars leaving them at an early age,—give the following testimony as to the Welsh: The Welsh Sabbath-schools, however, were attended to a very great extent by adults, who never left them until disabled by sickness or old age. Of 22,995 scholars, nearly one-half were over fifteen years of age. The reason of this is probably the system of Bible-classes, which is successfully conducted there.

CALVARY CHURCH, PHILA.—The pastor, Rev. Wolcott Calkins, will resume his regular duties on Sabbath next, when there will be service morning and evening. The Wednesday evening lectures will commence on the Wednesday following, September 6th.

TEXAS.—The Protestant Episcopal Convention of Texas, has resolved to return to the jurisdiction of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States, and appointed delegates to attend the next meeting of the latter body. Bishop Gregg admonishes the people of his diocese to leave no means untried for promoting peace, order and quiet.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

A GREAT MEETING.

We have just returned from the tenth anniversary of the New York State Teachers' Sunday School Association, which has been held this week in the city of Syracuse.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the hour appointed for opening the exercise, the First Presbyterian Church was densely crowded with a vast assembly, eager to participate in the services.

Andrew A. Smith, of Brooklyn, was chosen President; G. W. Parsons, of Rochester, Hon. O. J. Harmon, of Oswego, and others, Vice Presidents; E. T. Huntington, of Rochester, J. G. K. Truar, of Syracuse, I. Newton Baker, of Philadelphia, and others, Secretaries. A. H. Graves, Esq., of Troy, was, afterward appointed Chairman of the Business Committee; and Rev. C. P. Bush, of Rochester, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

The President, on taking the chair, made a short and pertinent speech, which showed full plainly that the Convention had been happy in the selection of their presiding officer, upon whom so much of the interest and success of such a meeting always depends; and subsequent experience, we are happy to say, did not change that impression. Mr. Smith is one of the thorough Sunday School men, well acquainted also with the usages of such meetings, and presided with admirable dignity and tact. A part also of the afternoon service was the reading of an essay by Hon. O. J. Harmon, of Oswego.

In the evening, the First Church was again crowded with an eager assembly. After the opening service, of song and prayer, Rev. Dr. Canfield, gave a brief and appropriate address of welcome. The other addresses of the evening were by Rev. Mason Gallagher, of Oswego, Rev. Henry Fowler, and Rev. W. C. Steele, of Auburn, all good, but of which we cannot particularly speak. Indeed, want of time and space forbid us to enter into the particulars of this memorable "three days meeting," as we gladly would but for these hindrances. We can only touch points of special interest, here and there.

It was manifest from the outset, that even Dr. Canfield's great church was to be "too strait" for the numbers in attendance; and it was announced on Tuesday evening, that the remaining sessions would be in Weiting Hall, and there the great Assembly was gathered on Wednesday morning, afternoon, and evening; and again three sessions on Thursday, the room literally crowded every time. It was supposed that about two thousand delegates outside the city of Syracuse was in attendance.

On Wednesday morning, the State Secretary presented his Annual Report, which was of great interest, embracing returns from all the counties of the State, and representing all the children gathered under Sabbath-school instruction; but from these we gather the following statistics:—

Number of schools reported, 4,169
" teachers and officers, 62,983
" scholars on record, 416,651
Increase during the year, teachers, 4,558
" " " scholars, 33,433
Number of conversions, 6,610
Truly, these figures indicate a good work, and yet these are but the smaller part of the children of the State that ought to be gathered in places of Christian instruction on the Sabbath; and we think there were but few of those in attendance upon this Convention, who did not feel deeply impressed with the importance of doing everything in our power to extend the benefits of Sabbath-school instruction as widely as possible. The meeting was plainly accomplishing its purpose in thus quickening us to duty.

MR. WELLS AND MR. PARDEE.

The Convention owed much of its interest and power, of course, to the presence of Ralph Wells and R. G. Pardee, of New York. They spoke often and always well. They gave exceedingly interesting illustrations of the way of opening Sabbath-schools, of conducting Bible Classes, and Teachers' Meetings. Mr. Pardee is always interesting and highly instructive. Mr. Wells is often fervid and impassioned in the highest degree. He is a natural actor—would be good in tragedy. He thrilled and delighted the audience every time he came to his feet.

On the second evening, also, Mr. Albert Woodruff, of Brooklyn, gave an interesting account of his experience in planting Sabbath-schools on the continent of Europe.

Mr. Philip Phillips, of Cincinnati, a sweet and powerful singer, author and publisher of a small book of music, with Mr. Lucius Hart, of New York, conducted the singing of the occasion. Mr. Phillips also sang, and afterward, with special request, repeated, with great effect, a beautiful song from his own book, ("Leaves of Music,") entitled "Your Mission." It made every one feel that he had a mission, and woe betide him if he did not fulfill it.

INFANT CLASS.

On Thursday morning occurred one of the most interesting incidents of the Convention. Miss Margaret Staats, of Oswego, brought a class of little children upon the platform, and gave an illustration of infant class instruction, which greatly delighted the audience. The children belonged in Syracuse, and were strangers to the teacher until that hour, and yet she succeeded in interesting them

deeply in her lesson, and imparting a great amount of biblical and practical instruction.

STATE SECRETARY.

Much of the efficiency of the State Association is due undoubtedly to the faithful labors of Mr. E. T. Huntington, of Rochester, State Secretary. He has served the Society for five years in this capacity, and was re-elected by acclamation. A thousand dollars were also raised to defray the expenses of the meeting and printing minutes. Two hundred dollars were voted to the Secretary for contingent expenses.

In conclusion, we can but say, that this was a meeting of vast proportions, and deep interest, of great power and manifest usefulness. True, it was a crowd, and enough to frighten those who had to provide for the numbers in attendance; but nevertheless, they were provided for, and that right royally, and all passed off well. The hospitality of the Central City, which has often been tested, but never found wanting, was never more heavily taxed than on this occasion, and yet we heard no complaint, but courtesy and kindness everywhere ruled the day.

We were induced, by some suggestions and by some reflection, to raise a query, in a former communication, as to the best time of the year for this meeting. August is objectionable on some accounts. And yet, on careful comparison of views, it was found that no other season of the year would so well suit the convenience of those who wish to attend the meetings; and so, by an overwhelming vote all attempts to change the time were resisted.

At a late hour on Thursday evening, after enjoying a "feast of fat things," reluctant to come down from such a mount, the Association adjourned to meet next year, on the third Tuesday of August, in the city of Utica. We wish our friends in that beautiful city no harm, but we hope they may have a great many people to take care of just about a year from this time. They will dread it a week before hand, but they will be glad all the year for the blessing it will bring even to themselves, while they will see what benefits it must scatter through the State, and to the ends of the world. C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, August 26, 1865.

COMMENCEMENT AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, VERMONT.

Once more privileged with attendance on the anniversary of Middlebury College, now the sixty-fifth, I cannot forbear the expression of the gratification felt on the occasion. The literary festivities began on Tuesday, A. M., by the address of George Thompson, D.D., of England, on the progress of reform in Great Britain and the United States. He was particularly applauded, when he stated, while the struggle was in progress, the people, the laboring and middle classes of Great Britain were with us in the great struggle, resulting in emancipating four millions in the States. Now, said he, the United States can boast of being free, and use a wide influence for freedom around the globe. His address was before the Philomathean Society.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Adams, of Philadelphia, gave the address in the afternoon of Tuesday, to the Philadelphian Society. It was on "Man and his Relations." And although it was two o'clock, P. M., an unseasonable hour for wakefulness, yet he fixed the minds of his audience, both by his matter and manner of discourse, leaving a most flattering impression of his subject and of himself, as an orator and divine.

The Parkerian prize speaking at evening, I did not hear enough of to judge, but it was said to be very good.

The Commencement exercises on Wednesday were excellent, not one speaker out of sixteen, including the candidate for the Master's oration, being under the necessity of prompting, or even hesitating; and all showing much maturity of thought, culture and style. The Latin salutatory and the valedictory were especially applauded. The former was so delivered that any classical scholar could easily follow and understand the various addresses, as if it had been in English.

Fifteen graduates received the degree of A. B., and nine of a former class that of A. M.

Among the honorary degrees were that of D.D., conferred on Rev. Henry Taylor, of Scotland; and on Rev. Isaac N. Sprague, of New Jersey, with that of L.L.D., on Hon. John M. Parker, Judge of the Supreme Court of New York; and on Hon. James Barrett, of Vermont.

The address before the Alumni, on Thursday, A. M., was by Hon. Calvin T. Hulburd, Member of Congress, from St. Lawrence county, New York. It was a most excellent, and even transcendent account of the life and times of Daniel Webster, as connected with the past history of our country, and the times just past. Mr. Hulburd, of the class of 1829, had the pleasure of having four of his classmates to hear and welcome him.

Of the dinner table talk I cannot speak, as being called away too soon; for the end of the "feast of reason." Rev. Dr. J. W. Chickering presided, and the usual toasts cut and dried at Middlebury, were served and discussed.

Dr. Labaree, at the expiration of a quarter of a century, resigned his office as President, but the Trustees only relieved him of his special duties, and continue his office till a successor is

appointed. He will continue his efforts for the endowment of the College. The burnt building is nearly rebuilt. And all looks prosperous. IOWAN.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK IN BOWDOIN AND WATERVILLE COLLEGES.

The first and second weeks in August have had unusual interest to a large portion of the population of the State of Maine.

Sabbath day, July 30th opened the commencement week of Bowdoin College, Brunswick. The address of Rev. Mr. Webb, of the Shawmut Church, Boston, on "Self-development," was an able, eloquent production. The grand feature of the closing day was the presence of General Grant and suite, and the address connected with it. The LL.D. given the Lieutenant-General by the faculty, seems to be a very trivial affair amid his clustering honors, but was not so, as an expression of patriotic admiration, from one of our best New England Colleges.

Sabbath evening, August 6th, Rev. Mr. Small, of Bangor, delivered a very interesting discourse before the Boardman Missionary Society, of Waterville College, on the rise and growth of missions. Monday evening, the prize declamations were heard. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Eddy, formerly of Philadelphia, now of Boston, held the large and delighted audience for an hour and a half, upon the crisis in our national history; and was followed by Dr. Phelps, of New Haven, Connecticut, whose poem occupied about the same length of time; his theme was the "Poet's Song."

The regular commencement exercises on Wednesday, were made especially interesting by the entrance of General Howard and lady, who were welcomed with hearty demonstrations of enthusiasm.

General Butler graduated here, and has recently given \$1500 to the fund of which Mr. Colby, of Boston, gave \$50,000. The \$100,000 is raised. This will increase the prosperity of the institution, which has suffered from the war sadly; and though under the control wholly of the Baptists, has students from all denominations. H.

SOLDIERS' PIC-NIC ON LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND, N. Y. August, 1865.

DEAR BROTHER MEARS:—I was reminded last week of my promise to write to you, by hearing a letter read, regretting your inability to be present at a grand pic-nic, in the town of Southold, on occasion of welcoming home the brave boys who have been in the service of their country. It was my pleasure to be there, and a grand affair it was, I assure you. Never was that venerable old town moved so before. They left all and came up the feast, to the number of more than two thousand, and enjoyed it as few feasts are enjoyed. One whole

ment was recruited from the town, besides large numbers who enlisted in other regiments, and superior young men they were. The people determined that nothing should be left undone that could be done, to show how much they appreciated the services of these sturdy veterans—and such a welcome! I don't think it could be—certainly so far as I know—it never was surpassed. Everything was arranged in the very best order. Music by sixty young ladies in the tri-colors. Speeches, (they needed yours,) and tables loaded with all the good things of the land. Our old friend and brother, Rev. E. Whitaker, from whose parish, were a large share of the men, looked happy, you may easily judge, and I think he was. As I looked over the throng of smiling faces, I thought of the days when at the parsonage of brother Whitaker, we heard of the first great battle and defeat of Bull Run, and could faintly realize that four years of bloody, yet—thanks be to God—successful, war had passed.

Rev. C. W. Adams, of Thompsonville, Conn., made a brief and forcible speech, and your correspondent also said a word. The scene was to me interesting in the extreme. It was in a grove, past which, during the first six years of my ministry, I used to walk, frequently to attend prayer-meetings. There were many of my old parishioners and their children, young men and maidens, grown quite out of my memory, and the greetings and hand shakings were warm and heart-thrilling.

Our churches on this end of the island have been steadily improving since I left. In the old First Church, the mother of them all, brother Whitaker has nearly completed his fourteenth year's pastorate, and few more faithful and devoted pastors have we in the Church. Last Sabbath morning I had the pleasure of listening to his annual sermon, suggested by the minutes of the Assembly. It was an admirable resume of the doings, sayings, and progress of our denomination for the year. Though his people would cling to him with a tenacity that has been strengthened by fourteen happy years, it looks to me very much as if a man of his ability and experience may not long hence be needed in a more extended field, where the benefits of such experience may enure more to the growth of the Church at large.

By the way, the late utterances of the powers at Princeton, do not give large promise of speedy reunion between "the branch" and "the other branch!" Have you read the pamphlets of the four Doctors in reply to the edit of Bishop Potter? They do well, as I can testify, for hot weather reading. Speak-

ing of pamphlets, reminds me of Professor T. Lewis's "Photograph of the ruin of ancient Greece," or the doctrine of State Rights—which if you have not read, you had better soon, if you like good things. It is to the times. Truly, G. F. W.

News of our Churches.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL GREGORY, one of the brave Christian soldiers, who went from our church-membership into the war for the Union, and who was installed Elder of Green Hill Church, in this city, during an interval in his duties on the field, has received the appointment of Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for the State of Texas, and has left for the scene of his new labors. The Cincinnati Christian Herald, Aug. 24th, has the following paragraph upon his movements:—"General E. M. Gregory, formerly an elder in the Third and Tabernacle Churches in this city, and more recently a brave and popular officer of our volunteer army, passed through Cincinnati this week on his way to Galveston, Texas. He is to have charge of the interests of the Freedmen in Texas. The Government has made an excellent appointment in this case, and the General will have a wide field for Christian influence and activity, in the culture of which we bid him a most cordial God-speed."

CALIFORNIA.—Of the installation of Rev. Dr. Scudder, pastor of Howard Street Church, San Francisco, July 23d, the Pacific thus reports:—"One of those pleasant but too infrequent occasions, the installation of a pastor, was attended last Sabbath evening at the Howard St. Presbyterian Church of this city. Rev. H. M. Scudder, D.D., and M. D., whose arrival we noticed last month, was installed Bishop of that church by the Presbytery of San Francisco. The house was filled to overflowing, and all the exercises were most interesting. Revs. E. B. Walsworth, of Oakland, and Albert Williams, of this city, conducted the opening services. Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of the First Congregational Church, gave an earnest and thoughtful discourse upon the atonement as the theme of a preacher, that, while it was rather more theological than California audiences are accustomed to, held attention to the end. After the sermon, Rev. J. H. Brodt, Moderator of the Presbytery, made the usual statement, pronounced the vows, received the assent of pastor and people, and declared the relationship consummated. The charge to the Bishop was given by Rev. E. G. Beckwith, of the Third Congregational Church, whose racy and valuable hints to a newly arrived California minister contained much that will be remembered by the congregation to their own profit."

THE REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY, the ground was taken that the restriction of suffrage to those who can read and write is a needless restriction, and should be applied to the black man as to the white. It excited an earnest discussion, but the result was unanimously reached. On invitation of the Trustees of the Pacific, the Association appointed a Committee, who reported strongly in favor of co-operating with the Pacific. Messrs. Dickinson, Condon and Terry were appointed to secure contributions to the columns of the paper temporarily, and Rev. George H. Atkinson, of Portland, was chosen associate editor.—Pacific.

CHICAGO.—The Plymouth Church of Chicago laid the corner-stone of its new edifice in Wabash Avenue lately. The house is to be of rock-faced Adams stone, of Norman style, covering with its transepts, buttresses and towers, nearly its whole lot, which is 84 by 120 feet, and is to have a basement under the whole, and ground with all of the modern improvements—the whole to cost \$60,000.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

YALE SEMINARY.—Dr. Samuel Harris, of Bangor Seminary, has declined the Dwight Professorship of Didactic Theology in Yale College. The Congregationalist says: The Seminary has already recovered from the depression consequent upon the death of Dr. Taylor, Goodrich, and Gibbs, and the retirement of Dr. Fitch; but it needs to be lifted to a still higher position of influence in the University and among the churches. It will be easy to accomplish this, if the funds be secured. Three of its professorships are admirably filled by Messrs. Fisher, Dwight, and Hoppin. If Professor George E. Day shall accept the chair of Hebrew Literature, there will be nothing to desire in that department. And if Professor Porter, who has for some years given instruction in metaphysical and didactic theology, would consent to relinquish his post in the academic college for this in the seminary, all who heard him during the session of the Council in this city, will agree with us that students who could have no better guide than Dr. Porter, declines to do; and neither Dr. J. P. Thompson nor Dr. Harris has been willing to take the vacant chair.

FOREIGN. THE EVANGELICAL NATIONAL MISSIONARY FESTIVAL (Evangelisch Nationalen Zendings-feest) of the Netherlands was held on July 6, in the woods of Maarsbergen, on the line of railway between Utrecht and Arnhem. The weather was most favorable, and the gathering is computed to have numbered from 10,000 to 12,000 persons. Special trains left Rotterdam and Amsterdam, and other large towns. Dr. Duff, from Calcutta, spoke as the representative of the Free Church of Scotland. He re-affirmed with force and precision the doctrinal statements of the preceding speaker, referred to his own missionary experience in India, and while he showed how much yet remained to be done, combated the statements of a Continental reviewer, who had cast aspersions on the missionary work. He spoke of the conversion of high-caste Brahmans, and bore a faithful and powerful testimony against modern Rationalism, describing it as the same enemy at home he had for years been fighting abroad. In Africa he had seen and conversed with the Zulu who had perverted Dr. Colenso, and expressed it as his opinion he had only been made a tool of by the Bishop.—Christian Work.

TO MAKE peaches grow without stones, an agriculturist who has tried it with success, says: "Turn the top of the tree down, cut off the ends, stick them into the ground, and fasten so with stakes; in a year or two these tops will take root, and when well rooted, cut the branches connecting these reversed and rooted branches with the tree proper, and the reversed peach tree will produce fine peaches without stones." The same experiment may be tried with plums, cherries, and currants.

Dr. PUSEY in a letter written on the defeat of Gladstone for Oxford, for his liberal principles, writes:—"The establishment might perish, and the Church but come forth the purer. If the Church were corrupted, the establishment would become a curse in proportion to its influence."

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OREGON met at Albany, June 15th. Eight ministers were present and six delegates, representing the seven churches of Oregon. Rev. E. Walker, a veteran foreign missionary to these parts, was Moderator, and Rev. P. S. Knight was Scribe. Five other ministers took part in the exercises. The Reports of the Churches showed that the seven churches have now 259 members; last year, 232. The greatest accession has been at Portland, where twenty-five have been received to communion. The church at Albany has finished its house of worship, a neat building, during the war. In the Report on the State of the Country, the ground was taken that the restriction of suffrage to those who can read and write is a needless restriction, and should be applied to the black man as to the white. It excited an earnest discussion, but the result was unanimously reached. On invitation of the Trustees of the Pacific, the Association appointed a Committee, who reported strongly in favor of co-operating with the Pacific. Messrs. Dickinson, Condon and Terry were appointed to secure contributions to the columns of the paper temporarily, and Rev. George H. Atkinson, of Portland, was chosen associate editor.—Pacific.