

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

United Presbyterians in Rochester, N. Y.—Rev. J. P. Sankey, of Rochester, we are gratified to hear, is succeeding in a remarkable manner in building up a large congregation in that city, having in fifteen months admitted over twenty-three members to the church. We trust his labors may be best yet more abundantly.—Un. Presbyterian.

Revivals in the South.—In the Southern religious papers there are notices of revivals in various parts of the Church. The Rev. H. C. Alexander gives an account of an interesting work of grace in the church at Liberty, Virginia. In Middle Tennessee, in the churches of Murfreesboro', there has been a revival, and in the Hopewell and Stone River churches, which have brought in a large number of converts to these churches. The last number of the Central Presbyterian contains the following:—The Rev. C. F. Williams, of Columbia, Tennessee, writes:—The result of a meeting just closed at Zion Church (Presbytery of Manry) has been considerably over one hundred white and colored members added. The churches everywhere in this region are being wonderfully revived. To God be all the praise. In Bowling Green, Kentucky, between twenty-five and thirty persons have joined the Presbyterian Church, as the results of a revival in that place. —Presbyterian.

The Declaration and Testimony.—This famous document, issued at Louisville, Ky., and approved by the Presbytery of Louisville, has received the signatures of sixty persons, ministers and ruling elders, in the State of Missouri, and thirty-three persons, ministers and elders, in other Synods, chiefly in Kentucky. The Rev. Dr. J. G. Hamner, and the Rev. H. L. Singleton, of the Presbytery of Baltimore, have signed this paper.

Interesting Close of a Long Pastorate.—At a late meeting of Logansport, Indiana (O. S.) Presbytery, Rev. E. W. Wright, D. D., the oldest pastor and last remaining pioneer of the Presbytery, received, at his own request, a dismission from the church in Delphi. His object in making the request, was to make a change in his field of labor, rendered imperative by greatly impaired health. At the same meeting, the unanimous call of the church for his eldest son, Rev. S. Wright, to become his successor in the pastoral office, was laid before Presbytery, and put into the hands of the pastor elect.

Week of Prayer.—The present (last) week is one of special prayer and conference by the Presbyteries in the Synods of Allegheny, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Ohio, and also in many of the churches. Deep earnestness, more than usual tenderness, and an earnest longing for the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, are beginning to manifest themselves in many places, and among different denominations of Christians. These are favorable symptoms, for which we should thank the King and Head of the Church, and be encouraged to faith, prayer, and activity in the Master's service. The need of a revival is fully acknowledged: we all feel it. May God in his mercy open the windows of heaven and bestow upon us this great blessing.—Presbyterian Banner.

Death in the Ministry.—The Presbyterian of the 6th inst. contains the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. R. W. Wilson, pastor of the church of Bloomingburg, in the Presbytery of Chillicothe, which, it says, occurred about Monday or Tuesday last week, after an illness of several months. He was, like his predecessor at Bloomingburg, Rev. Wm. Dickey, emphatically "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," and through his instrumentality, "much people were added unto the Lord."

New Presbyterian College in Ireland.—Mason College, at Belfast, an institution which has been established for educating young men for the ministry in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, has been formally opened. There was a great gathering of ministers and laymen on the occasion, and Dr. Russel, the Moderator of the General Assembly, delivered a long and able address.

Odd.—The Presbytery of Salisbury, (O. S.) in Western Pennsylvania, recently adopted a series of resolutions, ten in number, giving in detail the objections they had to the proposed addition of a fourth year to the usual seminary term at Princeton. The first of these is, that what is done for one seminary must in fairness be done for all the rest. The last one is:—"Tenth. Because in Princeton, where it is proposed to initiate the lengthened process, the air of loyalty to the Church is so extremely diluted as to make it hazardous to breathe it for a longer time than three years."

Items.—The house of worship of the Union Presbyterian Church in Bothe, Pa., was consumed by fire on the night of Oct. 16th.—Rev. Dr. Paxton has declined the Secretaryship of the O. S. Board of Education, to which he was recently elected.—The United Presbyterian says, greatly needed, and needed at once, for the missions in India and China. Who will go, and whom shall we send? Most thankfully will the Corresponding Secretary, or any member of the Board, receive communications in regard to it.—The Rev. Dr. Hanna has resigned the pastoral charge of Free St. John's, Edinburgh. It is stated in some of the papers that his relations with the Free Church of Scotland are not agreeable, and that he may secede from it and join some other Presbyterian body.—Mr. Samuel W. Rogers was the 17th ult., ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland, and installed pastor of the Church in Sunbury, Pa.—Rev. Daniel M. Barber, a valuable minister in the O. S. connection, after an unusually self-denying and faithful life, died in Milton, Pa., on the 30th ult., in the sixty-sixth year of his age.—The Presbytery of Potomac, (O. S.) on the 4th inst., installed Rev. W. W. Campbell, pastor of the Seventh Street Church, in Washington City.—The Synod of Southern Iowa, (O. S.) at its late meeting, resolved, that the Sabbath-school being an aid to the Church, and not an independent agency, should be under the direct control and supervision of the Session of the Church. The Synod also insisted upon the use of the Assembly's Catechism in the Sabbath-schools.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Good and Faithful Service.—Rev. Israel W. Putnam, D.D., at the expiration of thirty years of service as pastor of the Congregational Church in Middleborough, Mass., and in the eighty-ninth year of his age, retired from the active duties of the pastorate on the 1st inst. As a well-deserved mark of respect, a public meeting was held in the church. It was largely attended, and the services were a fitting expression of the firmly established love subsisting between pastor and people, and the appreciation by the latter of the faithful and fruitful ministry of the former. The congregation does not consent to the dismission of Dr. P., but will seek for him some vigorous associate, and keep him in emeritus standing.

The Way To Do It.—The young and flourishing Tabernacle Church in Jersey City, has recently made a subscription of nearly \$1400, for the American Missionary Association. Taking into account the age, wealth, and

numbers of the church, we know of none that has done better. But this result was not accomplished without wise effort. First, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Holmes, consulted his wealthiest men, and secured their liberal pledges. Second, the hearts of the people were warmed by having the remarks and applications at the weekly prayer-meeting directed to this subject. Third, a sermon on the following Sabbath was preached by the pastor, and a collection taken up. And, last, absentees were noted and called upon.—Congregationalist.

Items.—A new Congregational church in Pittsburgh has completed a new house of worship, which was dedicated on Sabbath the 5th inst. Rev. Mr. Moore, late of Portland, Me., is the pastor.—A new mission school chapel of the Shawmut Church in Boston, has been erected at a cost of \$11,000, and was dedicated on the 1st inst.—Reveries are reported at Abington and West Woodstock, Conn.—The one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Williams town, Mass., and of the ordination of the first pastor of the Congregational church, is to be celebrated by public services next Sabbath.—In a Congregational church in the far West, at the close of a sermon on "Christ our Atonement," a member of the congregation said to the pastor, "Put me down ten dollars in behalf of the Congregational Union, as a tribute to that sermon." It would not be a bad idea for people to adopt this mode of testifying their pleasure on hearing a more than usually excellent sermon.—Two Congregational churches in Connecticut, Newtown and Westport, have each recently celebrated their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. A General Congregational Conference for the State of Missouri was organized at Hannibal, on the 27th ult.

EPISCOPAL.

The Epiphany Mission School.—The New Mission School building just erected by the Church of the Epiphany, at the corner of Twenty-third and Cherry streets, in this city, was opened on Sabbath afternoon, October 29th, with appropriate services. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity with the scholars and their friends of the enterprise. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Newton and others. This building has been erected by the exertions of the congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, at a cost of about \$8,000; and is a most admirably contrived and commodious edifice. It is a two-story brick structure, the lower floor being devoted to rooms for Bible and infant classes, and the second floor being thrown into one large, well-lighted and ventilated room for the main school.—Episcopal Recorder.

Alabama.—The Church Intelligencer of October 25th, publishes a long Pastoral Letter from Bishop Wilmer to the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Alabama. It is a review of General Wood's late order, forbidding the Bishop and clergy to preach or perform Divine service, so long as the prayer for the President of the United States is omitted. The Bishop refuses to recede from his position, and calls upon his clergy and laity "to stand up for and maintain, at whatever cost, the real issue now before them."

Items.—The Evangelical Society has, during the last three years, put in circulation 126,217 copies of the Prayer Book. Of this number, 10,000 were, during the war, distributed among soldiers and sailors through the munificence of John D. Wolfe, Esq., of New York.—An earnest appeal is made to Northern Churches for aid in restoring to a condition for use a chapel for the poor in Charleston, (S. C.), which was greatly damaged during the bombardment.—The Southern Churchman deprecates a plan of the ladies, to raise money by Charades and Tableaux for building a church in Ashland, a village near Richmond, "to the glory of Christ's great name."—The Rev. W. H. Milburn, known as the Methodist "Blind Preacher," is soon to be admitted to Ordination by Bishop Hopkins of Vermont.—Bishop Stevens recommends that the Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania offer their thanks, giving contributions to the Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital in Philadelphia.—The funeral of Rev. Dr. Lot Jones, whose death by a fall while attending the late Triennial Convention in this city, produced so profound an impression, took place in New York on the 23d ult., with many demonstrations of affection and sorrow.

METHODIST.

Special Prayer.—The first Sabbath in January next has been named by the Centenary Committee for observance by the Methodists of this country as a day of special and united prayer for the Divine blessing upon the centenary services of the year, and for general revival of religion, that the centenary year may prove to be an epoch in the spiritual progress of the Church.

New York and Brooklyn.—We hear, says the N. Y. Methodist, that the Seventh Street Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. Bottom, is sharing largely in the outpouring of the Divine Spirit, and that last Sabbath the interest was uncommonly promising.—One hundred have been added to the membership of the Pacific Street Church, during the past three months, and it has become quite a strong church.—The pastor of the Washington Street Church, Brooklyn, has been holding special meetings for the past three weeks, resulting in an extensive revival, embracing all classes of the congregation.

Philadelphia and Vicinity.—In this city revivals are reported in the Salem, the Central, and the Kensington churches—the latter with great power. A revival is also in progress at Crozer's, Delaware County. Several instances of gratifying pecuniary liberality are also recorded. A floating debt of more than \$1000 on the Salem Church was recently, on a single Sabbath, wiped out, after a sermon on the subject from the pastor, Rev. A. Wallace. A Bible collection of \$800 was taken up in Trinity Church, on Sabbath the 22d ult.

Items.—The "Notch" Church, near Paterson, N. J., recently very much reduced, is now enjoying a large spiritual refreshing, with good prospect of permanent prosperity.—The church in Marlton, N. J., has just extinguished a debt of \$2600, and purchased a cabinet organ of \$200 value.—The new provision in the Methodist Discipline giving to the Quarterly Conference power, on sufficient occasion, to displace Sabbath-School Superintendents, has been put in force in a church in Newark, N. J. The result was a pretty general stampede of officers and teachers, and the total disorganization of the school. The pastor immediately reorganized it, and it is now going on successfully.—The corner-stone for a new M. E. Church in Merchantville, N. J., about three miles from Camden, was laid on the 21st ultimo. The enterprise grew up from a Sabbath-school started by a layman in his own house, about two years ago.—The Methodists in Canada intend to unite with those of the States in observing the next year as the centenary of Methodism in America.

BAPTIST.

New Jersey State Convention.—At the meeting of this body, held October 31 and November 1, reports were received from the five Associations in the State, setting forth their own condition and the state of religion within their bounds. From their reports it appears that there are 124 churches in the

State, having a total membership of over 19,000. About 1000 have been baptized during the year, and the condition of the churches generally is hopeful and encouraging. A pleasant season of religious conference followed these reports.

Ohio State Convention.—The report of the Corresponding Secretary exhibited a year of successful missionary activity. Of these, one was French, one German, one colored. These missionaries had received into the several churches in connection with which they labored, 121 by letter, and 354 by baptism. The Baptists have now in the State thirty-two churches, nearly five hundred churches, and from thirty thousand to thirty-five thousand communicants.

A Worker.—From the report of Rev. A. Gale, general Missionary of the Baptist Church for Minnesota, made to the State Convention last month, we learn that he served forty-nine weeks of the year, preached two hundred and forty sermons, delivered thirteen addresses, visited seven hundred and seventy-eight families, attended ninety-six other meetings, baptized four, recognized two ministers from other denominations, dedicated two church houses, sold one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two volumes, and traveled five thousand five hundred and eighty-one miles.

Philadelphia.—The Baptist Church at Eighteenth and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, have recently celebrated the semi-centennial of their Sabbath-school. Four years ago the school numbered less than two hundred. Its number at the present writing stands at eight hundred and twenty; it is believed to be the largest school assembling in any single church edifice among the Baptists in Philadelphia. Two hundred out of the eight hundred are adults. Over forty of the scholars have been received into the church by baptism during the past year.—Examiner.

Items.—Mr. A. Judson Hastings was, on the 24th ult., ordained to the ministry in Warren, Pa. He takes charge of the Baptist Church in that place.—Under the labors of the Home Missionaries of the Baptist Church in Illinois, during the past year, ten new churches have been organized, six church edifices erected, and eight others commenced.

Reveries are reported from Zion Baptist Church, Clearfield County, Pa., and from the Union Church in Franklin, Pa.—Rev. George A. Peltz was publicly recognized as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in this city, (late Rev. Dr. Eddy's,) on the 19th ult.

Rural Economy.

PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT OF MUCK IN COMPOSING.

The following statement was made by the successful applicants for the premium offered by the Kennebec, Me., Agricultural Society, for the best experiment in the use of muck:

"The following is the method I practise in the preparation and use of muck on my farm in Winthrop, and which I find very beneficial. By thus composting it, I increase my dressing two-thirds more than I could have without it, and I think it so prepared makes a very much better dressing than barn-yard manure alone. I dig the muck as soon after haying as I can, that being generally the driest season of the year, and the sun and the air will have good effect upon it before I take it to the barn-yard. Before moving this muck, after it has been dug, I clear my barn-yard of the previous year's accumulation of dressing, say on the first of November or before the ground freezes—carting it out into the field where I propose to plant corn the next season, or for the purpose of top-dressing, &c. I then haul into the vacant yard the muck, and spread it evenly all over the surface. My cattle are then allowed to run over and stand upon it during the remainder of the fall and the winter. In the spring, as soon as it is dry enough, I run the plough through it, and follow this practice often during the summer. I yard my cattle on it during the summer nights. I have a barn cellar, into which I drop the manure from my cattle during the winter and spring, and whenever housed. This I fork over in the spring and during the summer, keeping it in the cellar until the last of August or first of September. I then commence mixing the pile in my cellar with the muck in the yard, in the proportion of one-third manure from this cellar to two-thirds of the muck in the yard, frequently ploughing them over and incorporating them together as intimately as I can until it is time to haul into the field."

"I stated that I cleaned my yard just before the ground closed up for winter, and the sooner it freezes after it is out, the better, as it prevents evaporation or further drying. I drop it in a long pile, and stack it into a sharp ridge, like the roof of a house, flattening it, and smoothing the sides with my shovel, which causes it to shed rain, and you will find it all there in the spring.

"Muck prepared in this way never failed to give me good crops, and proves more lasting for the hay crop than the same amount of manure does. I have now about fifteen cords, which is my usual amount prepared every year.

Moses R. Wentworth. "Winthrop, October, 1864."

MORGAN HORSES.

A Decision in Favor of Continuing the Breed.—An interesting discussion took place at the Vermont State Fair, at White River Junction, last week, in a farmer's meeting, on the question of the expediency of allowing the race of Morgan horses to become extinct. It was claimed for the Morgan that it had contributed greatly to the wealth of Vermont. The original "Justin Morgan" was introduced into the State in 1795. For many years the Morgan stock predominated over all others. Lately, however, it had been seriously feared that the race would become extinct. John Gregory, of Northfield county, urged the adoption of means to perpetuate the Morgan, arguing that his traits were admirable; his capacity and endurance remarkable; he was eminently fitted for farm work, roadster, or stage work.

It was urged, on the other hand, that there was no race of Morgan actually in existence, and to perpetuate the name of Morgan was simply to deceive. It was contended that there is no horse now in the country in which there is a preponderance of pure Morgan blood, and that the only thing which remains for Vermont farmers to do is to perpetuate a race, by judicious

crossing, which will combine the best characteristics of the Morgan horse. The discussion was continued at some length, and the question was decided in the negative by an almost unanimous vote.

NORTH CAROLINA AS A PRODUCING STATE.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce writes from Raleigh, N. C.:

"North Carolina is the only State in the Union where every article enumerated in the census is produced, so says Mr. Whitley, in his interesting North Carolina work, and to whom I am indebted for many of the statistics which will be found in this letter.

Corn, wheat, tobacco, turpentine and rice, are produced in nearly every county in the State. Potatoes are a staple in all the counties, the east producing immense quantities of the sweet, and the west of the Irish potatoes. Oats are a staple nearly everywhere; rye in half the counties; buckwheat in the upper regions; hay abounds in all sections; hemp and flax are considerably grown; grapes of different varieties; and all the garden vegetables, apples, pears, peaches, melons, etc., flourish in every part of the State; live stock abounds; beef and pork are everywhere staples; and the finest sheep-walks in the United States are in the hilly parts of the State.

Previous to the war, I was informed, about 1,000,000 barrels of turpentine were annually made in the State, employing from 5,000 to 6,000 laborers; and yielding an estimated income to the makers of over \$2,000,000. Its fisheries constitute the most important interest to the people of the eastern section of the State, for the brief period they exist. There were prior to the war, on the Albemarle Sound alone, some thirty fisheries, which worked some varying from 1,600 to 3,000 yards long, some of which have been known to catch as many 300,000 herrings, and as many as 18,000 shad at one haul!

CARE OF SHEEP IN WINTER.

Pasturing sheep should not be allowed much range, in fact the more closely they are confined the better, so long as their good appetites give indications of continued health. Sheep confined in close, dark quarters, four to five in a pen, having nothing to do but eat and sleep, lay on fat much more rapidly and economically than if allowed even the range of a small yard. Breeding ewes ought to be in the sunshine more or less daily, and have a walk of considerable extent. The leaves and twigs of our common evergreen trees, especially of the hemlock, are palatable to sheep, and they may very profitably be fed frequently. The restuous and astringent substances contained in this kind of food appear to exercise an excellent effect, promoting the health of the flock, besides affording a reliable variety of diet, and tolerable substitutes for roots. All sheep ought to have occasional change of diet if possible, especially the breeding ewes.—Am. Agriculturalist.

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