

News of our Churches.

"LIFE OF BRAINERD" IN UNION SEMINARY.—The students of Union return their thanks, in the last Evangelist, to those unknown friends who have marked, for us, the incoming of the New Year by the gift to each of us of a desirable book, 'The Life of John Brainerd,' by the Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D., published by the Presbyterian Publication Committee.

ABOUT TWENTY STUDENTS at the Union Theological Seminary, in New York City, have served in the army.

INSTALLATION AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL.—Not long ago you informed your readers that the Rev. J. MACLEAN, of St. Louis, had received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Church of Bloomington, Ill. You can now inform them that the installation of the pastor took place on Tuesday evening, January 9th.

The prospects of this church are regarded by its members as more encouraging at present than for years past. The pastor enters on his work with a united, harmonious, and, as we believe, loving people. May abundant success crown his labors, and may the work of prayer in which the church is now engaged have a return of blessings from God commensurate with its need.

DONATION VISIT.—The congregation of the Presbyterian Church, St. George's, Delaware, assembled at the house of their pastor, Rev. D. H. EMERSON, on the evening of New Year's day, to exchange the New Year's greetings with him and his family, and to do what they could to make it a Happy New Year to all the occupants of the parsonage.

ROCK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, St. Louis County, Mo., which was nearly extinct by dissensions caused by the war, has, under the care of Rev. Benjamin Mills, more than recovered its former prosperity, with additions at every communion. On Christmas night the people presented their pastor with three hundred dollars and a sewing machine. The minister above mentioned is a brother of our Secretary of Education.

Rev. E. N. MANLY, of Boonville, Oneida County, we regret to understand, has been unable to do pastoral or ministerial work for about four months past. He became prostrated by over-doing or too long doing under infirmity, in the hot weather of summer. His generous people and co-presbyters are, however, supplying his pulpit, and but recently the former united in requesting him to take an additional vacation of six months, his salary continuing as usual.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—Dr. Booth, pastor of the Mercer St. Church, N. Y., is in the habit of having our 'American Presbyterian Almanac' distributed to each of the pews, if we mistake not, at his own expense. He finds his compensation doubtless in different ways, among others in not meeting a blank and wondering look when presenting our various causes of benevolence to his always liberal people. The example is worthy of general imitation, at least so far as the distribution of the Almanac is concerned, though we would not always have it done at the pastor's expense. Every church can well afford to pay for its own good.—Evangelist.

A GERMAN MISSIONARY.—Dr. Kendall writes to the Herald, that our Committee in New York have just commissioned Rev. J. W. MARCUSCHIN to labor among the Germans in Cincinnati, and that he will come on immediately and enter upon his work. There is a wide and inviting field here for this brother, and we are assured that he is admirably fitted by his natural gifts and culture to interest and profit our German population.

Rev. S. B. KING, of Newton, Indiana, acknowledges donations from the congregations of Newton and Rob Roy, December 19th, amounting to \$57 in money, and \$100 in miscellaneous articles.

CARROLLTON, ILL.—Rev. S. H. Hyde is pastor elect of our church in Carrollton. Though by some blunder, his name does not appear in the minutes of 1865, he is earnestly at work as a minister of Christ.

Rev. W. C. CLARK has resigned his charge of the Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, Mich., and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Howell, the county seat of Livingston County, in the same State. Correspondents will please govern themselves accordingly.

OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The pastor in his anniversary sermon, Sabbath morning, the 7th inst., made various encouraging statements, showing the prosperous condition of the Church. During the year, no church member has been removed by death, and forty-five have been added to the Communion, fifteen of them by profession of faith. A convenient and commodious new sanctuary has been completed, furnished and dedicated without debt; the congregation has more than doubled; the income has increased in an equal proportion, and one thousand dollars added to the pastor's salary.

ANOTHER WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY REMEMBERED.—Mineral Point, Wisconsin, January 8, 1866.—Rev. John W. Mears.—Dear Sir.—This is the season of gifts, and I wish to bear testimony to the generosity and kindly regard of my Home Missionary charge to their minister.

I think the institution called "Mite Society" is not peculiar to this western field. Such an institution has been organized here during the last year. Meetings of a social nature, open to all, and each one coming is expected to pay five cents for the benefit of the church and society.

Well, after considerable delay it was determined between myself and my good wife, to open our house for this gathering, on the evening of December 29th. They came, young and old, an unusually large gathering. A basket was placed on the study table for the collections, and when the "mites" were all gathered in, the contents of the basket were presented to the minister's wife. Said contents were found, on investigation, to be \$105 in green backs! It also appeared that many of the friends had been out shopping on the way, and strangely, about \$20 worth of their purchases seem to have been forgotten, and never being called for, have been confiscated.

To the credit of a small but generous church, let me give you some statements pertaining to last year. The people here raise two-thirds of my salary, \$500, the balance being paid by the Home Missionary Society. This has been paid with promptness and regularity. Besides this, they gave me during the year above \$180; expended on our Sabbath-school \$130, and contributed to various other objects pertaining to the church and society, and benevolent objects from without, various amounts swelling the sum total of money raised by them as a society during the year, to about \$1250.

Our Sabbath-school is prospering. The quarterly report just made, shows an increase of forty in the average attendance above that of the corresponding quarter of 1864. Ten members of the school have professed their faith and been received to our church during the year. We commence the New Year with thirty-nine and hope.

WASHINGTON FOURTH CHURCH.—We are glad to learn that the religious interest in this church, (Rev. Dr. Smith's) still continues. New cases of awakening appear every week. The meetings for prayer are largely attended and deeply solemn. An important accession to the membership was made at the late communion in December.

The Fourth and Sixth Washington Churches observed the week of prayer in alternate services. We learn that the meetings were spirited and spiritual.

AMERICAN BOARD.—The receipts into the treasury in November were small—only \$19,825 40. The amount from September 1 to November 30, one quarter of the year, was \$70,352 90. At this rate \$281,411 60 will be the receipts of the year, whereas \$507,000 00 have been appropriated; i. e., the actual receipts are nearly 50 per cent. behind.

REVIVAL AT EVANSVILLE.—Rev. W. H. McCarter writes to the Herald:—'I have been, holding meetings for three weeks; and the Lord has greatly blessed us. Christians have been lifted to a higher plane of holy living and enjoyment, and more than thirty souls are indulging hope, though I cannot say how many of these will unite with us.'

VAUGHAN, Christ the Light of the World. By C. J. Vaughan, D.D., Vicar of Doncaster. London and New York: A. Strahan, 18mo., pp. 269. For sale by Smith, English & Co., Philadelphia.

This compact little volume of sermons is robbed, by its unpretending, though really neat and beautiful appearance, of the formidable character such books are considered to have. And, indeed, it has nothing tedious argument, or recondite in theology, to drive away the reader, but is one sweet, attractive current of truly Christian thought, in which the character and work of Christ are presented in striking and instructive aspects. The topics discussed are: Why He Came; The Lamp and the Light; Nunc Dimittis; Uses of Light; A Man of Sorrows; The Gospel of the Fall; The Gospel of the Flood; Christ the Lord of Nature; Christ the Conqueror of Satan; Christ the Destroyer of Death; Christ the Sinner's Friend; Cast Out and Found.

An objection might be taken to the title of the volume as scarcely accurate; but the contents are sound in matter, elegant and calm in style, and profitable in tendency.

PLUMER. Jehovah Jireh: A Treatise on Providence. By William S. Plumer, D.D., LL.D. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 16mo., pp. 233.

The author of this little volume is well known as one of the most earnest, luminous, terse and practical of theological writers. Providence is a favorite subject with him, and he never fails, in handling it, to put it in some striking light, or to discourse of it as to impress the memory powerfully with his emphatic utterances and homely illustrations. There is, we think, needless exaggeration of familiarity in some of his expressions; and that most valuable art of conveying important thought entire in a single brief sentence with the force of an aphorism, which is, perhaps, Dr. Plumer's forte as a writer, is sometimes carried to a wearisome extreme. But the book is readable. It displays great invention and the most complete familiarity with Scripture, and is well calculated to do good.

In a treatise on Providence sent forth at this peculiar point in our country's history, one might expect some allusion to its wonderful teachings in the overthrow of slavery and the crushing of a causeless and wicked rebellion, but the writer contents himself with mere generalities in discussing the bearings of the subject on the country in which his readers are most deeply interested. We fear his own eyes are not yet sufficiently enlightened to make him competent to give instruction to others.

The paper and typography of the volume are very handsome.

CHRIST THE WONDERFUL; or, Lessons on the Miracles. By the author of Lessons on the Hebrews. Boston: Henry Hoyt. 18mo., pp. 191; price 18 cts.

One of a series of question books, in which reference is had to modern investigations, Trench being frequently quoted as authority

THE WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.—This paper, the organ of the middle party in the Synod of Kentucky, is to be removed, in a few weeks, from Danville to Louisville, and it is to have new editorial supervision. Rev. Heman H. Allen, of Glasgow, Kentucky, is to be the new editor. His antecedents, so far as known to us, are good. His views, in the last Synod of Kentucky, place him among the unpromising friends of our Church, and the decided opponents of the divisive schemes of the Declaration and Testimony party.—Presbyter.

Aid for Southern Pastors.—A series of public meetings held in Louisville, a month ago, and heralded all over the North as having the above object, turns out to be a movement of sympathy for the secessionists—we may say apostate—General Assembly of the South. One of the officers of the organization, Mr. Morrison, attended the late meeting of that Assembly, in Macon, carrying material aid, doubtless, to some of its members. The Cincinnati Presbyter says:—"It is not that we know the departed best, but that we know the living better."

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. George Minnigerode has accepted the appointment of Superintendent of Missions in connection with the New York City Mission and Tract Society.—Dr. McPheters, notorious in St. Louis for his disloyal proclivities, and his troubles in the Church and State in consequence, during the war, has been recalled by the Pine Street Church, St. Louis, to the pastorate. He has been pastor of a church in Shelby, Ky.—We note one ordination in the U. P. papers.

Churches.—The North Church, (O. S.) Allegheny, is a new enterprise, which has secured the services of Prof. A. A. Hodge, of the Western Theological Seminary, as pastor. He will be installed January 18th, after having served the Zioner, Presbyterian Church in both cities will be called upon to contribute for the erection of a building.—The other branch is making quite a demonstration in Washington City and Georgetown, D. C. During the year past, they have built three new edifices; the chapel on Capitol Hill, a chapel for Bridge Street Church, Georgetown, costing \$12,000, presented by a prosperous elder in the church, and a church in the north of the Capital.

A revival is mentioned in "the Island" church, where an enlargement is talked of. Two of these are new organizations within the year.

REVIVALS.—At S. Wilbraham, Mass., a precious revival is in progress among the Baptists, and a goodly number of persons give evidence of having passed from death unto life. On a recent evening, one hundred persons were present at a meeting in a private house, and the power of God was manifest.

The Church of Cadiz, Ohio, Presbytery of St. Clairsville, has received a great refreshing from on high; 81 have just been added on profession of faith, of whom twenty-five were baptized, and twenty-four of these were heads of families. The Lord hath done great things for this Church.—In the Middle Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Pa., there has been, and still is, a gracious work of the Spirit of God. More than sixty inquirers have been found, of these more than thirty have been baptized, and a hope in Christ. At the Presbyterian Church at Shade Gap, Pa., in the same Presbytery, there are more than twenty inquirers, and the work is still going on.—The Presbyterian Church at Cohokunk, Philadelphia, is enjoying a delightful season of revival. There are sixty inquirers.

Death.—Rev. Charles Thompson, (U. P.) died at Olena, Ill., of typhoid fever, December 31. He was in the prime of life.

Congregational.—Sixty persons are counted upon for the organization of a new church in New York City. Rev. Lyman Abbott has been invited as a temporary supply to the congregation.—A Congregational society of twenty-seven members, having been regularly organized in New Orleans, has bought the organized Presbyterian meeting house, for \$20,000. Rev. Wm. T. Eustis, of New

Have, will leave for that city early in January, and a church will be organized immediately on his arrival. He will probably remain till the first of May, by which time it is hoped, that the enterprise will be fairly on its legs. The house will seat about 600 people, and a chapel is connected with it. One of the members pledges \$3,000 towards the church, and the Congregational Union is expected to furnish liberal aid.—Religious Herald.—Rev. Dana B. Bradford was recently installed pastor at Randolph Centre, Vt., thus says the Recorder, happily, and in the Gospel manner, terminating a period of twenty years of stated and very uncertain supply, a practice that is so injuriously prevalent in our Vermont churches. The examination of the candidate omitted the fact, that though he had sometimes been inclined to the Arminian views, in regard to Divine Sovereignty in the salvation of men, this had always been in a low state of spirituality, while an elevation of spiritual life in his own soul had led him to realize the necessity, the fitness, and the loveliness of this central truth.—Plymouth Sunday-school (Mr. Beecher's Church), since the 1st of January, 1865, has contributed for various purposes the sum of \$7,300.—The Recorder understands that Rev. J. W. Wellman, of Newton Corner, Mass., has had a call from a church in Philadelphia, at a salary of four thousand dollars. It is not known whether he will accept.

The Boston churches contributed over \$41,000 to the Bazaar of the American Board.—The Church in Dubuque have cleared off a debt of ten thousand dollars, for which two years ago, the building was about to be sold to the Roman Catholics.—Rev. E. L. Cleveland, D.D., New Haven, has had his salary raised from \$2000 to \$3500, besides a New Year's gift of \$1500 from his people.—January 9, the annual sale of the pews in Henry Ward Beecher's Church, Brooklyn, was held. The highest premium given was \$400. The rent of the pew is \$120. The income from the sales, it is expected, will exceed \$30,000.

The Church Catholic.—Statistics of the Churches of Cincinnati.—We find the following interesting summary in one of our Methodist exchanges:

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Number. Includes Fifteen M. E. Churches, Other Methodist Bodies, Seven New School Churches, Six Old School Churches, Ten Baptist Churches, Two Congregational Churches, Episcopal, Various, including United Presbyterians, German Reformed, &c.

Total. This showing in a city of 200,000 inhabitants is not what the heart finds pleasure in contemplating; but the foreign element of Cincinnati is over 90,000, and painful or pleasing, the figures are as they are, and should lead to movements more active and aggressive than those heretofore made. As to ministers' salaries, they are not high. Only one minister, Rev. Dr. Burt, of the Broadway Presby. Church, receives so much as \$5000 a year. The salary of Dr. Storrs, of the Seventh Street Congregational Church, is \$3000; so also is that of Rev. Starr H. Nichols, of the Vine Street Congregational Church.

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DEATHS.

OBITUARY.—Died, at Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1866, ELLEN, wife of Capt. J. C. Harry, and daughter of Hon. A. L. Russell, of the State of Pennsylvania; aged 21 years of her age. Less than three months have passed away since the deceased stood at the altar of marriage, and pledged love and troth to the young husband, and consigned her heart and life to her Redeemer, the marriage supper on earth was speedily supplanted by the marriage feast in heaven, and the white robes were put on for the earthly festival, for the garments made white in the blood of the Lamb. Great was the departed best, her conversion and public confession of Christ seemed to make but little change in a life already marked by gentleness and piety. The work of Divine grace could only be seen in a more subdued demeanor, her manifested love of the people of God, her consistent Christian duties, and in the unobtrusive but persevering patience with which she bore an illness that soon forestalled an early grave. The ties that bound her to earth were peculiarly strong, but she saw them breaking in quiet resignation, and while others were grieving over what seemed to be so untimely an end, she heard the summons of death without fear, saying: "What should I now do, had I not my Saviour to trust?" Peacefully and hopefully as she had lived, so peacefully she departed. Her husband, a devoted Christian, and in society, the memory of an affectionate nature, chastened and beautified by the spirit of true religion. Com.

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There will be a Union Temperance Meeting in connection with the First Anniversary of the Union Reform Association, in the Church of the Epiphany corner of Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets, on Monday Evening, January 22d, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Bishop Simpson, President of the Society, will make the opening address. Rev. Albert Barnes and Rev. Dr. Marsh, Secretary of the American Temperance Union for 30 years, and Rev. Drs. Newton, Edwards, Kennard, White, Fairbridge and others will take part in the exercises.

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