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Christian annals have ever produced, and the labor of its preparation is in good hands. We trust that it will not only secure the attention of the Christian world abroad, but will contain certain facts and conclusions therefrom, suggestive of the mutual bearing of church and State, which they cannot consider too early or too thoughtfully.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY.

The Presbyterian Church has acknowledged and assumed the responsibility of acting in its organic capacity to spread the Gospel throughout the world, and has adopted a system of operations by which her interest shall be developed, and her polity shall be brought into full activity for missionary purposes.

It is well edited for the purpose designed, and is handsomely printed. It is commended as being well calculated to be most useful and cheering to ministers in preparing for the Monthly Concert, in awakening and guiding the missionary activity in the churches, and in encouraging a hearty and intelligent loyalty to the interests of our entire body.

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A TANGLE.—The Free Christian Commonwealth, Louisville, paper in the Old School connection, representing the extreme wing of that disunion and pro-slavery element, of which there is just enough left to be sorely annoying to that Church, speaks of its coming General Assembly as a six-sided one, classifying the parties as follows:—1. The non-political orthodox party represented by the Declaration and Testimony and similar protests. 2. The semi-political conservative party of principle typified in Dr. Hodge. 3. The Gallo-conservative, or party of no principle, typified in the recent lusus ecclesiae, at Chicago. 4. The Radical ex-cision party of Dr. Breckinridge. 5. The Radical Anti-New School party of Pittsburgh. 6. The Radical New School party of Cincinnati, with the accession to it, probably, of the Presbyterian's remnant of a 'clique.'

In our own church there are some who will oppose all efforts toward reunion; but they are mostly those who are opposed to the present status of the Assembly, and will most probably not remain with us; or, if they do, their influence is not likely to be widely felt. And in the 'other branch' there are those who will strenuously oppose the movement, but they will, at length, yield to the general voice of the Church. Let our prayers go up to God that this re-union may be speedily consummated, and let all proper efforts be put forth wisely to this end.

IT IS REV. GEORGE GILFILLAN, not James, who is in danger of discipline on account of heretical views on the Sabbath, in the U. P. Church of Scotland. Rev. JAMES is the author of the work on the Sabbath so extensively circulated in this country. He is an older brother of George, and a very different man. So says Rev. John Kidd, of Joliet, Ill., speaking from personal acquaintance.

THE REVIVAL has reached Rochester. A large accession was received by the Brick Church, Rev. Dr. Shaw's, last Sabbath. Particulars next week.

LETTERS from E. Tennessee and from Augusta, Ga., will appear in our next.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31, 1866.

As I predicted in my last letter, the great Civil Rights bill, framed to "secure all persons in their rights, and to furnish the means of their vindication," has been defeated, at least so far as the refusal of the President to sign it can secure its defeat. While a veto was not unexpected, there were some hopes that it would not be so exceptional and sweeping in its terms, as the one which reached the Senate on Tuesday. It is generally conceded that the veto message of the Civil Rights bill is far inferior in point of argument as well as dignity to that of the Freedmen's Bureau bill. The President, as you will observe, does not hesitate to appeal to the passions and prejudices known to be entertained by the ignorant and the baser sort generally against the unfortunate negro.

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The President's private secretary made his appearance about two o'clock. Mr. Stockton was trying to "kill time" by reading to unwilling hearers a thirty-two page pamphlet setting forth the argument for his right to his seat as a Senator from New Jersey. At five o'clock the Secretary of the Senate commenced reading the veto message. It soon became apparent that the worst fears of those who expected a sweeping veto were fulfilled. The President, setting at defiance the wishes and prayers of the loyal millions of the country, and holding in utter contempt the combined wisdom of more than two-thirds of both houses of Congress, had written "veto" upon every section of the bill. But for an unfortunate circumstance, the absence of Senators Grimes and Kirkwood, of Iowa, the bill would have been put upon its passage immediately after the reading of the veto, and carried by a two-thirds vote over the President's objections. I am not without hope that even yet such a desirable result will be reached. It is scarcely possible that the veto will come up for consideration before Wednesday. It would have been before the Senate last Wednesday but for the lamentable circumstance of the death of the Hon. Solomon Foot, United States Senator from Vermont. Several of our friends, who will vote for the bill as against the veto, accompanied the remains of the deceased Senator to their last resting-place in their own Green Mountain home. They will not be able to reach here before Wednesday next, which accounts for the postponement of the consideration of the bill to that day. Senator Trumbull will deliver a speech in reply to the President's veto message, after which the question will be pushed to a vote.

The popular indignation at this last exhibition of the President's policy as reflected in that mirror of public sentiment, the press, is even more emphatic

and unmistakable than the response which followed the veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill. Not a few Republican journals which were disposed to justify that act, or to apologise for the President's incipient perfidy, are open and avowed in their disapproval of this new veto. If Congress shall be able to pass it notwithstanding his objections,—and there is a prospect that it will,—it will teach him a lesson which he cannot learn too soon, that he is merely the servant of the people, and not their autocrat. J. M.

News of our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES. NORTH BROAD ST.—Nineteen persons were received last Sabbath; nine on profession. Several others are indulging a hope and indications are spiritually encouraging. The pastor leaves for New Hampshire in ten or twelve days.

MANAYUNK.—Eleven persons were received on profession last Sabbath. Much interest prevails. There are many inquirers. SERMONS APPROPRIATE to Easter were preached by Rev. A. Barnes and by Rev. W. Calkins in their respective pulpits last Sabbath. The First Church was well attended. The congregations generally show a decided improvement.

REVIVALS. CARLISLE, PA.—Rev. Dr. Wing writes: "There has been a very interesting work of grace among my people during the last few weeks, in which there have been not less than fifty persons who have expressed a hope that their hearts have been given to Christ, and their sins have been pardoned. Twenty-four united with the church in their communion the second Sabbath in this month. Services were held during the weeks immediately before and after communion; in which I had the assistance in preaching of Rev. Wm. E. Moore, of West Chester. The week after, services were held in the Second Presbyterian Church (Old School), are now in progress, with very successful results. In all the churches of our borough, not less than one hundred and sixty have expressed a hope in Christ during the last two months. About twenty young men in the college, under the care of the Methodists, have united with the church in connection with it."

ADDISON, N. Y.—A revival is reported from the church in this place, under the labors of Rev. D. F. Judson. Mr. J. was formerly pastor of this church, and has just returned, after three years absence, to the same field. TROY, KANSAS.—This place is about sixteen miles west of St. Joseph, Mo. Our church there is under the care of Rev. F. E. Sheldon, who writes to the Presbyterian Reporter:—"On the second Sabbath of the year, our church was dedicated. A series of meetings was at once commenced, and is still continued. The number of hopeful conversions is now about one hundred; sixty of whom have been received to the church. Here, where two years ago there was no church-going bell, no house of worship, no professor of religion, no voice of prayer, we have now all these. Here, on this beautiful prairie, stands the first Presbyterian church ever dedicated to the worship of God in this State."

A VETERAN GONE.—We find in our exchanges a notice of the death of Rev. Ova P. Hoyt, D.D., a brother who, for nearly a quarter of a century, has been deeply identified with the general interests of our Church within the bounds of the Synod of Michigan. He died recently, (the precise date is not before us,) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. His age is not stated; we suppose it to have been about sixty-five. Dr. Hoyt, besides possessing good pastoral qualifications, was, from his early ministerial life, distinguished as a counsellor and helper of brethren and churches outside of his specific field; and the regions around his pastorates, first in Potsdam, in Northern New York, and afterwards in Kalamazoo, bear many traces of his sagacity, his peace-making wisdom, and his power for infusing energy and hope where discouragement had before reigned. His heart was warm, his address fervent, his manners bland, his mental powers strong, and his good sense always reliable. We notice his decease with more than ordinary regret.

A FIELD.—To young ministers looking anxiously for a field, and who would know the kind of work that is work, we commend the following extract from a letter of Rev. John M. Brown, of Warsaw, Mo., to the Presbyterian Reporter:—"The work on this wide field is too great for us. These desolations cannot be restored unless we have help. We are straining every nerve—traveling in all kinds of weather, and over all kinds of roads, for long distances—preaching on the Sabbath, visiting and talking all the week, faring sometimes like John the Baptist in the wilderness, or worse, and yet we fall far behind the needs of our field. We want one good man immediately, and shall want more very soon. My circuit (just marked over and enlarged) measures more than two hundred miles around; and this must be traveled at least once in four weeks—sometimes once in two weeks—and this not by railroad, but on horseback or in a buggy. This is too much labor for frail mortality,

this cold, storming winter weather. Then, we cannot half finish our work. About all we can do is to say 'good morning,' to a church, and then 'good-bye.' These hurried visits, as you well know, are not the way to build up Presbyterian churches. I believe our labors will largely be lost unless we have help. Can you not send on a man immediately? If you can, I will give up Warsaw, and move further South and West."

In a subsequent letter, (February 21,) to the same paper, Mr. Brown states that the church in Warsaw, which for a while took up the fortunes of the "United Synod," has resolved to return to our connection, and is showing fresh signs of life. He also states that he recently organized a small church in Clinton, Henry County, a town of about six hundred inhabitants, without any house of worship, and no other church organization. The church was gathered under the labors of Mr. De la Vergne, a licentiate. He adds:—"On my last trip South, I received Mount Zion Church back to our connection. We have there forty-five members. There is much good material in that church. They have been urging me to settle with them. I have consented, and expect to move my family within its bounds in March, and preach to them one-fourth of the time."

NEWARK, N. J., PRESBYTERIAN CITY MISSIONS.—The enterprises of our Newark brethren generally answer to the import of the term. An example is furnished in their Presbyterian City Mission Society, of which Rev. Dr. Stearns is President, and Rev. Dr. J. Few Smith, Vice-President, with a very good sprinkling of free-working laymen in the board. Their annual meeting has recently been held. The last year's work has told well, and they now launch out upon a scale which will demand an expenditure of \$5000, and they mean to raise it.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.—Rev. J. G. Kanouse, a zealous Northwestern pioneer, has finally so far yielded to the wear of labor, as to give up the active duties of the ministry, and has taken up his residence at Sun Prairie, Wis. Rev. J. N. Crittenden, formerly of Belmont, N. Y., has commenced pastoral labor under a cordial call from the church in Keokuk, Iowa. Rev. C. FRANCISCO has removed from Hopewell, Ontario County, to Branchport, Yates County, N. Y.

Religious Intelligence.

REVIVALS.—The Church in Washington, Pa., the seat of one of the departments of Washington and Jefferson College, received, on the 11th ult., twenty-nine persons on profession. Twelve of the number were students in the college.—The Church in Warsaw, N. Y., has been greatly refreshed, and has received an important accession to its membership. Other churches in the same village have been blessed.—Prospect Church, in the Peoria Presbytery, has received a gracious visitation. On last Sabbath twenty-two persons sat down for the first time at the Lord's Supper, as the fruits of a series of meetings held some weeks ago.—A great awakening has taken place in the United Presbyterian churches in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Pa. Meetings are held every night, and the assemblages are very large.—At a late communion, eighteen persons were added to the Church of Abingdon, near this city.—The last number of The Presbyterian has the account of a revival in Silver Spring Church, Pa., in connection with the Presbytery of Carlisle. Already a goodly number have consecrated themselves to God and his people, and are waiting to be admitted to church-fellowship. Besides the community for miles round has been roused up on the subject of religion.—The same paper says that the Church in Columbia, Pa., has been enjoying a quiet but precious work of grace. For several weeks the work has gone on with no undue excitement, but with an interest such as so solemn and weighty matters demand. On the 25th ult., thirty-four were admitted to the Church on profession of their faith, and solemnly engaged to be the Lord's. Forty-six have been received into the communion of faith. Of these, twenty were baptized.—In the Church at Malden, Illinois, there are sixty inquirers, many of whom are indulging a hope of having been born again.—Three Sabbaths since there were added thirty-one persons to the First Church in Camden, N. J.; to the West Spruce Street Church (Dr. Breed's), of Philadelphia, nineteen; and to the Central Presbyterian Church (Dr. Reed's), of Philadelphia, thirty—all on examination.

In the church at Parkersburg, West Virginia, there are over thirty inquirers, most of whom have professed conversion to God. A young man's profession, and also a female prayer-meeting, have been established, and both are well attended. Twenty-seven have been received on examination to the Church of Fairmont, West Virginia, and a revival is in progress at Morgantown, West Va.—The Christian Instructor, (U. P.) of this city, says:—"In our last we announced that over forty persons had made application for membership in the Third United Presbyterian Church of this city. We are now able to state that the number admitted was fifty—nearly all of them on the profession of their faith, and thirty-seven of them from the Sabbath-school.—Our Presbyterian exchanges mention many other places where revivals have been or are now going forward, among them Frederickburg, Va.; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Deersville, O.; Round Hill, McKeesport and Allen Grove, Pa.; Bethel, Indiana.

Stuart Robinson at Large.—The New York Evangelist of last week says:—"Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson preached in this city on Sunday last, morning and evening, in the Fifth Avenue Opera House. We gather from a notice of his morning's discourse that he has been invited here by a number of friends who wish to establish religious worship for the masses in the city without reference to any sectional influences." About one hundred and fifty persons were present to hear the opening sermon.

VACATION WORK.—Rev. Drs. Hodge, Macdonald, and others, of Princeton, have issued an appeal to students in theology, to spend the long summer vacation in missionary labor in the pines and on the sea-coast in New Jersey—a field which, in several localities, has proved unusually responsive to spiritual effort. They also solicit the co-operation of pastors, Sabbath schools, and other Christian friends, for the funds needed to sustain such laborers. The estimated, requisite amount

for each varies from \$120 to \$150 for three months. Abington, Pa.—This old Bucks County Church, of Scotch-Irish origin, has had in general a thrifty career. The first edifice was built in 1714. It was rebuilt in 1793, and enlarged in 1833. It is now to be taken down, and a new one erected on the old site, amid the graves where sleep former pastors, elders, and generations of ancestors, who there worshipped. Farewell services of an interesting character were held in the old building last Sabbath.

A New Church, bearing the name of the Woodland Presbyterian Church, West Philadelphia, was organized by a committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia on the evening of Friday, 23d ult. Twenty-five persons presented certificates of dismission from other churches, and their names were enrolled. Of these, three gentlemen were elected ruling elders in the church—Mr. S. R. Mason, Mr. William Montgomery, and Mr. M. A. Wurts. The church has purchased a lot on Pine street, west of Forty-first, on which they have erected a very neat and comfortable chapel, designed for the temporary use of the congregation, proposing hereafter to erect a church edifice on the same lot.—Presbyterian.

Congregational.—Andover Theological Seminary has at present seventy-nine students attached to the regular class, and fifteen resident licentiates.—The New England Colleges, under Congregational patronage, are just now greatly blessed. About thirty of the students of Amherst have expressed a hope in Christ. The religious interest in Yale and Williams, as at Dartmouth, is very considerable. At Yale, union prayer-meetings are just now held every evening in the College. They are not only crowded, but a deep, earnest feeling prevails among those who have not known what it is to trust in Christ.—Rev. Dr. A. L. Stone is at last in possession of the Pacific Congregationalists. He arrived in San Francisco on the 6th ult., and was warmly welcomed by his new parishioners.—The First Congregational Church of New Orleans has been recently organized. Aided by the Congregational Union, it has purchased and renovated the edifice formerly known as the Second Presbyterian Church.—Rev. B. G. Melyea, of Westport, Conn., reports a precious season of revival in his church since the year began, with from sixty to seventy hopeful conversions.—Rev. Ray Palmer, D.D., the highly esteemed Albany pastor, has been invited to take the post of Corresponding Secretary to the American Congregational Union, the headquarters of which are to be located in New York.—In the Congregational, as in other denominations, there is no observable abatement in the revival interest.

Reformed Church.—The R. D. Church of Helderberg, N. Y., Rev. William P. Davis, pastor, has been blessed with the presence of God's reviving spirit. Some forty persons, most of whom are heads of families, have professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.—The Old Market Street Church in New York, a time honored edifice has been sold for a house of worship for mariners. The congregation will take leave of it on the last Sabbath in the present month. A new location will be made, but is not yet fixed upon.

REVIVALS are reported from Niskayuna, Lisha's Hill, and Geneva, N. Y.—The Christian Intelligencer, under the heading of "Gone, Sold and Closed," records that the Consistory of the Forty-sixth Street Reformed Dutch Church, in New York, "disappointed in their hopes of receiving brotherly aid, baffled in their labors, and worn out by a burden which they could no longer carry," have sold their edifice to the Episcopalians. This is a case of total extinguishment.

Baptist.—The statistical account of the recent unusual spiritual prosperity of the First Baptist Church in this city, (Rev. Dr. Jeffrey's), is as follows:—Received by experience, 6; by letter, 11; by restoration, 1; by baptism, 184; total, 202. This number includes 60 Sabbath-school scholars, 12 of whom were from mission schools. On Sabbath, the 25th ult., the church as a thank-offering for this great blessing, swept off its remaining debt of \$6500.—The last National Baptist has accounts of 62 baptisms in eleven churches in this city, on the previous Sabbath.—Rev. George Sleeper, pastor of the Baptist Church, in Vincent, Chester County, Pa., died of apoplexy, on the 19th ult.—The Baptist interest is reported as on the advance at several points in California. Particular mention of improvement in Napa, Stockton, Petaluma, and Brooklyn.—Rev. Hiram Hamlin, is meeting with success at Boise City, Idaho. He holds Divine service in the court house, with increasing congregations, and increasing attendance at prayer-meetings.

Methodist.—Several revivals in connection with the M. E. Church, are reported from the Pacific coast. Among the points mentioned, are Salem, Oregon; and Cal. —The Methodist Alliance intelligence recently received from Charleston, S. C. that the M. E. Mission Churches in that city are in a flourishing condition. One hundred and seventy-three conversions have been recorded at the Spring Street Church. Much interest is manifested for our good old Methodism. Less than half a dozen white persons have thus far joined. The membership is quite large, however.—The question of reunion begins to be seriously agitated in different "branches" of the Methodist churches. At a session of the N. Y. Preachers' Meeting, (M. E.) Rev. Dr. Curry and Rev. S. D. Brown, the delegation appointed to convey our Christian salutations to the Protestant Methodist Conference recently assembled in this city, reported having met with a very cordial reception, and that old asperities were "sown out."—Revival items continue numerous in the Methodist papers.

Episcopal.—A Fifth Episcopal Church has been organized in San Francisco. It is to have free sittings, and depend upon voluntary contributions for its necessary income.—Ascension Church in New York, the former parish of Assistant Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, is about to erect a church in Gambier, Ohio, the seat of the Diocesan College and Theological Seminary, for the use of the parish and the institution. It is intended by the donors as a token of remembrance of their former pastor, the arrival of the Pennsylvania Bishop Stevens in London, in improved health, is announced.—Bishop Vail of Kansas, officiating for the absent Bishop Stevens, confirmed from the 1st to 23d of March, 183 persons in Philadelphia parishes. The largest number confirmed in any one church—that of the Atoneement—was 32.—The Episcopal Church has made itself notorious for foraging upon other denominations for its ministerial supply. We noticed only a week or two since, the re-ordination, by Bishop Eastburn, of Massachusetts, of two Congregational ministers.—The last Episcopal Recorder chronicles a like act of supererogation by the Bishop of Maryland, of which "Mr. J. W. Brown,"—so says the Recorder—was the subject.

Miscellaneous.—The Central N. Y. correspondent of the Evangelist says:—"The Temperance and Religion walk hand in hand in this region. Revivals as to one or both have been experienced in Western Oneida, Verona, Vernon, Lenox, Union, Mohawk, &c."