

biding their time, determined to do nothing rashly, but fully determined, as soon as possible, to free themselves from such unwelcome and burdensome bondage. The patience which they are still manifesting, under so many provocations, is very remarkable.

The last days of the carnival, in February, were marked by great gaiety and rejoicing; in anticipation, doubtless, of their deliverance, which, long looked for, now seems near at hand. It is singular that most theologians, differing widely in other respects, yet agree in their interpretation of prophecy, that during the present or following year an important change is to take place in connection with the Papal power. And truly everything seems to be pointing to, and preparing the way for, some great consummation, which cannot well be delayed much longer. There is a restless impatience on the part of the Italians—the great body of the people—to have Rome as their capital. They will never be fully content until they have gained both it and Venice.

At present, the financial interests of the country are engrossing the chief attention of its inhabitants. When Sella, the ex-minister of finance, brought this matter before them at the close of last year, the idea of impending ruin, which he declared to be most imminent, was utterly repulsive. His scheme of restitution, involving not only strict economy in expending, but imposition of new and heavy taxes, was at once rejected; and with that national inertness, which so peculiarly characterizes them, they wished to postpone, as long as possible, any attempt to repair their falling credit. The taxes already imposed, especially the "Ricchezza Mobile"—income tax—are exceedingly unpopular in many parts of the Southern States. The people are most unwilling to pay. Large public meetings have been held to protest against them, and in one place the worthy subjects of the king all combined to return their schedules to the tax-gatherers just as they received them, which, to a man, they actually did. They have, also, too, for such dissatisfaction, as the tax is most unequally distributed, and the returns given of incomes anything but correct. Honesty is almost altogether unknown in such a land as this. One of the deputies for Genoa mentioned, the other day, in Parliament, that only the foreign merchants in that city had given in a true statement.

About a month ago, the idea of a national subscription to Government was started in Turin—the most loyal of all the Italian cities. It was quickly caught up by many others, and has now spread over the whole peninsula, from the Alps to Sicily—contributions coming in from Venice and also from Rome. The "Consorto Nazionale," as it is called, promises to be a very considerable success. It is not yet determined whether the money is to be given as a gift, or a loan at interest; but a large sum has been already raised. Victor Emmanuel has subscribed 1,000,000 francs. Last year he gave up 300,000 francs, if I remember rightly, from his own private income, for a similar purpose. The Bank of Naples also subscribed 1,000,000 francs. The municipality of nearly every town and village has added its share, down to the very lowest of the people. Even the Society of shore-porters have contributed 1000 francs. Many seem to think that, notwithstanding the vigor with which it has been commenced and the good intentions which have been manifested, the result will be extremely disappointing. At first, indeed, the wild notion of being able to pay off the whole of the national debt was seriously entertained, but soon found to be chimerical. Still, there is little doubt that the financial difficulties, which press so heavily now will, be considerably lessened by this patriotic movement, which will not only benefit the treasury, but bind more closely than ever the ties of national unity. The *Consorto Nazionale* has struck terror into the Roman Government. A high official in it is reported to have said, "If this succeeds, it is all over with us—our only chance being in its failure."

The other day there were rumors of a fresh ministerial crisis impending. The commission who had been appointed to examine the new minister of finance's plan, rejected several of his proposals, which may induce him to resign. La Marmora seems most anxious to retain the office of President until the convention of September is carried out, in some form or other. A better man, on the whole, could not be found at present, his honesty and loyalty having been abundantly tried. He has a difficult task to perform in the *Camera*, where he is most unpopular, and where many are always on the watch to trip him up. In truth, the present chamber of deputies is no great credit to Italy. Besides being new and unproved, it is largely composed of men who speak more than they think, and who seek their own aggrandizement and that of their friends, rather than the real and lasting welfare of their fatherland.

The work of evangelization is being carried on in the face of much opposition, bigotry, and indifference. Many are the workers now laboring in this interesting field. Yet more are required. The Waldensians are the most important, because they are the most numerous; have been longest on the ground, and are most pure in the faith. From being a martyr, they have now become a missionary Church: in all the principal cities, they have planted stations. In Genoa, a large and handsome church

was erected eight years ago, in one of the finest and most fashionable streets, and in perfect harmony with the buildings beside it, which still keep up the character of this ancient place, as a city of palaces. Opposition on the part of the Roman Catholics led them to build a church as nearly opposite as they conveniently could; their charitable intention being to ring large bells as loudly as possible to disturb the Waldensian worshippers, and render their worship useless. Commenced but never completed, was their church and charitable intention, too. The unexpected death of the principal party put an end to their plan. After having disfigured the handsome street for several years, the ugly, unfinished walls are to be pulled down, and a theatre erected on their site. Besides the Waldensians, there is the Free Church party, of which Sig. Mazarella is a distinguished ornament. He is one of the chief judges in the Supreme Court here, and is besides, a member of Parliament. The Congregationalists, to which Rev. Mr. Hall, in Florence, and Mr. Clark, in Milan, belong; and also the Methodists, whose headquarters are in Milan—each and all of these, in their several spheres, are engaged in the same great work, but details must be reserved for another occasion.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many Christian brethren from America this winter. It is said there are as many as 20,000 from your country in Italy at present. Rome and Florence are both full of them. On their way, to greater attractions there, they do not linger very long here. Yet I have seen enough of them to make me love them as fellow servants of the Master, and I have been rejoiced to hear from them of the great interest which is felt on the other side of the Atlantic in the evangelistic operations that are in progress here. Italy and America are being closely connected with each other through commercial enterprise. Let the union be still more strengthened and sanctified by such an interest and by earnest prayer for the salvation of precious souls.

News of our Churches.

DEDICATION.—The Chester City Presbyterian Church was dedicated to Divine worship on Thursday evening, April 5th. The invocation was offered by Rev. M. P. Jones. Reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. Mr. Beck of the Baptist Church. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Wolcott Calkins. After the sermon, the Rev. Mr. Eva remarked upon the interest he and his people felt in this new enterprise; and the greater part of the membership came originally from his church, which might be fitly called the "Mother Church." Closing his remarks, he with prayer solemnly dedicated the building to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A brief account of the history of the enterprise was then given by the pastor elect. It was in the Sabbath-school, which has been established for about three years in the South Ward, that the thought first took being, which is seen realized in this beautiful structure. The building is from the munificence of Messrs. Thomas and William Reaney, a cheerful gift to the Lord of a portion of the wealth which He has blessed them. Upon an appeal to the audience about \$14 00 was raised to provide communion service, new Sabbath-school library and other incidentals. The principal audience-room has been beautifully fitted up—the frescoing, upholstery, and carpeting in perfect taste.

And now, with temporalities so well provided for, with an increasing congregation, and the favour of the whole community, there is needed but the presence of the Divine Spirit to bring to complete success the hopes and efforts of this Church of the Living God.

REVIVALS. WHARTON STREET CHURCH.—At the communion service last Sabbath, twenty-three were received on profession, eleven of whom were men; two were received by letter. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was large and the exercises full of interest.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—We have spoken of the revival in the First Presbyterian church in this place. One peculiarity of it is in going forward in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Canfield, who has been spending the winter in Europe. Prof. Condit, of Auburn Seminary, supplies the pulpit on the Sabbath, and in the matter of other labors, the sessions and other members of the church have met the emergency. Forty-eight were added to the church on profession, the first Sabbath in the present month.

BERGEN, N. J.—The church in this place, under the pastoral care of Rev. Edward W. French, received on the 1st inst. twenty-six on profession to its communion.

HUNTINGTON, IND.—At the communion, on the 11th ult., thirty-two persons took the vows of God upon them, in connection with our church in this place. It is said to have been the most delightful meeting which that church ever enjoyed. During the revival which has there taken place, several Sabbath-school teachers have been hopefully converted. An account, written for the *Christian Herald*, says that a young people's prayer and conference meeting has been brought into existence, and that "religion has become a very common topic on our street, making its influence felt in this community." There is, however, a sad lameness in the added

statement that "the church is revived in part." The following is worth adding: "The Social Hymn and Tune Book we found an excellent work of song, gloriously adapted to the revival seasons, as well as all others."

FROM LOGANSPORT, IND., under date of March 26, Rev. A. S. Dudley writes to the *Herald*:—"Our church has been very much revived. Many wanderers have returned, and thirty-five have been added to our number during the past year—the greater part of them during the past few weeks."

MINONK, ILL., April 2d, 1866.

DEAR BROTHER MEARS:—Since the latter part of January, and in connection with meetings begun during the Week of Prayer, we have been enjoying a very remarkable and gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, upon the several churches. As the result, some forty-five have been received into the Baptist church, twenty into ours (the Presbyterian), and twenty-five into the Methodist. The latter are still holding meetings with encouraging prospects. The work has been characterized throughout by great stillness, and by a most manifest subordination of the means to the Spirit's influence. All have been compelled to see the hand of God in it. It has also been most remarkable for the conversion of heads of families and men of business; so much so that an almost complete moral revolution, has been wrought in the business part of the community. The whole number of hopeful conversions is about a hundred and ten. We feel that truly the Lord has done great things for us.

Yours truly, M. P. ORMSBY.

OXFORD, OHIO.—On Sabbath the 1st inst., twenty-three were added by profession to the Second Presbyterian church in this place, Rev. J. P. E. Kumlner pastor. Fifty-two have been added during the last ecclesiastical year.

CROW CREEK INDIANS, DACOTAH.—Rev. John P. Williamson, the American Board's veteran missionary to the Dakotas, received last month sixteen to the communion of the church. One of them was the chief of one of the principal bands at Crow Creek. The work of evangelization is quietly going forward at that station. The Dacotah mission churches are in our ecclesiastical connection.

AMONG OTHER PLACES where, as we hear, the Lord is working in churches of our connection, we mention Dresden, Berlin, Burton, and Republic, Ohio; also Connersville, Ind. Rev. Dr. Pratt, of Portsmouth, Ohio, wrote to the *Herald* on the 2d inst. that the revival there was in the seventh week of its continuance, and the interest had never been greater than then. They were still holding meetings every night.

AN EXAMPLE.—Rev. Daniel Tenney, overseer of our Home Missionary work in Southern Ohio, sends to the *Christian Herald* the account of his visit to the so-called feeble church in Osborne. It was organized some six years ago with a membership of eight or ten, and has never had a pastor. It has depended chiefly upon the occasional visits of a neighboring minister for the ministrations of the word. "I rather expected," says Mr. Tenney, "to find the little band discouraged and perhaps ready to give up the enterprise. But what was my surprise and joy to find them aglow with the love of Jesus in their hearts! God has sent to their aid several God-sent Presbyterians from N. Y., and among them a faithful Father in Israel who has been ruling elder for thirty-six years. They did not wait for a pastor, but commenced prayer meetings, and began to direct souls to the Lamb of God. Twelve names were presented to me, as soon as I reached the place, as candidates for admission to the church. During my visit three elders were elected and two ordained, nine were received to the church by profession and five by letter; thus more than doubling their membership."

INSTALLATION IN NEW YORK.—Rev. E. W. Hitchcock was duly installed on the last Sabbath evening over the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian church in New York, formerly the pastorate of President Asa D. Smith, of Dartmouth College.

A THRIFTY FRONTIER CHURCH.—In December, 1864, Rev. A. M. Heizer commenced pastoral labors with the church in Winterset, Presbytery of Des Moines, Iowa. It was a feeble band of thirty-nine communicants, maintaining a Sabbath-school of about fifty scholars. With the opening of spring, Mr. Heizer commenced the outpost system, establishing four new Sabbath-schools in as many neighborhoods within reach, and carrying on, in connection with them, other religious services as opportunity allowed. Two of these outposts enjoyed a special visitation of the Holy Spirit. During the fall an unusual seriousness pervaded the whole field, which, as the winter advanced, ripened into a decided revival, the first fruits of which are an accession of forty-six to the church on profession. The church is perfecting arrangements which will probably raise it to the class of comparatively strong churches; such an improvement is not only especially important, but relatively—i. e. in regard to its position as a frontier church—much more a subject for devout thanksgiving.

EXTENSION IN CALIFORNIA.—A Presbyterian church of San Leandro was organized, with twenty members, February 11th. An impressive sermon was preached by Rev. L. Hamilton, from the

text, 1 Pet. ii. 9: "Ye are a chosen generation; a royal priesthood." The communion was administered by Rev. S. Wells, who, for three years, has been laboring in San Lorenzo, and by Rev. J. M. Alexander, who succeeds Rev. S. Wells in San Lorenzo, as pastor of the church.—*Pacific*.

THE PASTORAL RELATION between Rev. Geo. Foot and the church of Penacador, Del., was dissolved at a *Pro-nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington held in that church, March 24th. The continued ill-health of Mr. Foot was the cause of his resignation. Incapacitated from further ministerial labors, after a service of forty years, which has been marked by earnestness, faithfulness, and uncompromising loyalty, Mr. Foot "has fixed his residence in Odessa, Delaware."

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. G. H. Robertson was installed by the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the 27th ult., over the church in Sandwich, Ill. Mr. R. comes to us from the Old School.—Rev. Hiram Eddy, now in Alabama, has been called to Jamestown, N. Y.—Rev. J. V. C. Nellis, who has been supplying the church at Jordan, N. Y., for the past year, has received a unanimous call to its pastorate.—Rev. W. W. Whipple, of Griggsville, has accepted a call to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church in Clayton, Adams County, Ill.—Rev. F. A. M. Brown, of Parapany, N. J., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Delhi, N. Y., and entered his new field of labor on the 1st of April.—Rev. R. A. Sawyer, pastor elect of the Third Street Church in Dayton, Ohio, has removed from Newark to his new home in the former city.

Religious Intelligence.

Zanesville, Ohio.—Accessions by profession have recently been made to the First Presbyterian Church in this place—about twenty to each. Others are under very strong and serious conviction. Other Churches there are also revived.

Birmingham, Pa.—I have but lately returned from Birmingham, having been there on Sabbath, March 18th, assisting the Rev. J. H. Clark in his communion services. We had a very solemn meeting. Quite a large number connected themselves with the church on profession of their faith. The solemnity of the occasion encouraged us to protract the services. The results were beyond our anticipations. Very soon a decided religious interest manifested itself. Each day the number of inquirers increased, so that by Wednesday evening, there were nearly twenty souls anxiously seeking the way to the Saviour. The greater portion of those interested were young ladies in attendance at the Female Seminary in Birmingham.—*Cor. Presbyterian*.

Accessions.—Ten persons were added to the Church at Trenton, Pa., on profession of faith, on Sabbath, the 1st inst., making fifty additions in all within a few weeks. On the same day, twenty-three persons were added to the Presbyterian Church at Chester, Pa.; seventeen by profession of faith, and six by letter—making more than eighty persons in all who have been gathered into that favored church since the 1st of January.

Bethany Church, Philadelphia.—This young enterprise in the southwestern part of the city, lately known as the Bethany Mission, has had a season of special refreshing. On the first Sabbath in the present month, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lowrie, welcomed to the communion thirty-nine additional members, mostly on profession. This church has more than doubled its membership within the last six months.

Other Revivals.—Among places not enumerated above, where the work of God is going on with more or less power, we see mentioned in our Presbyterian exchanges, Morgantown, West Virginia; New Philadelphia, Ohio; Stearnsville, N. J.; Holmes Mills, Ohio; Danville, Ky. (many of the College students sent); Fort Wayne, Ind.; Stanford, Ky.; Little Beaver, Pa.; Martinsville, Ohio; Bridgeport, Ohio; Uniontown, Pa.; Bethesda, Pa.; Red Oak, Ohio, and Munfordville, Ky. The list might be much extended.

Great Enlargement of Lafayette College.—The Trustees of Lafayette College met at Easton, Pa., March 28th, and organized a scientific course. Mr. A. Pardee, of Hazleton, gave \$100,000, and Mr. William A. Davidson, of Philadelphia, endowed the chair of Chemistry. Among the new Professors elected were Rev. George Junkin, D.D., late President of Washington College; Rev. Henry Osborn, LL.D., formerly of Roanoke College; Prof. Thomas Porter, of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Dr. Burrows, President of the San Francisco College; California; Prof. Chas. F. Hitchcock, of Amherst College; and Mr. T. Lee, Fourth New York Artillery. The citizens of Easton subscribed the funds to erect the additional buildings required.

Death in the Ministry.—Rev. Jno. Burt, a member of West Jersey Presbytery, has recently departed in peace, after a gradual loss, through advanced age, of his powers of activity. Mr. Burt was the first editor of our contemporary, *The Presbyterian*, his services in that capacity commencing February 16, 1831, and continuing between one and two years. Since then he has, until within a few years, labored as pastor in Blackwood, N. J.

Sad Occurrence.—The *Presbyterian Banner* has a notice of the death of Rev. S. P. Kincaid, pastor of the churches of Callensburg and Concord, in Western Pa. He was found dead in his stable, late in the evening of the 24th ult., with his breast bone broken and other injuries upon his person, resulting it is supposed, from a kick given by his horse. He had gone to the stable a little before dark to feed his horse, but as it was supposed he had afterwards gone to some neighbor's, his absence did not create alarm until about ten o'clock, when search was made with the above distressing result. Mr. K.'s christian and ministerial character is spoken of in high terms.

In the Oil Regions.—The United Presbyterians in the vicinity of Franklin, Venango County, Pa., have erected a neat building in that place at a cost of about \$6000. These people are liberal with their means and zealous for the cause, and in a very short time will be not only self-sustaining, but large contributors to the various funds of the Church. Rev. A. H. Caldwell is located there as pastor.—*Christian Instructor*.

Congregational.—The Salt Lake Church held its first anniversary on the 21st of January. Addresses were made by Maj. Charles

H. Hempstead and Gov. Durkee, and a series of very hopeful resolutions adopted. They say the progress made in Utah during the past year in the establishment of a Christian Church on a firm and enduring basis, is evidenced by the fact that a commodious church building has been erected, in which each Sabbath the word of God is taught and expounded, a large and intelligent congregation gathered, and a Sabbath-school now numbering two hundred scholars. This progress is owing, under Providence, to the pastor, Rev. Norman McLeod. Their congregation is larger than ever, and the Sabbath-school, as well as the day school is on the increase.—The Church news in our Congressional exchanges, is chiefly confined to notices of revivals, which continue numerous and glorious in all quarters.—A writer in *The Independent*, says:—"By investigation I find that the Congregational clergymen in Connecticut are really being driven from their posts of usefulness by want. Over one-fifth of all the pastors in the State were dismissed during the past year, while only eleven young men were ordained."—John Wylie, of Eugene City, Oregon, was recently called suddenly from life. The *Pacific* says of him, that he was a young minister, who came last summer from the East, and had done a good work in Eugene City during his short day of work there.

Methodist.—The N. Y. Legislature has chartered "The Drew Theological Seminary of the Methodist Episcopal Church." It has been chiefly provided for by the munificence of Daniel Drew, Esq., and is to be located in Carmel, Putnam County, N. Y. The school is to go into operation without any unnecessary delay.—Some writers are advocating, probably with no prospect of success, the reestablishment of the circuit system in cities. The reasons generally assigned are that it is still retained in some portions of our Church with advantage; weaker appointments are thereby fostered; older or less popular ministers are accommodated; and the essential principle of itinerancy is more perfectly realized.—In view of the great and increasing evils of drinking-saloons, corrupting and ruining thousands of the young, the N. Y. "Preachers' Meeting" last week recommended "the formation of temperance associations in all our churches and Sunday-schools, the holding of temperance meetings, the circulation of tracts, and the use of all legitimate measures to shut these flood-gates of ruin." They also recommend "the establishment of reading rooms and libraries, where our young men can pleasantly spend their evenings, secure from the haunts of vice so prevalent in this city." Also, "the organization of praying bands in our churches, to consist of three or four persons each, to hold prayer meetings in tenement houses and other places where a sufficient number of persons can be assembled, said meetings to be held previous to the public worship on Sabbath evenings, and always to close in time for all who will to attend service at the house of God."

Episcopal.—The *Gospel Messenger* says that a Jesuit has been discovered in St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y. He was admitted as a student, and has made a convert of one of the young men, a Mr. S.—and strongly infected others with Romanizing tendencies. Mr. D.—is the name of the Jesuit. He was discovered by the accidental finding of letters addressed him by a Roman priest, and found also to be in league with Romish servants attached to the College. Both students, the Jesuit and his victim, have been promptly expelled.—From March 25th to the 31st inclusive, Bishop Vail, officiating for Bishop Stephens, visited twelve churches and chapels in and around Philadelphia, confirming in all 233 persons.—The deposed Bishop Colenso still persists in exercising episcopal functions in the cathedral church in Natal. Only one clergyman of the diocese acknowledges him. He is a Dane, named Tonneson, and has in consequence been so entirely deserted by his congregation that he has given up his post, and goes to assist Dr. Colenso in the cathedral services.

DEATHS.

DIAMANT.—In Redfield, Oswego County, New York, on the 10th ult. MARY, wife of MARY N. Diamant, aged 33 years. Mrs. Diamant was an amiable and faithful as a Christian in any sphere. She was especially kind for that to her children. She was married to her husband, which she called a pastor's wife. Her husband felt the support of her influence, and the sympathy of many friends in view of her unexpected departure in her early prime. She died trusting in the Saviour, and testifying to the preciousness of his words.

Special Notices.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.—Office, 15 South Seventh Street. For one hundred and twenty-eighth meeting in behalf of the Society, will be held in the Western Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Filbert, on Sabbath evening, 11th inst., at 7 1/2 o'clock. Several addresses will be made.

Tract Distributors' Monthly Meetings for April, for the Southern District in the Lecture Room of the Church, Broad and George's, on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. In the Western District, in the Lecture Room of the United Presbyterian Church, Filbert and Filbert, on Wednesday evening, 18th inst. In the North Eastern District, in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Nativity, French and Mount Vernon, on Wednesday evening, 25th inst., at quarter before eight o'clock. JOSEPH H. SCHREINER, Agent.

The Presbytery of Wellsborough will hold its next Stated Meeting, at Tioga, Pa., on the third Tuesday of April, at two o'clock P. M. S. J. McDULLOUGH, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Keokuk meets in Keokuk, Iowa, on the 2d Thursday (12) of April, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. G. C. BEAMAN, S. C.

The Presbytery of Iowa City will meet at Atalissa on the 3d Friday of April, 1866, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. GEO. D. A. HARRIS, S. C. Iowa City, March 10, 1866. Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Union will meet in New Providence Church at Maryville, Tenn., April 20th, 1866, 11 o'clock A. M. H. LYLE, Stated Clerk.

The Catacombs by Calcutta Light.—Mr. Zoroaster.—It is not perhaps known to most of the readers of the *American Presbyterian*, that last Sabbath for the last three months, a handful of pious French and Swiss, (but mostly French) are collecting to hear the sacred and faithful preaching of Rev. Mr. Maury. In order to help them in defraying the expenses of the Hall, Sunday-school, &c., Prof. J. Delaunay will, on Thursday evening, 18th inst., at 109 Chestnut Street, give an Exhibition of the Roman Catacombs by the Calcutta Light. The lecture will be in English. We most earnestly solicit the kind patronage of the friends of French Evangelical Protestantism in our midst. JULES DE LAUNAY.

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