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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, will meet on Thursday, May 17th, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Mo., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. JAMES B. SHAW, D.D., the Moderator of the last General Assembly.

The Committee on Commissions will meet at 9 o'clock A. M. of the same day, in the Lecture-room of the Church.

Stated Clerk, J. GLENTWORTH BUTLER, Permanent Clerk.

OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Commissioners who have sent us their names will receive cards introducing them to the families whose hospitality they are to enjoy, and giving directions how to find them.

On each of the railroads coming from the East, there are two arrivals daily—one a little before noon, and the other a little before midnight.

Any who may have failed to send us their names, or to receive the cards which we send, may call on the Committee of Arrangements, in the Pastor's Study of the First Presbyterian Church, southwest corner of St. Charles and Fourteenth streets.

REVIVAL IN GIRARD, PA.

Our pastor, Rev. H. O. Howland, went five hundred and fifty miles, to Springfield, Ill., last week on purpose to get Mr. Hammond to assist in conducting a series of special services here.

They both returned last Saturday, and the first meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon. The Holy Spirit has been present with power to bless the word spoken.

It was a wonderful scene. Nothing but the mighty power of the Holy Spirit sealing the truth upon the hearts, could have produced such wonderful effects. Young men who, a few days ago, were inclined to scoff, were then weeping for their sins, or rejoicing in Christ.

Several who were converted in Mr. Hammond's meetings in Erie, a few months since, added great interest by giving an account of their experience.

Among them was a little boy, only eleven years old, who has been received into Dr. Lyon's Church, who, in a modest, child-like manner, gave the most scriptural evidence of a thorough change of heart.

News of our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES. NORTH BROAD STREET CHURCH, in the absence of Dr. Adams, have secured the services of Rev. Wm. Elder a native Scotchman who has been studying at Andover, and preaching with great acceptance in the churches of Boston and vicinity.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following very incomplete list comprises the primaries elected, so far as heard from to the present time:

- MINISTERS. RULING ELDER. Presbytery of Champlain. Moses Thacher, Wm. Wheeler. Presbytery of St. Lawrence. S. W. Pratt, W. A. Eldridge. Presbytery of Watertown. J. J. Porter, James A. Bell. Presbytery of Utica. James B. Fisher, W. S. Taylor, W. E. Knox, D.D., G. M. Giffert. Presbytery of Oneondaga. J. F. Kendall, T. R. Porter. Presbytery of Cayuga. S. M. Hopkins, D.D., W. J. Cornwall, Henry Fowler, A. W. Allen. Presbytery of Cortland. G. M. Smith, R. J. Dixon. Presbytery of Steuben. W. A. Niles, C. C. Baldwin. Presbytery of Chemung. Isaac Clark, J. M. Reader. Presbytery of Ithaca. A. M. Mann, D.D., Nelson Noble. Presbytery of Lyons. Wm. L. Page, C. Cronk. Presbytery of Ontario. Levi G. Marsh, Bell. Presbytery of Rochester. J. B. Shaw, D.D., Ralph Thacher, C. P. Bush, Frederick Starr. Presbytery of Genesee. Daniel Russell, Phineas Stanton. Presbytery of Niagara. L. I. Root, Matthew Gregory. Presbytery of Genesee Valley. Isaac G. Ogden, A. Lockhart. Presbytery of Hudson. R. R. Kellogg, W. S. Webb. Third Presbytery of New York. A. E. Campbell, D.D., William A. Booth, Edwin F. Hatfield, D.D., William H. Christie, S. D. Burchard, D.D., Alexander Milne. Fourth Presbytery of New York. Henry B. Smith, D.D., Geo. W. Lane, Geo. W. Wood, D.D., Marcus C. Riggs. Presbytery of Newark. Joel Parker, D.D., Assa H. Holden, Nelson Millard, James R. Sayre, Charles E. Knox, John C. Hines. Presbytery of Montrose. H. Pattengill, S. N. Thacher, O. Crane, D. Ridgeway. Presbytery of Wilmington. Geo. F. Wiswell, Samuel Barr. Third Presbytery of Philadelphia. Wm. E. Moore, Wilmer Worthington, B. B. Hotchkiss, Joseph Allison. Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia. T. J. Shepherd, D.D., J. Marshall Paul, James Boggs, Samuel Thomas. Presbytery of Harrisburg. Thos. H. Robinson, Peter Wilson. Presbytery of the District of Columbia. J. N. Coombs, O. Knight. Presbytery of Erie. Thos. T. Bradford, Jona. A. Marsh. Presbytery of Coldwater. J. A. Ranney, Lorenzo Russell. Presbytery of Saginaw. D. B. Campbell, Levi Walker. Presbytery of Cleveland. John Monteith, John A. Foot, Joseph E. Tinker, T. P. Handy. Presbytery of Franklin. H. Calhoun, A. D. Lord. Presbytery of Cincinnati. Joseph Chester, F. V. Chamberlain, J. L. French, Andrew Fleisher. Presbytery of Hamilton. J. P. E. Kunler, B. A. Hunt. Presbytery of Salem. T. A. Steele, Silas Moore. Presbytery of Indianapolis. P. S. Cleland, Thomas Hamilton. Presbytery of Greencastle. T. S. Milligan, Ott. Presbytery of Crawfordsville. E. C. Johnson, A. G. Wilson. Presbytery of Fort Wayne. George O. Little, Rhodes. Presbytery of Wabash. J. B. Gibson, D. C. Anderson. Presbytery of Columbus. E. B. Miner, Ephraim G. Still. Presbytery of Iowa City. G. D. A. Hebard, B. S. Holmes.

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD of this city is most exercised over a pair of pictures in Harper's Weekly which, with the explanation, connect the idol-worship of China with the honors paid to the image of the "Blessed Virgin" in Spain, as essentially the same. The Standard does not breathe a syllable in denial of the charge of image-worship, but simply says: "The devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a most sacred portion of the faith of our Church, and while the Messrs. Harper, or the editor of their paper, are perfectly free to differ with Catholics in their belief, they have no right to expect them to purchase their printed insults."

CHURCHES.—The name of the Greenfield Church which has withdrawn from Indianapolis Presbytery and united with the "other branch," was stricken from the roll.—A new church of fifteen members, has been organized at Poland, in Owen county, Indiana, Greencastle Presbytery.

We call attention to the advertisement of a house for summer boarding, at Vineland, in another column.

Rev. D. L. GEAR has peremptorily resigned the charge of the First Congregational Church of this city.

News of our Churches.

INSTALLATION OF "CHAPEL" STEWART.—Rev. A. M. Stewart was installed pastor of the united charges of EAST WHITELAND and REESEVILLE, by a Committee of the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the 26th of April. The services were held in the Reeseville Church.

Prayer and Reading of Scripture by Rev. John McLeod; sermon by Daniel March, D. D., on John vii. 46. "Never spake man like this man." Constitutional questions and installing prayer by Rev. W. E. Moore. Charge to the pastor (in place of Rev. B. B. Hotchkiss) by Rev. John E. Mears. Benediction by Rev. A. M. Stewart.

Besides those reported elsewhere, we learn from our exchanges the following: The pastor at La Porte, Ind., writes: "We gathered a part of the fruit on the second Sabbath of April, when forty-four persons sat down with us at the Lord's table for the first time, all of them having been received on profession of their faith."

The Church at Plymouth, Ohio, has recently enjoyed an extensive and very interesting work of grace. The revival influence has pervaded the whole place; a large number have professed conversion, and forty-four have united with the Presbyterian Church; not a Christian family in connection with the Church that has not maintained a family altar.

MURAL TABLET IN THE THIRD CHURCH.—Old Pine Street Church has done her promised honors to the fallen heroes whom she sent forth to maintain national life and liberty, and who yielded their lives as martyrs to her and their patriotism.

TEMPERANCE SERMON.—Rev. Dr. March preached in Clinton Street Church on Sabbath evening last an able, earnest, and hopeful discourse on the present aspect of the temperance cause; &c. It should be repeated in all our churches.

The fifty-first anniversary of the Sunday-schools connected with Philadelphia N. L. First Presbyterian Church, (Rev. T. J. Shepherd, pastor,) was celebrated last Sunday afternoon. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest. The large audience-room of the church edifice was crowded in every part by the children and their friends.

INSTALLATION AT VINELAND.—Rev. John O. Wells, late of Presbytery of Catskill, was installed April 19, pastor of the First Church of Vineland, by a committee of the Fourth Presbytery.

Religious Intelligence.

California.—The Westminster Church, recently organized at Sacramento, was admitted into union with the Presbytery. The Rev. Thomas Kirkland, a licentiate of the Free Presbytery of Scotland, after due examination, was also received.

Deaths have not diminished the number of our ministers, nor have the wants of our churches required any addition.

MOST of the churches have added, in one way or another, to the support of their ministers; as also, to their contributions in aid of the institutions of the church at large.

Our three Home Missionary Churches have received aid from General Assembly's Home Missionary Committee, amounting to three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

PERSONAL.—Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, D.D., Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, sailed with his family in the Fulton for Havre, intending to spend six months abroad.

The Church in Perry, Ill., has just received 24 of those of Lexington and Mackinaw, Ill., (Presbytery of Bloomington), have received 37 members—25 on profession of their faith.

LA FAYETTE AVENUE CHURCH, BROOKLYN.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler, writes to the Evangelist, April 20th: "We are now in the fifteenth week of the revival in the Lafayette Avenue Church."

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.—The Presbytery of Wilmington held its semi-annual session at Elkton, Md., April 18th and 19th. The Church at Elkton, after a separation of several years, returned to the Presbytery during the previous year.

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CHURCH.—In the House of Commons a new concession has been made to the really disloyal element in Romanism—that of holding allegiance to the Government subordinate to the authority of the Pope.

BROAD CHURCH.—In the Church of England there has been another of those illustrations which are just now so numerous, of the utter impotence of the Episcopacy and the prescribed Liturgy to protect the Church against the most glaring heresies.

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THE PRESBYTERY of New York, O. S., has ordained Howard P. Dechert, to labor in the Southern country under the Commission of the Board of Domestic Missions.

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