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DEDICATION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

It is truly a matter of congratulation that we are again permitted to record the completion of another house of worship in our city.

On the evening of the 17th ultimo, the Southwestern Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Twentieth and Fitzwater streets, was opened and set apart with appropriate exercises for the service of the most High—making the seventh church dedicated within twenty months in connection with our branch of the Church in Philadelphia.

The history of this enterprise, now so happily consummated, is one of trial, and struggle, and sacrifice for the Master. In 1852, the Rev. James McCaskie undertook the work of gathering a congregation in this neighborhood. In February, 1853, a church of eighty-four members was organized by the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Brethren of the churches, we are now worshipping in a public hall, and are very desirous of entering our new basement. In addition to my ordinary pastoral labors I must now go from one person to another until we obtain enough to complete our building. We have always avoided debt, and will do so still.

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The building, occupying at lot 70 by 90 feet, is of brick, 60 by 72 feet, with basement, lecture and school-rooms, and an audience chamber above, as chaste and beautiful as any in the city.

It was stated at the service on Thursday, the 11th, that \$3500 was yet needed to meet the expenditures in finishing and furnishing the house, and then the ground, and all that stands upon it would be entirely clear.

We have been furnished a copy of the annual report of the managers of the Old Man's Home. The purpose of the organization is to provide not simply a place of abode for the aged and friendless, but a home in the most enlarged sense of the term.

One thing more is still needed for this and all other churches, occupying such fields among the laboring classes, namely, a manse or parsonage for their minister, as a supplement to the greatly inadequate support.

It certainly would go a great way to secure more permanency in the pastorate. The Church of Scotland has always regarded the manse as a necessary appendage of the Church, and our General Assembly has called special attention to the subject.

We wish our brother McLeod and the Southwestern Church great success as they enter their new and comely temple.

PRACTICAL REUNION IN CALIFORNIA. A correspondent of the Pacific refers to the following practical steps to reunion among the Presbyterians of this coast, all of which, he says, with one exception, have occurred during the last year.

CLINTON, N. Y.—Twenty-five were publicly received into the communion of Clinton Church on profession of faith, and four by letter, May 6. Since the year 1831, the church has not received so many at one time. While the religious meetings were in progress, the kind people of the church and congregation made up a purse of over \$650, which, together with various articles of domestic use, was presented to the pastor and his wife to assist them in beginning housekeeping.

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SKINNER, and now of Rev. C. W. Wallace, both N. S. The O. S. Church in Stockton has also been, until lately, served by the N. S. minister, Rev. J. A. Skinner. We might add that the N. S. enterprise and minister on Larkin street in this city, a considerable O. S., without exciting any considerable agitation or unpleasant feeling.

THE MANAYUNK CHURCH. The Rev. Andrew Culver, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Manayunk, having made a statement in regard to the condition of the building occupied by his congregation, and having asked the approval of the Pastoral Association in his application to our churches for help in the repairing and improving of the building, the following paper, expressive of the views of this Association on the subject, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. Andrew Culver has labored for nineteen years in Manayunk, with great diligence and large success, under many discouragements; and Whereas, His people have secured by various efforts \$2300, which have been invested in Government securities for more than twelve months, in hope of a favorable time for making the contemplated repairs; and Whereas, Owing to the dilapidated condition of the building, the repairs could be no longer delayed without serious injury to the congregation; and Whereas, These repairs have been commenced and the \$2300 expended, and almost \$4000 additional are needed to complete the work; therefore

Resolved, That this Association most cordially endorse the enterprise, and commend the application of Mr. Culver to our people for aid.

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ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLIVET SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—Sunday afternoon, May 20th, the new edifice corner of Twenty-second and Mt. Vernon streets was crowded with children and teachers, parents, friends and visitors to participate in the first anniversary held in the new sanctuary. It was an animating service.

THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, Mr. J. C. Chance, showed that the school had grown from six teachers to a corps of forty-four, and sixty children had multiplied into four hundred.

ASSISTED BY Messrs. Gant, Wilson and Fleming, the singing was maintained in its old reputation for accuracy and spirit; the beautiful sentiments of the hymns, combined with the lively tunes, giving animation to every heart.

THE SPEAKING WAS BY Mr. C. Godfrey, of the American Sunday School Union, Gov. Pollock, G. Harry Davis, Esq., and the pastor, Rev. W. W. Taylor, and formed an appropriate mingling of the grave and lively, the serious and fanciful, needed to maintain the attention of both old and young.

Those interested in this Church and school are persuaded that a large material is in the hands of their friends, which by love and labor may be wrought into the pleasing shapes of knowledge and piety.

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JUNE 4.—The Reconstruction amendments were taken up. An amendment of Mr. Van Winkle designed to mitigate the severity of the 3d section was rejected by 26 to 8 votes.

HONSE.—May 29.—The Senate amendments to the military appropriation bill were reported. Some of the amendments were not concurred in, and a committee of conference was asked.

MAY 30.—The bill to promote railroad communication between the capital and the Northwest was called up, and the previous question demanded and seconded, but the closing hour prevented further action at the time.

MAY 31.—The Senate amendments to the House bill to facilitate inter-State communication were agreed to. The bill to promote the construction of a railroad from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cleveland, Ohio, was passed.

JUNE 4.—Severe resolutions upon the conduct of U. S. officials in closing their offices in honor of the rebel dead and in hindering the payment of honors to the Union dead were passed without division, in spite of feeble opposition from Mr. Raymond.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Eighty-four stand of arms belonging to the New York Fenian Senate have been seized at Erie. Half the business portion of Oil City, Pa., was burned May 27; one hundred and seventy-five families were made homeless.

NEW YORK CITY.—The loss by the great fire in New York, which destroyed the Academy of Music, Medical College, and German Lutheran Church, is about \$1,000,000. Two firemen perished in the Academy.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Senate has appointed General B. F. Butler to command the new militia organization in that State. There is not a liquor shop in Beverly, and no one can be found to take the State liquor agency.

NEW YORK STATE.—Lemuel Cook, the last surviving revolutionary soldier but one, died in Orleans county May 20, aged 102.

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The Little Corporal is the most interesting and instructive monthly in the Union.—Lancaster Democrat, (Pa.)

The Little Corporal is universally admitted to be the best juvenile paper now in existence.—Dubuque Daily Times.

It strikes the right key, and is admirable—neither heavy nor silly, but simple, fresh, buoyant, and earnest.—Idaho (N. Y.) Patriot.

Its influence for good can never be estimated.—Grand Haven News.

Indeed, there is no paper of the kind published that approaches it as a juvenile journal.—Poughkeepsie Daily Press.

Of all the children's papers which are competitors for the patronage of the public, we know of no one which so nearly approximates to our standard of that such a paper should be. The terms are most liberal.—Baltimore (Md.) Daily News.

The children will be better and happier from reading it.—Henry (Ill.) Courier.

The Little Corporal really excels any child's paper we have seen.—Sandusky (N. Y.) Eagle.

We consider it the best, decidedly the best, journal of the kind for children that we ever saw.—Star of the Valley, (Nevada, N. Y.) Patriot.

We have the first two numbers of The Little Corporal, which are edited with unusual ability. They sparkle with originality, and are attractive on every page.—Worcester (Mass.) Patriot.

The Little Corporal is the most readable and interesting and instructive paper for children we have ever perused.—Farmington (Maine) Chronicle.

It is the clearest thing of its kind yet realized in America.—Roxbury (Mass.) Journal.

The Little Corporal.—Certainly we have seen nothing in the shape of a child's paper published elsewhere with this which comes to us from over the prairies.—Portland (Maine) Daily Press.

The Little Corporal is conducted with a great deal of tact, taste, and care. Either this paper or "Our Young Folks"—and it would be hard to choose between them—would prove a welcome present to the children.—The Nation.

It should be in every household.—N. Y. Teacher.

It is now, as it has been, the child's magazine of the country.—Norwich (N. Y.) Telegraph.

The brave, beautiful, and good Little Corporal conquers all.—Vermont State Journal.

No similar periodical ever attained so great success as The Little Corporal. It has been pronounced the best children's paper in the United States, and this by the best literary critics among the "wise men of the East."—Bangor (Maine) Daily Gazette.

The Little Corporal meets our idea of a child's paper more completely than any yet published in the country.—Pann Van (N. Y.) Democrat.

The Little Corporal is almost universally conceded by the press to be the best child's paper published in the country.—Berkshire Co. (Mass.) Eagle.

The best evidence, after all, that he suits the young folks is that they hardly get through the reading of one number before they begin to inquire, "What will The Little Corporal come again?"—Portland (Maine) Price Current.

The Little Corporal is the best paper for children that has come under our notice in an editorial capacity of fifteen years. Its receipts in every ballot of our own youngsters with shouts of welcome.—Somerset (Vt.) Herald.

The Little Corporal is at hand. There never was a better paper printed for children. We should desire no better monument to leave behind us in the world than the gratitude of the little folks who read the paper, all this was from Maine to Oregon.—Bismarck (Dak.) Patriot.

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The Little Corporal is creditable to its editor and to the city where it is published.—Chicago Daily Republican.

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News of the Week.

CONGRESS.

SENATE.—May 29.—A bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to donate public lands to the several States, which may provide agricultural colleges for the education of colored persons.

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