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OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

QUESTION OF REUNION.

It was a privilege to be in St. Louis during the past fortnight. It was pleasant and touching to see the great advance made by the two General Assemblies toward reunion. And yet too much must not be inferred from these agreeable demonstrations of fraternal regard.

In the first place, we might have some serious misgivings even as to the way in which they deal with their own refractory members. Is it not a stretch of power to reach down over the Synod and dissolve a Presbytery? Is that according to our common Constitution?

Still more surprised were we, to hear that one of their own number, one of their most gallant and gifted men, one who is among the most earnest friends of reunion, justified the arbitrary acts of their present session by reference to the terrible precedent of 1837, by which the Presbyterian Church was violently rent in twain.

Another question forced itself upon our attention. Is there not something of distrust implied in the very terms of reunion proposed in the appointment of a Committee of Conference—"at the earliest, time consistent with agreement in doctrine?"

A real union is in itself desirable—a half union is not. And we do not doubt but a large majority of the two bodies are well prepared for a real union; and we are glad that a large and wise committee has been appointed on both sides to consider the matter and report next year.

Hamilton College. We have already stated that Rev. Dr. Fisher, President of Hamilton College, has received a call to the Westminster Church of Utica. We hear from various sources that it is highly probable that he will accept this invitation, and give himself again to the pastoral work.

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to make its plans and wants known, and to enlist the sympathies of the wise and the good for its support. The number of its students has greatly increased, and funds have constantly been flowing in for its more ample endowment.

DR. SHAW ON FURLOUGH. Rev. Dr. Shaw is now off on six months' leave of absence; but we are happy to say, that he is not sick, is not worn out, is not threatened with premature decay, or any serious malady.

He has broken up housekeeping; his family are somewhat scattered; his wife and one daughter having gone with him to the sea side. He will make his home for the present at Cape Ann, where he can snuff as much of the salt sea air as possible.

Twenty-nine were added to the Central church in this city last Sabbath; twenty-two by profession, and seven by letter. Five of them were heads of families—ten were baptized—eighteen were from the Sunday School.

THE OXFORD STREET ENTERPRISE—ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS. This enterprise has a history. Although brief, it is not without interest. During the autumn of 1863, two or three gentlemen connected with Calvary Church had their attention directed to this northern section of the city.

Encouraged by the success, with the blessing of God, of former years, and having secured the co-operation of A. Whilldin, Esq., who possessed intimate knowledge of the district, it was determined to commence a Sabbath-school north of any one then in existence, with the view of making it the pioneer of a church edifice at no distant period.

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benevolent friend, Henry J. Williams, Esq., who, at his advanced period of life, found his way on foot from Walnut and Eighth streets, and took charge of a large class of lads who were without a teacher.

Application was made for the use of the Wagner Free Institute of Science for that purpose. The request was kindly granted by Prof. Wagner, and on the last Sabbath of June in that year, Rev. Dr. Brainerd preached the first sermon.

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Among these converts are some of the most able business men of the town. Solemn, serious interest still continues. We are expecting God will do greater things for us.

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News of our Churches.

REVIVAL IN CHAMPLAIN, N. Y.—Among the extended revivals throughout the land, the one at this place deserves a passing notice. Sabbath, May 6th, was a memorable day with the church under the charge of Rev. J. Copeland.

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Grieve, were ordained by the Fourth Presbytery of New York to the work of the Gospel ministry on the evening of May 11th, at the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary.—The Presbytery of North River installed Rev. E. Roe pastor of the church at Buttermilk Falls, on Wednesday evening, May 30th.—June 2d, Grand River Valley Presbytery installed Rev. Geo. Ransom pastor at Muir, Michigan.—Rev. P. S. Cleland has resigned the pastoral charge of the Southport Church, Ind., which he has supplied a part of his time as pastor or stated supply, for more than twenty years.

CHURCH.—The First Church of Lebanon, Ill., organized April 8th, 1866, was taken under care of Alton Presbytery, at its spring meeting.—A minority of the Church at Greenville, Ill., attempted to carry the Church into the Congregational Association of Southern Illinois, designing to carry the organization and property with them.

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Missionary aid the present year. For Home Missions, it has contributed an average of eighty-seven cents and a fraction, for each member, making an aggregate of \$1374 33.—Reporter.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met at Xenia, Ohio, May 16. Rev. Dr. McMaster, of Princeton, Indiana, was Moderator.

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