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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. They were the more cordial on our part, because we deeply sympathized with the loyal majority in the other body, in their struggle to cast out or control the disloyal element with which they had to deal. This did not forbid our seeing practical difficulties still in the way of a cordial reunion.

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 suprised were we, to bear 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. Surely this is not our way of doing things; and if it be theirs, do we not need some amendments | Eighteen were also received into the clearly defined, and somewhat restrained gleanings after the harvest; but the and guarded?

captiousness, and with no desire to retard a for an early uniou?

good for its support.

The number of its students has greatly increased, and funds have constantly been flowing in for its more ample endowment. The college stands now immeasurably in advance of the position which it occupied when President Fisher was called to preof all its triends will follow him as he goes back again to the pulpit, where his peculiar gifts as a writer and speaker have always been highly appreciated and admired.

# 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. Nevertheless, he has worked hard for twenty-five years, in this one place : has wrought successfully; has built up one of the largest churches in the country. and has well earned a season of rest, which his people have cheerfully and generously accorded to him. He feels, indeed, that he needs rest; and that by taking it now he may avoid breaking down, and prolong his health and his isefulness.

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. The prayers of an affectionate people, and of innumerable friends in all this region will tenderly follow him. and all will hope for his safe return, in due time, greatly invigorated and refreshed for further toil and long continued usefulness.

His pulpit, in the mean time, is to be supplied for six weeks by Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn, and after that the people hope to secure the services, for a time, of Rev. Dr. Parker, of Newark, whose earliest ministry was spent in this place. There are many still here who will be glad to hear his voice again, if he shall find it convenient to pass a few weeks of his vacation in this way.

### MORE INGATHERINGS

Twenty-nine were added to the Central church in this city last Sabbath; 29. These two schools having thus twenty-two by profession, and seven by letter. Five of them were heads of families-ten were baptized-eighteen were from the Sunday School.

Twenty-five united with the Central church in Auburn, on the same day; many of them heads of families.

to make its plans and wants known, and to benevolent friend, Henry J. Williams, enlist the sympathies of the wise and the 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

REVIVAL IN CHAMPLAIN, N. Y .a teacher. We are happy to state that Among the extended revivals through- tery of North River installed Rev. E. this was not the only time that we were out the land, the one at this place deencouraged by his presence and co-ope- serves a passing notice. Sabbath, May Falls, on Wednesday evening, May 30th. ration. Not the least interesting fea- 6th, was a memorable day with the ture of the school was the formation church under the charge of Rev. J. side over its interests, for which it owes of a female Bible class, under the in- Copeland. Ninety persons stood up in at Muir, Michigan.---Rev. P. S. Clemuch to his exertions; and the best wishes struction of Benedict D. Stewart, Esq. the presence of a crowded congregation, This class is still continued, with a and united with the church by profession large number in attendance. Some of of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, its members, we have reason to believe, and seven also by letter. Probably so have become hopefully pions, whilst all many communicants were never tohave made great progress in their social gether before in our village. The pastor and religious character, under the faithwrites to the Evangelist:

ful instruction of their experienced and The week of prayer was well observed by the efficient teacher. The school continued church. After that, the pastor would go out on an afternoon into one of the more distant to prosper, its numbers increasing in neighborhoods and call, as he went, at every teachers and scholars. To give inhouse, and give notice that a prayer-meeting creased efficiency in our labors, it, was would be held that evening at such a place quite apparent that a large room or hall and leave invitation for all to attend. Thus should be opened for public worship, kindled on the borders of the congregation. the Wagner Free Institute of Science for same neighborhood. All these meetings that purpose. The request was kindly were more largely attended than was antici-granted by Prof. Wagner and on the pated. In addition to the regular weekly granted by Prof. Wagner, and on the last Sabbath of June in that year, Rev. prayer-meeting in the lecture-room, a special meeting at some private house was held Dr. Brainerd preached the first sermon, weekly for all those who desired to pray for followed by other ministers of our own the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. At the same time the preaching was all and other denominations, to all of brought to bear upon the same object. Thus whom we tender our grateful acknowthings went on till the first of March, when ledgments. The importance of a Saba few were inquiring, and some two or three indulging a hope. Following, we trust, the leadings of the Spirit, the pastor sent an inbath-school at the Institution became apparent, and one was duly organvitation to the Rev. Ezra D. Kinney, of Bol-ton, Conn., who from 1831 to 1834 had the charge of this church, to come and assist ized on the third Sabbath in September. Before this step was taken, bowever, a request was made to the him in a protracted effort. He arrived on congregation of the North Broad Street the morning of the 6th of March, preached Church to take the care and support of that evening, and so on, for twenty-five successive evenings. A prayer-meeting was the school at the corner of Eleventh and held each afternoon. During those twenty-Columbia Avenue, which they did five days the pastor had the names of one promptly, appointing Mr. R. S. Walton, hundred and twenty who had confessed the Lord Jesus. superintendent. These two schools, The first fruits were gathered last Sabbath. numbering together more than three Of those who united by profession, twenty-four were heads of families forty one males, forty-nine females. Sixty-four were from the hundred and fifty scholars, have been well sustained, and as many of the Sabbath-school, and several others have been scholars as may be disposed to unite teachers or scholars. Seven are under four with us. will assemble in this new editeen years of age; the rest range from fourteen up to nearly three-score. Most are in the prime of life. In the Sabbath-school fice on Sabbath afternoon next, under the name of The Carmel Sabbath-school, two hundred and seventy-five scholars, nearly when the organization services will take all are Christians. Four of the pastor's children, and another of his household were place agreeably to the terms of consolidation, under a new constitution, unaniamong the interesting group. The influmously adopted at a meeting of the ences of the revival are still upon us. The converts are workers. A very large portion teachers, representing both schools, held of them are already assuming the responsi-

at the house of Jos. Lennig, Esq., 1620 N. bilities of older Christians. Broad street, on Tuesday evening, May been brought together, we may anticipouring of the Holy Spirit during the pate in their associated and harmonious term just closed. The week of prayer capacity, a vigorous and rapid growth. in January was observed by the stuin the great work of training the young | dents. After that, daily meetings were in this populous district, for usefulness continued. Christains were revived. on earth and glory in heaven. and went to work and planned and pray-

A simple yet touching fact is worthy ed for the Redeemer's Kingdom. Soon of record, in closing this brief narrative a member of the senior class came out to our Constitution, by which the powers First church in Auburn, and thirteen respecting our Sabbath-schools. Con- on the Lord's side, then another, and of the General Assembly may be more into the Second. These are only the nected with the Sabbath-school at Wag- the work spread. In the meantime the presented the case informally to the conner Institute, was a little girl of fourteen Spirit was poured out upon the churches harvest and the gleanings both are years, who had been lingering with in the city, and large union meetings We raise this question in no spirit of glorious. God hath done great things that insidious disease, consumption, for were held. This reacted favorably upon for us. in all this region, whereof we are the period of four years. Her ill health the students in the various departments glad. Indeed, the evangelical churches frequently prevented her from attending of the institution. Over forty have extrue union; but is there not something of America are many thousand stronger the Sabbath-school, which she so much pressed hope in Jesus, and though some dred dollars (afterwards increased to here to be considered before we can hope than they were a year ago, and ought loved. Living in sight and within a may be deceived, it will be found in the seven hundred and fifty.) In a little to do a great deal more for the upbuild- stone's cast of this building, she witness last day that many precious souls were over an hour, the amount was raised Another question forced itself upon our ing of Christ's kingdom this year than ed, with eager delight, when the spade truly converted. Quite a number have was first put into the ground on 17th already united with the churches. June last. Day after day, and week after week, she observed the progress of the work and anticipated with much pleasure the period when this edifice should be erected, and a Sabbath-school organized in it. But alas! "death had marked her for his own." Six weeks ago she was confined to her bed, and all hope of her recovery was abandoned. She received the summons with perfect calmness. Calling her weeping friends rious interest still continues. We are expectto her bed-side, she bade them an affectionate adieu, telling them she was going to her Saviour, and leaving with each one a solemn message. To her sorrowing parents she left a special charge, to so train her little brother Howard, of ments were going forward, numerous four years of age, in the ways of truth and righteousness, that she may meet him in heaven. Four weeks ago to-day, half union is not. And we do not doubt quite recently, unoccupied, was now this young disciple passed away from the sorrows of earth to the joys of heaven. What encouragement to fidelity on the part of Sabbath-school teachers.

Aews of our Churches.

REVIVALS.

the Gospel ministry on the evening of May 11th, at the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary.---- The Presby-Roe pastor of the church at Buttermilk ---June 2d, Grand River Valley Presbytery installed Rev. Geo. Ransom pastor land 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.

Presbytery of New York to the work of

CHURCHES.-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. Alton Presbytery, to which the Church belongs, having examined into the facts through a committee, passed the following resolutions by a unanimous vote :

(1.) The action of the Greenville Church, as detailed in the paper presented to this Presbytery, on the 3d of last October, is utterly and entirely null and void; and that Church is now as fully connected with this body as it ever has been.

(2.) We enjoin it upon them to adhere closely and firmly to their constitution; and assure them of our cordial sympathy and support.

The Church at Buffalo was received April 17, under the care of the Illinois Presbytery. It numbers twenty members.--The First Church of Ottawa, Kansas, was organized by Rev. William H. Smith and Rev. Andrew Parsons with nine members, on Monday, April 23, 1866. Fifteen others were expected to join. ---- The First Church of Anna, Ill., was organized by Rev. A. T. Norton, District Secretary of Home Missions, on Sabbath, April 29th, 1866, with sixteen members.----Rev. Thos. H. Tatlow and Rev. J. J. Wilson organized a Presbyterian Church, called Carmel, eight miles west of Newark, in Knoxco., Mo., on Sabbath, April 8, 1866.

GALESBURG.—The Free Press June 7th, says :--- " Last Sunday morning was quite an occasion at the Second Presbyterian Church. The edifice was origin-Has been greatly blessed by the outally built at a cost of some \$19,000 and of this there were \$7000 yet unpaid. Rev. Mr. Daffield's sermon turned very naturally on the relation of Christians to their property, showing that all a man had was only held in trust, and that he was nothing but a steward at the best. He concluded by making a direct reference to the debt. After the sermon, Mr. Duffield came down from the pulpit and gregation, asking them what sums they would give to free the church from obligation. One after another responded very liberally, the first subscription being

Grieve, were ordained by the Fourth | 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.

> THE PRESBYTERY OF CEDAR RAPIDS held its first annual meeting in the First Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, commencing on the 12th day of April. This Presbytery was constituted by a vote of the Synod of Iowa at its last meeting, and set off chiefly from the Presbytery of Iowa City. It consists of twelve ministers and fourteen churches.

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.

The Synod went into Committee of the Whole on the subject of Domestic Mis-sions. Representatives of the different Presbyteries made interesting statements of the condition of the work in their respective bounds. Several of the speakers alluded to the use of the old Psalms as an obstacle to the progress of the Church, but such remarks were not favorably received by many, and were considered out of order at the time, as the subject was to be discussed in another connection.

Reference having been made to the perils and remarkable privations of members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Tennessee during the rebellion, it was resolved that thanksgiving should be expressed on their account. Mr. Wm. Wyatt, one of these noble men, was present in Synod, and gave an interesting account of the condition of things during the war, and the present efforts for the education of the Freedmen. Rev. Mr. Herron, who was recently in Tenness also spoke on the same subject.

The Trustees and Superintendents of the Theological Seminary also reported, showing the condition of the institution. The Endowment Fund, amounting to more than forty thousand dollars had been paid in, and the annual income of more than twelve hundred dollars appropriated to the payment of the Professors' salaries and the reduction of the floating debt. The number of students in attendance during the year was seven, of whom two had been recommended for licensure.

The Foreign Missionary report showed some improvement in the receipts, which amounted to \$6691 30 during the year. There are three stations, at which are four missionaries from this country, with one native or dained minister, and three native assistant missionaries. There are fifty-six communicants and ten students of Theology.

#### PSALMODY.

The subject was referred to a committee which brought in a report asking Synod to decide, as a preliminary question, whether or not the Reformed Presbyterian Church would abide by her Standards on this subject, or whether she would consent to any modification of them. This led to a long and very interesting, and sometimes very exciting debate, lasting for three days, in the course of which the whole matter was very fully discussed. Revs. Dr. Mc-Leod. Dr. Scott, Dr. Wylie, Prof. Steele, Messrs. Morrison, G. McMillan, R. Mc-Millan. Harshaw, Herron, Scott, Nevin, Dr. McMaster, Morton, Bratton, A. G. Wylie, Herron, and W. T. Wylie took part in the discussion. As the result, the resolution "That the Synod would abide by its Standards on the subject of Psalmody," was adopted by a vote of 28 ayes to 16 noes. Against this

attention. Is there not something of dis they did last. Why not? GENESEE. trust 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 ?"as though our orthodoxy were still in ques tion. We cannot believe that the large majority of that Assembly intended any such thing; and yet if any considerable minority, especially if it embraces some strong and resolute men, such as formerly persecuted our beloved Mr. Barnes, and the venerable Dr. Beecher, are strenuously opposed to reunion, we do not want it; we are better off as we are, in our glorious liberty. We could not willingly put our selves under their suspicion and surveillance.

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. We have confidence in the men appointed on these committees. If reunion is practicable they will find it out and tell us so ; if not practicable they will find that out, and set the matter at rest. We want union if it is genuine and peaceful; we don't want it if it is going to plunge us into a new sea of troubles.

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. We believe also, that it is no longer a secret, that in that case the church to which he is called will come into our connection, and that we shall soon have in that city two strong churches instead of one. In this the Doctor will be doing a good service also to our branch, in which he has served so long and so well, and by which he has been too highly honored ever to leave its communion.

And if, indeed, he shall conclude to retire from the Presidency of Hamilton College, he may do it with the assurance that he has done incalculable service to that institution. Its course has been one of constant advance and real prosperity under his administration. He has done much to a crowded attendance, it was truly gra- Church of the City of Philadelphia. bring it more favorably into public notice, tifying to welcome the presence of our

Rochester, June 9, 1866.

## THE OXFORD STREET ENTERPRISE-ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS.

Statement prepared by Mr. John S. Cum-mings, and read at the Dedication, May 5, by Rev. W. Calkins.

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, as a promising field for Christian effort. In every direction extensive improveand costly dwellings were being erected, A real union is in itself desirable-a and the district, that had been, until teeming with a thickly settled population. Then, as now, a great desideratum was apparent in the small number of churches in the district to meet the demand of the increasing population. Encouraged by the success, with the last.]

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. south-east corner of Eleventh and Columbia Avenue was rented for the purpose, and at once consecrated by prayer. Benches were loaned by the Tabor and

Western Presbyterian Church Sabbathschools, and on the last Sabbath in January of the year following, (1864), with the hearty assistance of the wellknown patriarch of Sabbath-schools in Philadelphia, Mr. A. Martin, we organized our school with sixty-six scholars, Sabbath eighty were present, with only two or three teachers. We had the assurance, however, of the pastor of the North Broad Street Church (Rev. Dr. Adams,) that he would furnish us with a number of efficient helpers. In this

united with us. This was not the only amen! source of our encouragement. An incident of personal interest in our undertaking may here be noticed. On the terprise, its corporate name, style and Sabbath following our organization, with title will be The Carmel Presbyterian

The particulars of the size, location,

Twenty-seven hundred dollars (and not one dollar less) will be required to defray the expense of furnishing, grading and fencing in the building. In this sum are included, the library and other books for Sabbath-school purposes. One thousand dollars has been subscribed to large accessions to our churches. A this fund; the remaining seventeen hun-Accordingly, an upper room at the dred it is hoped will be forthcoming, with little or no delay.

The completion of this chapel is in fact, only a hopeful commencement of what remains to be done. It is for the friends of this enterprise to say whether the church edifice shall at once go forward, on the lot fronting on Broad street, without any cessation of effort. Indeed, the erection of this chapel was begun with the understanding that there should be no intermission of effort, until the enbut without teachers. On the second tire work was brought to a successful completion. Numerous and large subscriptions to the Church building were, some time since, obtained through the persistent and well-directed efforts of Rev. F. L. Robbins, and to make all these available, it is of the highest imexpectation we were not disappointed, portance that the work should at once as some eight teachers from that church | go forward,---and let all the people say

> By the advice and consent of the contributors and others interested in this en-PHILADELPAIA, May 81, 1866.

KNOX COLLEGE, GALESBURG, ILL.-

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ACCESSIONS.-Rev. Geo. D. Young, of Camauche, Iowa, writes, March 14th:

A most precious revival commenced in the union prayer-meetings during the week of prayer. Perhaps about fifty have been con-verted. Last Sabbath was a day of solemninterest to our little church. Eleven were added to its number, ten on profession. Seven are heads of families.

Among these converts are some of the most able business men of the town. Solemn, seing God will do greater things for us.

At Meadville, Pa., May 20th, twenty persons were admitted to the privileges of the church-making seventy-six since the beginning of the year.----Sixty-two church of Poughkeepsie, at its May communion, all except eight fruits of the recent revival.----Fifty-nine have recently been received to the communion of the church in Medina, N. Y .---- The first Sabbath of this month was a joyful take the covenant of the Lord .---Twelve were recently added at Hastings, Min., all but one, adults ----- Twelve have united to the church at Blue Earth. Min.---In Cleveland, there have been correspondent of the Herald says: The first Sabbath of this month witnessed large accessions to many of our churches unusual religious interest which has precommunion seasons in March and May, the fellowship of the First church, of which one hundred and twelve were by profession of their faith; twenty-eight of these were received from the Mission. letter. The Euclid st., church twenty-five.

Church of Lawrence, Kansas, April 15. ----Rev. John H. Dillingham, of Wenona, Ill., has received and accepted a Bockwood McQuesten, and David G. twenty-three will probably need Home civil and political rights.

with the exception of about a hundred and thirty dollars. This General Post declared he would be responsible for if the Chairman would only let them go home to dinner. And this the Chairman

"It was very gratifying to the members of the church, that so large a sum was raised on little or no previous notice, and that the majority of subscriptions were for amounts exceeding one hundred dollars. The church is now completely free from all debt and will be dedicated at the meeting of the Synod of Peoria. in this place, next fall.

"Possibly the circumstances of the case will justify a pun, which we undernew members were added to the First stand was made by the pastor on the occasion, that 'the Posts were the pillars of the church.'"

CHURCH EXTENSION IN CLEVELAND. -The Presbytery of Cleveland and Portage, recently ordained Rev. Aaron Peck to the work of an evangelist. He day in Elyria, O. We welcomed to the has charge of a Mission Chapel support-Lord's table for the first time forty-two ed by the First Presbyterian Church and &c. of the building were given in our converts, the fruits in part of the revival has accepted the work. He has already we have recently enjoyed. The man of been blessed in it, having gathered grey hairs stood beside the youth to about forty into a branch of the First Church, which will probably become strong enough soon to be set off as a new church by itself. A chapel is about to be built at a cost of \$6500, which has been subscribed by members of the First Church and congregation, and an adequate salary provided for the first year. This enterprise had its origin in the fidelity of one convert of the revival by profession of faith, the fruits of the of 1857-8, to his new impulses of duty. RED BLUFF, CAL.—The religious and vailed for four months past. At the moral interests of this place seem well promoted by the labors of an able, expeone bundred and forty were admitted to rienced, and esteemed Presbyterian minister, settled in this place, Rev. Mr Hurd. The church building is a good, commodious framed house, with a fine steeple, and twice each Sabbath is well -The Second church have received attended by a large congregation, while fifty-six upon profession and fourteen by there is no other religious organization in the place to cause any unhappy bick-PERSONAL .- Mr. Geo. F. Chapin was erings or emulations. The Sabbathordained and installed pastor of the First school is in a flourishing condition, and disappointment in regard to his policy. the prospects in all the moral aspects of the place are encouraging .-- Cor. Pacific. PRESBYTERIES. - Alton Presbytery call to take charge of the Presbyterian has now the largest number of churches Church at Belleville, Ill., at a salary of of any in our connection, East or West. \$1000 and parsonage. The Fort In the number of ministers, eight are Street Church, Detroit, has just given a before it. In the number of communinnanimous call to Mr. Samuel T. Clarke, cants, it about equals the Presbytery of permanent peace cannot be enjoyed by son of Rev. Walter Clarke, D.D., of Cincinnati, and surpasses every other the country until equal-banded justice is Buffalo. He is a graduate of the Union Western Presbytery, save that of Chi- secured to all, without respect to race or

a protest was entered by Rev. S. Wylie and others, which, with a reply to it, is to be published in the minutes.

The Committee, thus instructed by Synod, afterwards reported again, recommending among other things :- 1st. That the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church authorized the one hundred and fifty Psalms only to be used in the public social worship of God. 2d. That the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church have never decided the question whether or not other inspired songs might be used if duly authorized. 3d. That the Church has decided the question that no imitations or uninspired compositions are to be used in social public worship. 4th. That a committee be appointed to prepare amended versions. 5th. That a correspondence be entered into with other churches, to procure a new version. 6th. That all ministers and others under our care be admonished to abstain from all divisive courses on this and other anbjects : to cease from publications impugning the doctrines of our Standards, and to enter more vigorously on the work of edifying the Church and saving the world. Adopted.

A minority report submitted by Rev. J. W. Morrison, recommended Christian forbearance. (It was lost. Ayes 11, noes 30, not voting 3.)

A resolution was then offered that the various Presbyteries and Sessions be directed to proceed against certain persons alleged to be guilty of violating the Standards of the Church on the subject of Psalmody. This produced intense excitement, and was declared to be an insult to Synod, and was returned to its author.

The following resolution on the State of the country was passed :---

Resolved, That while we, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, would desire to render all due respect to President Johnson, as our Chief Executive Magistrate, and will continue to pray that he may have Divine direction, yet we feel it our duty to express our We record our approbation of the course pursued by Congress, and our thanks to God for their firmness and fidelity. We rejoice at their successful efforts to secure for the Freedman of the South, the liberty procured for them by the nation, and we express our conviction that a cago. Of its thirty-seven churches, nationalism, in the guaranty of impartial