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RELIGIOUS TREATMENT OF CONDEMNED CRIMINALS.—We are neither surprised nor sorry to see in a secular paper, the *Louisville Journal*, the following sharp strictures on the facility with which many of the ghostly attendants upon doomed convicts pass their subjects from the gallows to heaven. There can be no question of the duty of the spiritual adviser to urge upon the worst men who come under his care the duty of preparation for death, and in so doing, to hold up the offer of salvation upon the terms of the Gospel. Neither can there be any reasonable doubt but cases have occurred in which the murderer has obtained the mercy of God. But our memory does not, at this moment, recall an instance in which a victim of the scaffold, who accepted of spiritual aid at all, was not awing off as a candidate for glory, and generally, (since most of these cases come into the hands of Romish attendants,) with priestly absolution and benediction. Indeed, the religious history of the gallows, for the last few years, red as it is with the enormities which have shocked the civilized world, would seem to make it a stepping-stone to heaven—a conclusion too shocking for the largest stretch of Christian charity. So thinks the *Journal*, in the extract which follows:—

Not a red-handed murderer swings from the scaffold now-a-days who does not, through the manipulations of the clergy, expect to go straight to glory. Some time ago we read of one in Missouri who had been baptized before execution, and as he came up out of the river he said that he was glad he had committed the deed, else he might not have been so sure of heaven! Something of a fault there, we think, and the priest and preachers had better bethink themselves a little before making the paths to glory so easy and sure for the worst devils upon earth.

While the lamp holds out to burn
 The vilest sinner may return.

is doubtless entirely orthodox, but we beg leave to suggest the eminent propriety of not driving it too strong—not holding out to the most brutal wretches that defile their Maker's image the idea that it is quite easy to go from a pen of human slaughter, as in the case of Probst, right to Abraham's bosom! If that view of orthodoxy gets possession of the minds of the most debased of God's creation, who seem to be restrained from crime only through fear of punishment, the effect upon human society will not be very beneficial, and will contribute nothing to the safety of men, women, or children. It certainly will not restrain the assassin's arm, and may nerve his heart.

THE CHURCH SECESSIONISTS IN THE COURTS.

We give, from the Western papers, the following report, which possesses a sufficiency of interest from the facts: 1. That it is the first of the cases relating to the right to Church property, growing out of resistance to the acts of the late O. S. General Assembly. 2. That it is probably only the precursor of others of like character; and 3. That the decision was had in a State where the most was to be feared from disloyal influences. These circumstances conspire to render the decision, if sustained, a most suspicious one for the Assembly:—

An interesting case has just been decided by Chancellor Fittle, of the Louisville Chancery Court, in relation to the Third Presbyterian Church of that city. About a third of the congregation, three of the six elders, and the trustees, had closed the church and prevented the bulk of the congregation and three loyal elders from enjoying their right to worship there. The latter had petitioned for an equitable division of the property, but this had been ruled by the Court to be contrary to Presbyterian usage. The Court had therefore, in March last, temporarily placed the church in the hands of receivers, directing them to keep it open and not to prevent any part of the congregation from worshipping there. In the meanwhile the General Assembly at St. Louis declared the loyal elders, Messrs. McNaughton, Avery and Leech, who were plaintiffs in the case, to be the recognized and lawful ruling elders of the church, and directed that they be respected as such. The defendants contended that this action was void for want of jurisdiction. The Chancellor, however, sustained the General Assembly. After citing at considerable length various points of ecclesiastical law, he said:—

By the direction of the General Assembly held at Peoria in 1863, the session has the right to control the use of the church building for the purpose of worship, and not the trustees. It is insisted that the order proposed ought not to be made until the Presbytery has taken action on this matter of the appointment of the ruling elders, and that it could not be taken out of their hands constitutionally. I have a proper reverence for the Presbytery, but I think the order had jurisdiction just as if there had been nothing before the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery now has no jurisdiction over the case. Of course I cannot expect they will take any action except to obey with dutiful respect the order of the General Assembly, and there is no occasion for any delay on the part of this court. It is, therefore, ordered that the trustees, B. F. Avery, Henry Fairlight, and George Fulton, now receivers, open the church for Divine worship and congregational meetings whenever ordered to do so by the session of the church consisted of B. F. Avery, Thomas J. Hackney, D. McNaughton, Jas. A. Leach, John Watson and Joseph Gault, or a majority thereof.

The defendants, by counsel, then entered their exceptions to the foregoing opinion and order.

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

DEATH OF REV. M. P. SQUIER, D.D.
 Everybody knew Dr. Squier, of Geneva. He has been identified with the religious interests of Western New York for more than half a century. He was the first pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo. He went to that little village in 1815, as a licentiate, in the service of the Young People's Missionary Society of Western New York; and was ordained and installed pastor of that Church in May, 1816, in which relation he continued about eight years. We have the impression that he was never pastor of any other church; but his life has been spent in subserving the interests of Christian education.

He was for many years connected with the Geneva Lyceum, in which a goodly number of worthy clergymen took their preparatory course of study. For many years, also, he held the office of Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in Beloit College, although he still continued to reside at Geneva, and generally spent but a few weeks of each year at the West. It is well known, also, that he gave to Beloit College \$10,000, to found the professorship which he filled. His published works, "The Problem Solved," and others, are also before the public, and have been highly praised by some critics, and pretty severely handled by others. They certainly evince much thought and careful inquiry in respect to some of the most profound things of our religion.

The Doctor was truly a good man, deeply interested in the progress of true religion, in this and other lands. He had been in feeble health for some time, and has fully realized that the end could not be far off; and when it came it found him ready and waiting. He possessed his faculties, we understand, almost to the last, and was fully sustained in the full hope of a glorious immortality. He died at his home in Geneva, on Friday, 22d instant. His age, we understand, was seventy-seven. He leaves a wife, but no children.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.
 The semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery was held in Aurora, commencing June 19th. Rev. H. N. Preston, of Skaneateles, was elected Moderator, and Rev. H. H. Allen, of Cayuga, Clerk. Opening sermon, good and profitable, by Rev. H. H. Allen, last Moderator, from Rev. xii. 2: "The joy that was set before him."

The time of stated meetings was changed from 3d Tuesday in January to 1st Tuesday in April, and from 3d Tuesday in June to last Tuesday in September.

The Presbytery was addressed by Rev. F. A. Spencer, in behalf of the State Temperance Society, and a strong minute was adopted, warmly commending the new Secretary and his cause to the favorable consideration of all good people.

Arrangements were made for the installation, soon to take place, of Rev. C. A. Conant, over First Congregational Church of Geneva; and for the ordination and installation of Mr. Almon R. Hewitt over the church in Weedsport.

COMMENCEMENT AT ELMIRA.
 The anniversary exercises of Elmira Female College occurred this week, commencing with an admirable sermon, on Sunday evening, at the College Chapel, by the President, Rev. A. W. Cowles, D.D., on the growth of the soul. We know that souls do grow, some in connection with that excellent school for young ladies. On Monday evening, a new literary society, the PHILOMATEA, held its inauguration services, with an address by the Rev. T. K. Beecher, of Elmira. On Monday and Tuesday, the examination was also progressing; and on Wednesday morning, Rev. Dr. Campbell, of this city, by special request, repeated the admirable address, which he gave the week before at Le Roy, and of which we spoke in our last letter.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.
 This Presbytery held its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday last in the pleasant village of Nunda. Rev. Dwight Scovel, of Lakewille, preached the opening sermon; and Rev. Levi Parsons, of Mt. Morris, the sermon before communion. Rev. S. M. Day was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. R. Page Clerk. Mr. Isaac N. Lowry, of Lima, was licensed to preach the Gospel; and Lewis Morey, of Livonia, and William H. Whiting, of Jasper, were taken under care of Presbytery, with a view to the ministry.

Additional interest was given to the meeting by the presence of Rev. Dr. Kendall, to plead for Home Missions. The churches of this Presbytery will respond to that plea. They are interested to have our churches fill the land.

One peculiarity of the summer meeting of this Presbytery makes them specially interesting—every pastor and elder is expected to bring his wife along, if he is fortunate enough to have one, and the session winds up with a social gathering, in connection with the people where the Presbytery meets, with eatables and drinkables suitable to the good feelings and zest of such an occa-

sion. It is generally thought, by some at least, to be the best part of the feast.

HOUGHTON SEMINARY.
 The Annual Examination and Commencement at this first-class Female Seminary, at Clinton, occurred this week. There were six graduates; the whole number of scholars for the year being one hundred and thirteen. The examination was well sustained, and the exercises of the graduating class gave great satisfaction.

The address before the Barrett Browning Society was delivered by Rev. Charles R. McHarg, of Cooperstown, and was a production of rare interest and value. Mr. McHarg is a chaste and forcible writer, and a graceful and accomplished speaker. He is every way capable of doing justice to such an occasion.

We need hardly add, that the social gathering at the Seminary Buildings, on Wednesday evening, after the day's duties were over, and the entire toil and care of the school year had passed away, was a complete success. About two hundred guests shared the generous hospitality of the Doctor and Mrs. Gallup, whilst strawberries and creams were in great demand. All seemed to enjoy the occasion very highly, and left more than ever convinced that Houghton Seminary is one of the best places of its kind in all the land.

THE STATE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.
 At a recent meeting of this new and vigorous organization, held at Ithaca, it was resolved to attempt to raise \$100,000, as a fund for carrying on Temperance operations. The following Committee was raised for this purpose, including, as will be seen, names of uncommon strength, and an apparent pledge of the entire success of the enterprise. Gen. Joseph S. Smith, President of the Society; A. Champion, Esq., of Rochester; C. C. North, of New York; Col. Heman Camp, of Trumansburgh; E. C. Delavan, of Albany; Gerrit Smith, of Peterboro'; C. C. Kingsley, of Utica, and others. Surely, those men can raise or give all the money necessary for such a purpose. And we see also, that Col. Camp, with his accustomed liberality, has led off with the gift of \$1000 for the object contemplated. We doubt not other members of the Committee will do as well.

GENESEE.
 ROCHESTER, June 30, 1866.

LETTER FROM BOSTON.

Boston, June 28, 1866.
 DEAR BROTHER MEARS:—I have now been in Boston nearly three weeks; the first two were very cold; the last one has been sufficiently warm. Every thing and everybody are moving here; and this old Yankee city wears quite a different aspect, as to its mobility, from our good old city of "Brotherly Love."

Yesterday I attended the annual meeting of the "General Association of Congregational Ministers of Massachusetts," held in the old "Whitefield Church," in Newburyport. The Moderator was the Rev. Mr. Quint, of whose services you often heard, as chaplain of the Second Massachusetts Regiment during the war. The meeting is composed wholly of ministers, without the least shadow of a lay representation. One peculiar feature of the day was a report of a committee, appointed last year, upon the admission of the various benevolent causes now existing, and of such as may hereafter exist, throughout all coming time, to the pulpits of the churches. The report, after various interrogatories as to the expense of collecting and disbursing funds, and intimating that a large part of the money thus collected stopped somewhere short of reaching those for whose benefit it was donated, concluded with some resolutions, which some of the ministers thought savored stangely of Presbyterianism, and which, consequently, were rejected on that account. It was amusing to see the dread of "Presbyterianism" which prevailed in the minds of most of the clergy present. There were a few, who had formerly been settled over Presbyterian churches, who did not share in this hyper-phobia of Presbyterianism. But the voices of such did not prevail.

The most novel feature of the whole movement to me, was that a body of Christians, which profess to leave all power to the churches, should attempt to decide what they should contribute to, and when they should do it, without a single lay delegate from a single church to join in the decision. What would be thought of an assembly of simple clergymen among you, who should assume to act upon such a subject? Would not such a movement outrun Presbyterianism, in taking away the rights of the Church or churches? A large part of the day was spent in discussing this untoward idea, and finally the whole matter was recommitted to be brought forward next year.

While the meeting was thus occupied for a long time, your correspondent could not even get five minutes to tell them of your noble Board and of its benevolent action for the Orphans of the Soldiers and Sailors who had fallen in the late war to save our national life. He informed the chairman of the business committee, through whose grip all business matters had to pass, that he (your correspondent) did not intend to ask them for money; that he did not want their permission, even, to visit their churches, nor did he intend to do it; but simply to tell them what you were doing, and purposing to do, for the or-

phans of the land; that, if they knew of any such orphans, you would now take them and provide for them in Philadelphia, till the buildings were ready to accommodate them at Gettysburg; that a practical part of your plan was to receive aid by \$25 shares from Sabbath-schools, &c. Still no argument could prevail upon this chairman to give five minutes, to a work of charity, benevolence, and love, only to hear what you were doing, and to take care of the orphans of their own soldiers from New England, for whom so much had been done during the war by the good people of Philadelphia.

I am happy to say that I have met with such a cold reception nowhere else, and I believe the work would have been most cordially received by the majority of all the ministers present, as it has been thus far by all the Sabbath-schools visited, by the editors of papers and by individuals, could it have passed the grip of the chairman.

There has been, and still is, considerable religious interest in Boston and vicinity. I attended the Rev. Dr. Kirk's Bible-class on Tuesday evening. It consisted of some two hundred or more, chiefly young persons; and, as I was informed, most of them converts. Dr. K.'s lecture was a very plain, open presentation of truth, and an exhortation to fidelity and entire consecration to God.

The politics of New England, you well know, are Republican. The great mass of the people are thorough-going Abolitionists, and the Republican movement here meets with little opposition, compared with that in Pennsylvania and the States farther south.

We are enjoying a blessed rain, after three or four very hot days. Every thing in nature looks charmingly. You ought to come on and try our New England beaches and mountains. You will find them very comfortable during July and August.

W. M. C.

News of our Churches.

FRANKLIN, N. Y.—The Presbytery of Delaware, on the 21st ult., installed Rev. Wm. Addy as pastor of the church in this place. The church has recently, and while without a pastor, enjoyed an extensive spiritual refreshing, as the result of which fifty-seven have been added to its membership. This speaks a working and praying membership, and gives a peculiarly happy commencement to the new pastorate.

CHANGE OF RELATIONS.—Our O. S. contemporary, *The Presbyterian*, says:—"We notice with regret the resignation, by Rev. John A. Annin, of his pastoral charge in Cedarville, N. J., and his acceptance of a call to Red Wing, Minn. Possessing a warm and generous nature, a cultivated and gifted intellect, and above all, much of the spirit of the Master, he is a man who cannot but leave behind him many who value him as a friend and pastor." From personal acquaintance with Mr. Annin, we are happy to endorse this estimate of his character and qualifications.

CALIFORNIA.—The *San Jose Mercury* says that the new Presbyterian church at Santa Clara was dedicated to religious service on the 13th ult., Rev. L. Hamlin, formerly of San Jose, preaching the dedication sermon, Rev. E. Bannister, and the pastor in charge, Rev. Mr. Webber, assisting in the exercises. The sum of \$460 was raised on the spot, which was more than sufficient to liquidate the last dollar of indebtedness. The balance will be applied to the building of a suitable fence around the lot. The house is neatly furnished throughout. It is in size thirty-two by forty-eight feet, and cost \$3200.

Rev. T. E. Taylor, District Secretary of our Home Missionary Committee, writes to *The Evangelist*, under date of Meadow Lake, Nevada county, May 18, that on the evening of the previous Sabbath, a religious Society was formed, and a Board of Church Trustees were chosen. Next Sabbath a Sabbath-school was to be commenced, and a week or two later a church organized. For a temporary place of meeting a dance-house had been obtained. The theatre had been offered for morning services, but could not be spared from its own appropriate use in the evening. A lot has been donated for a church. Meadow Lake is the location of a new gold attraction. It lies nearly at the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and on the first of May, lay under four feet of snow, level measure. At the date of Mr. Taylor's letter, the depth was one foot less. The singularity of the state of society is sufficiently illustrated by the statement that only three of a congregation of thirty persons were women.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery, at its June meeting, ordained Mr. Richard A. Clark to the work of the Gospel ministry, with the view of his becoming the Stated Supply of the church in Laurens, N. Y., where, as a licentiate, he has already made good proof of his calling. The Narrative speaks of Springfield, Exeter, Fly Creek, Westford, Oneonta, Laurens, and Cherry Valley, as having been the scene of interesting revivals. On the report of the Commissioners to the Assembly, a resolution was adopted heartily endorsing the reunion movement, and expressing gratitude to God for the spirit of harmony and love which characterized the intercourse of the two Assemblies in St. Louis.

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. M. Hoyt has transferred his residence from Broome county, N. Y., to Chaumont, Jefferson county, N. Y.—Rev. E. D. Wells, late of Lawrenceville, in this State, has become the stated supply of the church in Hopewell, Ontario county, N. Y.—Rev. John H. Dillingham of Wenona, Ill., has received and accepted a call to take charge of the Presbyterian church at Belleville, Ill.

formation in the minds of the people of the sanctuary, the objects and the ethics of Government; the end of that public crime which forfeited for us the favor of God and the protection of his providence; the advancement of millions of souls to liberty, light and hope.

After the illustration of these topics, the speaker detailed considerably the prominent facts in the life and death of those graduates of the College whose lives were offered upon the altar of their country. These are as follows, viz.:

COLLEGE RECORD.
 ROGERS COLLEGE celebrated its commencement June 19. The Schenck Observatory was dedicated the 18th. The instruments are described as the best of their kind and as the gifts of various friends of the College: the Equatorial Telescope, by the Hon. Robert H. Pruyn, ex-Minister to Japan; the Meridian Circle, by the Rev. G. O. Schenck, and Messrs. Lafayette Schenck of Montmouh, N. J., Alfred Schenck of New York, brothers of Daniel S. Schenck, Esq., through whose liberality the College has received the building. The Astronomical Clock is given by Mr. John Clark, of New Brunswick.

The address was delivered before the two Literary Societies by the Rev. John McClintock, D.D. His subject was the truth of Christianity as affected by certain infidel aspects of the present age, especially those presented by the writers for the Magazines and Reviews. He regarded the truth of Christianity as interwoven with all history. He traced the philosophy of all these writers to Pantheism. The present objections are to the person of Christ, the great central point of Christianity. Formerly, they denied the verity of the Gospel history. Now, they profess to receive that, and endeavor to account for and interpret it.

Twenty-one received the degree of A.B.

The Honorary degree of D.D. was given to the following gentlemen, viz.:—The Rev. Robert L. Dashiell, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Joseph Kimball, Brooklyn, L. I.; Rev. Charles H. Stitt, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. David Steele, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Edward Brinton Bogg, New Brunswick.

The degree of LL.D. was awarded as follows, viz.:—The Rev. John McClintock, of New Brunswick; Hon. Peter Vredenberg, Freehold, N. J.; Hon. Courtlandt Parker, Newark, N. J.

The Honorary degree of A.M. was given to the Rev. Harvey R. Schermhorn, Germantown, N. Y.

The Alumni of the Theological Seminary held their annual meeting in the College Chapel, June 18. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. G. Abeel, D.D., of Newark, N. J.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.—The commencement was held June 21. Fifteen received the degree of A.B.; twelve that of LL.B.; eleven that of M.D. Degrees of Bachelor and Master in Science, and of Bachelor and Doctor in Philosophy, were conferred on several. The Honorary degrees were as follows:—Of LL.D., on Eleazer Lord, N. Y.; Rev. S. W. Fisher, D.D., President of Hamilton College; Charles Dexter Cleveland, Philadelphia; Chas. E. Anthon, A.M., Professor, College of New York.

Of D.D., on the Revs. Alex. F. Thompson, A.M., pastor of the Twenty-first Street Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y.; Edward O. Flagg, A.M., rector of the Church of the Resurrection, N. Y.; Thos. Phelps, England, Senior District Secretary British and Foreign Bible Society; James Dick, A.M., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ireland; Peter Stryker, A.M., pastor of Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y.

Doctor in Physical Science, on Erasmus W. Smith, N. Y.

MEADVILLE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL (Unitarian) graduated three, on June 19.

THE WEST POINT examination took place June 13. The correspondent of the *Tribune* says:—"Although the graduating class of 1865 ranked very high in point of learning, it is claimed that the class of 1866 is one of the most remarkable in that respect ever known to the history of the Academy."

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, N. Y.—Commencement [in Niblo's Garden—elevating association for young graduates,] June 27. Thirty-two received the degree of A.B. The Honorary degrees were as follows:—

Doctor of Divinity.—The Right Rev. Chas. T. Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee; Rev. James Mulcahey, Rector Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass.; Rev. N. E. Armitage, class of 1849, rector St. John's Church, Detroit, Mich., and Assistant Bishop elect of Wisconsin; Rev. J. J. Elmendorf, class of 1845, rector Church of Holy Innocents, New York City.

Doctor of Laws.—The Rev. Abner Jackson, President Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.; Hon. Charles P. Kirkland, Counselor-at-Law, New York.

PRINCETON COLLEGE.—Commencement June 27. Rev. Jos. T. Duryea delivered the address before the Alumni. Subject: The Restoration of the Union. After a full and lengthy argument to prove and illustrate the duty of celebrating this event, the speaker traced certain grand results which had been developed by the close of this struggle. These were: the establishment of our nationality in the supremacy of the Federal Union, in the opening of all parts of the land to the enterprise and industry of all the people; the assimilation of our civil and domestic institutions, and the securement of the harmonious working of our republican economy thereby; the

formation in the minds of the people of the sanctuary, the objects and the ethics of Government; the end of that public crime which forfeited for us the favor of God and the protection of his providence; the advancement of millions of souls to liberty, light and hope.

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1. Col. Cornelius W. Tolles, who graduated in 1846. In 1861 he was appointed Asst. Adjt.-General of the New Jersey Detached Brigade by Gov. Ord. He was shot Oct. 11, 1864.
 2. Dr. Joseph A. Freeman graduated in 1862, received the appointment of Surgeon of 13th N. J. Volunteers, died June 23, 1865.
 3. Adjutant Richard M. Strong, graduated in 1854, was appointed to the staff of Gen. Rathbone, 17th Regiment N. Y. Volunteers, and then died May 12, 1863, in Louisiana, in Gen. Banks' army.
 4. Capt. Henry Harrison Woolsey, graduated in 1866, entered the army as private in 1861, and was mortally wounded before Petersburg, June 18, 1864.
 5. Capt. Thomas R. Haines, graduated in 1857, and fell June 6, 1862.
 6. Capt. Courtlandt Van Rensselaer in 1858, joined the army in 1861, died Oct. 7, 1864.
 7. Lieut. Josiah S. Stoddard graduated in 1858. He fell at the battle of South Mountain.
 8. Col. Abram Zabriskie graduated in 1859. Entered the army as Adjutant of 9th Regiment, New Jersey, was wounded May 16, and died May 24, 1864.
 9. Charles H. Dod graduated in 1862, and soon after entered the army as First Lieutenant of the 2d Regiment New Jersey Cavalry; died of disease, Aug. 24.
 10. Col. Hugh Janeway did not graduate, but entered the army at 20 years of age, as First Lieutenant, 1st Regiment New Jersey Cavalry. After being severely wounded in several battles, he was killed in charge near Fairmount, after the fall of Richmond and Petersburg.

The names of Wm. Sargent, Kent D. Davis and Mr. Grier, have been handed in without memorial.

In conclusion, the speaker paid a glowing tribute to the private soldiers in the Union army, who had suffered so much, and by their perseverance accomplished so much for the country. The speaker was warmly applauded during the delivery of the address.

The degree of A.B. was conferred on fifty-five persons. The only Honorary degrees were the following:—LL.D.—Courtlandt Parker, Newark, N. J.; Ormond Beattie, Professor of Centje. College, Ky.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, OHIO.—Commencement June 25. Seven graduates. Degree of LL.D. conferred on Hon. John A. Bingham.

TRINITY COLLEGE, HARTFORD.—Commencement June 28. Rev. E. M. Van Dusen, D.D. of Utica, was elected President. Honorary Degrees.—Doctor of Laws, Origen S. Seymour, of Connecticut; Doctors of Divinity, the Right Rev. Charles T. Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee; the Very Rev. John Clegh, Archbishop of Malta; the Rev. L. F. Bennett of the Diocese of Connecticut.

CHAPEL HILL UNIVERSITY, North Carolina, has given President Johnson the degree of LL.D.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT of the Polytechnic College of Philadelphia, took place June 23. The degrees of Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and of Mine Engineering were conferred on the graduates. During the past year the pupils numbered about one hundred and forty, and represented almost every State of the Union. There were also pupils from Cuba, Peru and Chili.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.
 [We gladly insert the following letter, which arrived too late for insertion in our last.]

This institution was formerly known as the "Ashmun Institute." At the last meeting of the Legislature of Pennsylvania its name was changed and all the powers and privileges of a college granted it, and from this time it begins a regular course of study. A freshman class of twenty promising men have already been admitted for the next year, out of forty-six with which the institution closed.

The examinations, for four days, were exceedingly well sustained, testifying to great faithfulness of both teachers and pupils. On Thursday, the public speaking by the pupils was original and really good, showing men of great promise for the future. The religious condition of the institution is also very cheering. The Bible is an every-day text-book; and a recent revival has resulted in the conversion of all the pupils except six or seven. At the close of the morning exercises, the Hon. Wm. E. Dodge offered a fervent prayer, and Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard addressed the pupils on their duties and responsibilities in this day of their deliverance.

The University is under the management of a Board of Trustees, eminent men, chosen from different denominations. It is open to all, and the principal evangelical denominations are represented in its pupils. It is well located, in a quiet farming population, and is now finishing a large and commodious building, which will afford accommodation for over one hundred pupils. From the number of applications made, this will soon be filled. The great want now is money. The building must be finished, the corps of teachers enlarged and paid, and indigent pupils supported; and we appeal to the Christian public for that material aid, which so needy and deserving an institution requires. In no way can our religious benefactions be more economically or hopefully bestowed—it is the great and hopeful missionary work of the world.