

News of our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES. LOGAN SQUARE CHURCH.—This church is much encouraged in enjoying the valuable services of the new pastor, Rev. Irving L. Beman. His preaching is highly acceptable to the congregation. The church is closed for repairs, which for a long time have been greatly needed.

MILFORD CHURCH, DEL.—Rev. J. F. Severance, late chaplain U. S. A., has received and accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of this Church, which we are glad to learn is prospering under his ministrations. Three new elders were ordained and several persons were received on profession, at the recent communion. The Sabbath-school has long been in a flourishing condition, numbering two hundred children.

INTERESTING SERVICES IN MONTREAL.—Our readers are generally aware that the American Presbyterian Church in Montreal is connected with the New York Third Presbytery, and so in connection with our General Assembly. It was organized between forty and fifty years ago, having for its first pastor the gifted, but early sainted, Joseph S. Christmas. Among those who have since successfully filled the pastorate, is our indefatigable and "never fail" neighbor, Rev. John McLeod. The present pastor is Rev. James B. Bonar, under whose culture the congregation so outgrew the space afforded by the old house of worship, as to demand the erection of a new and larger edifice. Such a one has just been erected, not only ample in dimensions, but in architectural arrangements conformed to the requirements of convenience and the taste of the times. It is an almost fac simile of the spacious and beautiful edifice of the Lafayette Avenue Church, (Dr. T. L. Cuyler's,) in Brooklyn.

This edifice was dedicated with services of unusual interest on Sabbath, the 24th ult. The morning sermon was preached by the pastor, and in the afternoon the dedication sermon proper was delivered by President Fisher, of Hamilton College. The correspondent of the Evangelist says of it: "I never [before] heard so good a dedication discourse." This correspondent, who by the way, writes over the well-known initials of "T. L. C." says very cleverly of the third services:—"In the evening a clergyman from Brooklyn—whom the Montreal papers describe as 'short, small, and wiry'—occupied the pulpit; but I stood too near to the speaker to judge fairly of his performance." A social tea festival followed on Monday evening, when congratulatory addresses were presented by Rev. Dr. Wilkes and others of the clergy of the city.

MISSOURI.—Rev. A. T. Norton, District Secretary for Home Missions, writes in the Presbyterian Reporter, that, on the 13th of May, he organized a church of thirteen members at Laketon, Salem county, Mo. The field was opened last January by Mr. Benjamin F. Powelson, a licentiate, who has since preached with encouraging prospects, in a room of an academy building. In this new church six excellent families are represented. The Sabbath-school numbers not far from fifty, and is exceedingly well conducted.

Mr. Norton also visited Salem, and preached a sermon to about seventy-five people, who heard with great attention. He found the village much dilapidated, with about twenty dwelling houses remaining, the county buildings lately burned by incendiaries, and the odium of a murderous riot, which occurred but five days before, resting upon it. A partly dismantled fort occupies the centre of the town. Several battles or skirmishes occurred in or near Salem during the war. The hand of reorganization and improvement has only just begun to be lifted here. A day school and Sabbath-school have been commenced—the latter with good present success, and much promise for the future.

On Sabbath, June 3, he organized a church of seventeen members in Forest City, Holt county. Five others are expected to become members at the next communion. "This Church," Mr. N. says, "I regard as one of great promise. The members are intelligent and active. A Sabbath-school is in operation. A weekly prayer-meeting has also been established, and I understand it to be the determination of the Church to maintain a Sabbath service, whether they have a minister or not. The plan for supplying this church is to plant a minister in Forest City, who shall, for the first year, spend one-half his Sabbaths with them, and the balance in missionary labors in the country adjacent."

From West Ely, Rev. James A. Darr writes to the Reporter:—"Brother Winters reported to Presbytery that he had organized a church at Callao, on the railroad, with fifteen members; and represented that place as a fine field for labor. We ought to have a man there at once. He had also organized a church eight miles from Newark. He calls it the Carmel Church. He expects to organize another some eight or ten miles from that. Our own needs are men. We want a man for Callao, one for New Providence, and one for Edina. These are all promising places. Brother Tallowants to get a man at Edina, and then he will organize a church midway between Newark and Edina.

From Cass county, Rev. Seth G. Clark writes:—"I have visited Holden, and they very much desire me to preach for them one-fourth of the time. I go

again a week from next Sabbath. I think there is a fair prospect of being able to organize a church there before a great while. I am very much encouraged in my work in Harrisonville, the county seat. I am getting a larger congregation than any one else, and there are now enough Presbyterians to organize a church. I am very much encouraged also in my work at Lee's Summit, five miles beyond us, on the railroad. I visited the place the first Sabbath in April, and have preached one sermon there, every other Sabbath since. We have organized a Sabbath-school, and the little school-house is crowded every Sabbath. We commenced preaching at the settlement a week ago last Sabbath; had preaching in our old log house, and about thirty present. We have preaching again, and organize a school next Sabbath."

REVIVALS AND ACCESSIONS.—The total ingathering of the fruits of the revival in Lansing, Mich., numbers nearly one hundred.—The accessions by profession to the churches of the Presbytery of Geneva, during the present year, have been nearly four hundred.—Seventy-three have just been received to the communion of the church in Girard, Pa., one of the places of Mr. Hammond's recent labors. In Fairview, in the same neighborhood, also visited by Mr. Hammond, thirty-seven persons made their public profession on the first Sabbath of the present month.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—In addition to the accounts sent by our correspondent, we give the following items of business from the Evangelist:—Two young men were received under the care of Presbytery, candidates for the ministry, and Isaac N. Lowry, of the senior class of the Seminary in Auburn, was licensed to preach.—Gratified with the recent action of the General Assembly in behalf of the Church Erection interest, it was recommended to the churches to take annual collections for it, and Rev. Dwight Scovel, of Lakeville, was designated to take the special oversight of it among us. In reply, to an overture, Presbytery recommended that stated meetings of sessions be held, at least as often as once in three months.

THE PRINCE OF WALES BEFORE THE BIBLE SOCIETY.—The heir to the British throne has not heretofore distinguished himself by very active co-operation in the general religious interests of the kingdom. We have now before us what we believe is his first public participation in any strictly evangelistic enterprise. The occasion was the laying of the foundation of a new edifice for the British and Foreign Bible Society, on the 10th ult. After the preliminary exercises, the Earl of Shaftesbury, President of the Society, addressed the Prince of Wales, requesting him to lay the corner-stone, concluding as follows:—"I therefore, with all humility, request your Royal Highness to be good enough to undertake this most solemn duty of laying the foundation stone of an edifice which will be raised for the glory of God, and for the promotion of the best interests of the human race.

To which the Prince replied:—"My Lord Archbishop, my Lords, and Gentlemen: I have to thank you for the very interesting address in which you so ably set forth the objects of this noble institution. It is now sixty-three years ago since Mr. Wilberforce, the father of the eminent prelate who now occupies so prominent a place in the Church of England, met with a few friends by candle light in a small room in a dingy counting-house, and resolved upon the establishment of the Bible Society. Contrast with this obscure beginning the scene of this day, which, not only in England and in our colonies, but in the United States of America, and in every nation of Europe, will awaken the keenest interest. Such a reward of perseverance is always a gratifying spectacle—much more so when the work which it commemorates is one in which all Christians can take part, and which has the object of enabling every man in his own tongue to read of the wonderful works of God.

I have an hereditary claim to be here upon this occasion. My grandfather, the Duke of Kent, as you have reminded me, warmly advocated the claims of this Society, and it is gratifying to me to reflect that the two modern versions of the Scriptures most widely circulated—the German and English—were both in their origin connected with my family. The translation of Martin Luther was executed under the protection of the Elector of Saxony, the collateral ancestor of my lamented father, whilst that of Wm. Tyndale, the foundation of the present authorized English version, was introduced with the sanction of the royal predecessor of my mother, the Queen, who took as her motto the Bible "should be free access through all Christendom, and especially in his own realm."

It is my hope and trust that, under the Divine guidance, the wider diffusion and the deeper study of the Scriptures will, in this as in every age, be at once the surest guarantee of the progress and liberty of mankind, and the means of multiplying in the purest form the conceptions of our holy religion. His Royal Highness then proceeded to lay the foundation-stone, which bore the following inscription:—"British and Foreign Bible Society, founded A. D. 1804. This stone was laid June 11, 1866, by His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales. Shaftesbury, President. C. Jackson, S. B. Berner, Secretaries; Ed. T. Anson, Architect; Rider & Sons, Builders. Thy Word is truth."—John xvii. 17."

The Archbishop of York then read a prayer, after which the Bishop of Winchester made a short address, thanking the Prince of Wales for his attendance, and "God save the Queen" was performed by the band, and the benediction pronounced.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.—The relief of women and children lent destitute in the absence of fighting men, has also of the wounded soldiers in hospital, has been undertaken by a charitable association in Berlin, called the "Koenig Wilhelm Verein." This association announces concerts in aid of the relief fund.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN. A Conference Called.—The signers of the Declaration and Testimony, and others who stand with them in opposition to the Declaration of the General Assembly, have called a meeting for conference in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 15th day of August next, to consider the condition of the Presbyterian Church; and to form a league in opposition to the acts of the Assembly. The call is signed, we understand, by about sixty names, most of them the names of ministers and ruling elders in Kentucky and Missouri.

A Generous Gift.—Hanson R. Corning, of New York, has given \$20,000 to the Permanent Fund of the O. S. General Assembly for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc. This very liberal donation, says the Presbyterian, is the first received since the last Assembly, which distinctly requested large gifts and bequests for this fund, and we hope is the earnest of large gifts to come.

A Professorship Endowed.—A man's money generally goes along with his heart. Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, has endowed a Professorship in the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, by giving \$30,000 for that purpose.

A Pastor Called.—Rev. Wm. D. Howard, D. D., of Pittsburgh, has been invited to the pastorate of the First Church in Cincinnati, from which Rev. Dr. Anderson was recently dismissed.

West Virginia.—A correspondent of the Presbyterian Banner, writing from Buchanan, West Virginia, says:—"Reconstruction in the Church here is going on 'much more rapidly than in the State. Divisions are being and those of people are sympathizing with and aiding the rebellion, are taking their place again in a commendable manner. If we, who were the 'victors,' will but remember that the battle was the Lord's, and not ours, our differences may soon be forgotten in a united effort for the promotion of Christ's kingdom."

Cumberland Presbyterians—Retrospection.—The majority of the Presbyteries of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church are in the late slave States. The most important matter before the late meeting of its General Assembly, which was the first in which the Southern Presbyteries were generally represented, was the report of the committee of one from each Synod, to investigate the delinquencies of the preceding Assemblies, and harmonize the differences growing out of the war and slavery. Two reports were presented. The majority report proposed to pronounce unconstitutional the action of 1864 and 1865 on the subject of slavery and the rebellion. The minority favored the action at that time. After a long discussion, a substitute was offered disclaiming any endorsement of slavery or the rebellion, which was amended by adding the words that "no opinion is hereby expressed on those subjects. The substitute then passed by a large majority. The action gave satisfaction, as a whole, to the Cumberland Presbyterians, alike to North and South.

Revivals and Accessions.—A correspondent of the Northwestern Presbyterian says forty persons have been admitted to membership by the session of the Presbyterian Church at Henry, Illinois. Others will present themselves soon, and a proportionate number have united, or will unite with the four other churches.—The St. Clairsville, Ohio, Presbytery, in its Narrative, June 20, says:—"In some of our churches the reviving power and presence of the Holy Spirit is still felt. Revivals are reported from the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in Sandoval and Locust Grove, Illinois."

Congregational.—The annual meeting of the Orleans County Conference has just been held at Troy, Vt. Many interesting associations, says the Evangelist, about this place. It was the place of Levi Parsons' earliest labors, nearly forty years ago. He found a godless community, but by the Divine blessing, he left it well evangelized, and organized a church which still lives and is now enjoying more than usual prosperity.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada was recently held in Montreal. The number of ministers connected with the Union is about 70; the number of churches 147, with a membership of about 4000, and 147 preaching stations. They have 80 church edifices, with 250,560 sittings, and 12,407 adherents, and 45,950 enrolled Sabbath-school scholars. They have a college in Montreal for raising up ministers for their domestic missionary work. As yet, however, it numbers but four or five students, and has but one Professorship.—The report of the proceedings of the late meeting of the Grand W. Maine Conference, says that the discussion and reports from the churches upon "The Churches and Temperance," were so interesting and stirring, "the ideas seemed to pervade that the world is freed from intoxicating drinks was the only safe ground, and that the churches had a great work to do in suppressing this gigantic evil, so prevalent in many of our communities."

In the Church in West Milton, Vt., a class of young men in the Sabbath-school have for a teacher a man eighty-four years of age, who is constant in his attendance, though living at a distance, and if any difficult question arises in the lesson, he appears with a written exposition on the subject.—The pastorate of the Third Congregational Church in New Haven, Conn., made vacant by the death of Dr. Cleveland, has been offered to Dr. Wadsworth, of San Francisco, who is also pastor-elect of the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church in this city.

German Reformed.—The German Reformed Classis of North Carolina has appointed delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Synod, and thus resume its organic relation to the body in the United States.—The Narrative of the State of Religion, made out at the recent meeting of the Clarion, Pa., Classis, says:—"During the past year our missionaries have labored with untiring zeal in gathering together the scattered brethren of our faith, and supplying the destitute with the bread of eternal life. The pastors generally have spent a large proportion of their time in this manner. Not content with preaching only in the older congregations, they preached in hitherto neglected places, and succeeded in adding several new organizations to our list of congregations. Several new churches are in progress of erection, while others are being remodelled, and made fit temples for the worship of the triune God."

Methodist.—Several new M. E. Churches have been recently organized on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake.—The Philadelphia Conference Tract Society have made arrangements to secure certain funds from the estate of the late John P. O'Connell, Esq., by which parents to the Freedmen.—Eighty out of ninety-two protractors, were recently received to membership in the Green Street M. E. Church, in this city.—Glasgow, N. J., is enjoying a revival visitation. Interesting centenary revival services were held several days.—The Western Christian Advocate states that "Stephen P. Goble, a member of the Official Board of the New Richmond Station," Cincinnati Conference,

was foully murdered in his own field on Wednesday, May 30th." Mr. Goble is spoken of as a man of high Christian character, and his loss is severely felt by the Church, of which he was a member.—The Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, at its recent meeting, resolved that "this Conference cordially reiterates the expression of its conviction as to the desirableness and importance of a union of all the Methodist bodies in Canada, who believe in the same doctrines, sing the same hymns, have the same form of worship, the same love feasts, the same general rules of society." The Negotiating Committee of the last year was reappointed. "The Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church, in the provinces, on the same subject, resolved that this Conference commits this question to the care of the Executive Committee for the next year, with the instruction that in any further negotiations, so far as our own denomination is concerned, provision must be made for the fair and just representation of the laity in all courts in which the laws of the Church are enacted or administered."—A new religious newspaper has been started in New York, under the patronage of the colored Methodist. It is called the Zion's Standard and Weekly Review, and is conducted with intelligence and spirit.

Episcopal.—The corner-stone of the Church of the Incarnation, a new enterprise located at the corner of Broad and Jefferson streets, in this city, was laid with the usual ceremonies by Rev. Dr. Horton, on the 23rd ultimo. The cost of the edifice is estimated at upwards of \$100,000. The foundation stone was laid by the hundred of which with a fund of \$50,000, by Hon. Ass. Parker, of Manch Chunk, was a few months since published, goes into operation on the first of September, under the Presidency of Prof. Henry Coppee. No buildings are yet completed, but places for temporary use are provided. The location is South Bethlehem, Lehigh county, Pa.—The resumption of missionary work in the Diocese of Tennessee, was formally inaugurated at Memphis, June 3d.—A Spanish service has been inaugurated in connection with Dr. Hawks' congregation, now worshipping in University Chapel, New York. The sermon is also in Spanish, and the preacher is the Rev. Angel H. De Mora. There is one service every Sunday in the morning, which is quite a success. In the same city, Rev. Dr. Sherman, minister of St. George's German Church, has been engaged by Trinity Church to hold German services on Sunday evenings in St. John's Chapel, in behalf of his countrymen.—The reunion of the Southern dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church with the General Convention of the United States is now complete, every Diocesan Convention of the South having passed resolutions to that effect, and the Bishops having officially announced the result to the presiding Bishop.

Baptist.—At the recent meeting of the Hudson River Association South, held in New York, the letters brought to light the blessed fact that eighteen hundred and sixty-four baptisms had occurred in the churches during the year—a larger number, by several hundreds, than was ever before reported in a single year. A prayer of thanksgiving for the great gift was offered by Dr. Dowling. During the meeting the proposed union of the American and Foreign (Baptist) Bible Society with the National Institution was discussed. It was finally resolved, by a large majority, that a denominational Bible Society for Bible work, must be maintained. The General meeting, however, in Detroit, N. Y., which was undergoing repairs, was struck by a squall on Wednesday last week, and completely ruined.—One of the workmen, James Douglas, was instantly killed.—At the late meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, held in Richmond, Rev. W. P. Farish, of Charlottesville, alluded to the efforts that had been made to instruct the emancipated negro, and said that his grandchildren even were busily engaged in teaching the servants upon his plantation. He said that the negro had even more sympathy with us now than they had when they were slaves, and he felt sure that they were now more devoted and industrious than ever.

The report of the Committee on the relations of the Church to the colored people, stated that the best means of preserving the colored race from ignorance and vice is that the best agents should be employed, and recommended that common schools, taught by white persons from the South, be established for the special and separate instruction of the colored people. Sabbath-schools also, established by the colored people, should be encouraged, and the aid of white members afforded. The committee also recommended that, in regard to separate organization of churches composed of colored people, the colored people be left to their own choice. A place in houses of worship should always be afforded, and material aid be rendered them in building their own houses of worship when they desire it.

Reformed Dutch.—The long vacant Reformed Dutch Church, at the corner of Tenth and Filbert Streets, in this city, has obtained the assurance of the acceptance of a call presented to Rev. John W. Schenck, of New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. S. leaves a church where his labors have been blessed, and to whom the twenty members, thirteen of whom came from the world, are desirous of changing the name of the Reformed Dutch Church in this country, has been engaged for several years. At the late meeting of the General Synod, a committee was appointed to report on this subject at the next meeting.—Rev. Jacob Cooper, a Presbyterian minister, and profound scholar, teaches the Professorship of Greek Language and Literature in Rutgers' College.

Jewish.—The Jewish Synagogue just completed at Berlin, but not yet consecrated, is one of the most gorgeous buildings in Europe. The entire cost of the structure is estimated at \$750,000 in gold. It is surmounted by a huge dome of the Oriental type, which can be seen from every house-top in Berlin. It is not less conspicuous for its Eastern form, than for the heavy gilding, which covers it in every part. Besides, there is also a minor dome, also highly gilded. The interior is broken up into the great central hall of worship, not far from a hundred feet in length, and provided with 3000 chairs for the worshippers. These are of oak and richly carved. To occupy one of these chairs costs about \$500 yearly.—At Jerusalem six Jews have been baptized. They form one family. There is now in Jerusalem a Protestant congregation of three hundred souls; six Protestant schools, with two hundred and twenty children. Within the present century more than one hundred clergymen of Jewish origin have been ordained.

Cost of European Wars.—European wars, from 1815 to 1864, carried on in Europe itself, or through the direct participation of European nations, have cost the lives of 2,762,000 men, of whom 2,148,000 were Europeans, and 614,000 their foreign adversaries. This gives an average of 43,800 lives per annum. The Crimean War cost over half a million of lives, and one and a quarter billions of dollars. The Italian campaign of 1859, in two months and a half, cost the Powers engaged 1,435,000,000 francs.

MR. G. H. STUART, OF PHILADELPHIA, AT THE IRISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The crowded state of our columns, and the rapidity with which they had to be filled up, prevented our giving more than a hasty summary of the remarkable address delivered by Geo. H. Stuart, Esq., in the General Assembly last Friday evening. We are able to present a somewhat fuller report to our readers to-day, in which some errors in figures are corrected. Mr. Stuart spoke in connection with the Report of the Committee in correspondence with Foreign Churches. The Report of the Continental Mission having been appointed for the evening, and the Free Church Deputation coming after it, was nearly ten o'clock before Mr. Stuart was called upon by the Moderator. The Church was crowded to excess, and the enthusiasm with which the speaker was welcomed on the platform, as the President of the United States Christian Commission, was very great. For about an hour and a half, the immense audience listened with such intense interest as is rarely witnessed in a public assembly. Again and again the speaker adverted to the lateness of the hour, and again and again cries of "Go on, Go on" obliged him to proceed. The feelings of the audience were deeply affected when reference was made to the success of the Northern arms and the overthrow of slavery. Cordial and unanimous cheers showed how strong was the sympathy of the audience with the speaker. Mr. Stuart gave a graphic account of scenes witnessed by himself, and of work done on the battle field by the agents of the Commission, depicting the incidents with a vividness and force, and producing an impression, of which no report can give any adequate idea. There was a peculiar solemnity in the Assembly as the power and blessed results of the American Revival of 1858 were described, and the indications were mentioned that God's Spirit is again signally at work among the churches. We do not remember any meeting in Belfast distinguished by so much enthusiasm and affectionate admiration of our distinguished countryman, burning with sympathy in the cause with which he has been so honorably and usefully identified.

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