Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Penn Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.—We were present, last Sabbath morning, at the reopening of the Penn Presbyterian Church, and were surprised and delighted to find the change which had been wrought in a few months in the appearance of the church building. It is now one of the most pleasant and attractive churches in the city of Philadelphia, and the people of the congregation deserve great credit for the zeal and liberality which they have shown in renewing and beautifying it. A large audience was in attendance, to whom Dr. Musgrave, the pastor, preached an appropriate and excellent sermon. We trust that a bright and prosperous future is before the Church, after so many years of struggling and discouragement. The congregation continues to increase, and, in the growing part of the city in which it is placed, ought to increase more rapidly.—*Presbyterian.*

Change of Relation.—The Congregational Church in Pioneer, Williams county, Ohio, has adopted the Presbyterian form of government, and connected itself with the Old School Presbytery of Maumee.

New Mission Chapel in New York.—The Brick Church (Dr. Springs) is engaged in the erection of a chapel for mission and mission-school purposes on a very liberal scale. The ground and building are to cost $40,000, and the expense of sustaining the enterprise will be proportionally large.

Cumberland Presbyterian Revivals.—A correspondent of the *Western Cumberland Presbyterian*, in a letter from West Tennessee, after speaking of numerous revivals in that region, says:—"There have been other precious meetings recently in the Western District, but I leave to other brethren, having more complete information, to give you the result. Suffice it to say, that in Gibson and Obion counties, there have, probably, been, under the ministers of our Church, at least three hundred conversions and two hundred accessions to our Church, in at least ten weeks. All praise and honor belong to God for such displays of His mercy and power. Organized churches have been greatly strengthened and built up. The servants of our Master have felt constrained to praise and magnify His holy name for His great forbearance, love and mercy. No power short of the blessed Spirit could accomplish such wondrous works of love as we have been permitted to witness."

Revival in Kentucky.—A correspondent furnishes the *Western Presbyterian* with the account of the dedication of the Ebenezer Church, near Greensburg, Ky., on the 1st of August, and a series of meetings immediately following. "The meetings," he says, "appeared to grow in interest and solemnity from the outset. The Spirit of God was evidently there, as was manifest from the prayerful anxiety of many of God's people for a refreshing. Many persons became deeply concerned about their souls. Even at the exciting election day the men of the neighborhood went and voted and immediately returned to the house of God. At the time the writer left it was not possible to say, definitely, the number of hopeful conversions. It is probable there were thirty, at least, of this class, and over that number, earnestly inquiring the way of life."

British Items.—The Established Church Presbytery of Edinburgh have resolved to take steps to raise an endowment fund for the Tolbooth or Assembly Hall Church, in order to prevent its suppression under one of the annuity-tax acts, on the death of its late pastor, the Rev. Dr. Smith, and Dr. Muir has promised to give up a handsome bequest which had been left for general and religious purposes by one of its members. At present the Old Church in St. Giles has been virtually suppressed from the same cause; and the Established Church has been for the last year or two speaking of raising funds to provide an endowment for a minister, but have not yet succeeded.——The Reformed Presbyterian Hall held its last meeting for the session on the 27th ult., in Dr. Goold's church, Edinburgh. Dr. Goold reported that there had been eighteen students in attendance, three of whom had now finished their course of study. He spoke very favorably of the progress of the students. The Rev. John Hamilton, of Renton, gave the valedictory address. His theme was "The Temptations to Sloth."——The congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church in Kelso have presented an elegant gold watch and a handsome purse containing 200 sovereigns to the Rev. Mr. White, their junior pastor, to show the high pleasure they feel at his late decision to remain in his present charge when he declined the call from the South College Street Church, Edinburgh.

Congregational.—The *Congregationalist*, speaking of the coming on of the annual meetings of the State Congregational organizations, says:—"There are now twenty-one States and territories in which these General Congregational bodies are organized, besides the Congregational Union in Canada, and also that in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. These two last-named bodies, though outside of our territory, are closely allied with us in bonds of ecclesiastical faith and fellowship."——A writer, giving an account of the installation of Rev. P. B. Fiske, in Peacham, Vt., says:—"This church has never had but three pastors previous to Mr. F., and all have died and are buried there. Three pastorates, covering a period of almost seventy years, is what few Congregational churches can boast of. The names of these pastors were Revs. Leonard Worcester, David Merrill and Asaph Boutelle."——Prof. McCosh was the preacher at the recent ordination, by Congregational Council, of Messrs. Henry O. Thayer and Gilman A. Hoyt, in Bangor, Me.——At Neosho, Newton county, in the extreme southwest corner of the State of Missouri, a Congregational church of nine members was formed on the 12th of August, without a council or a minister. They have entered into covenant, and are maintaining Sabbath services and prayer-meetings until they obtain the services of a minister.——The late fire in Portland destroyed a manuscript list of the Congregational ministers in Maine, from the year 1672 down. It had been collected with much labor and expense, and was then in the printer's hands. The whole work is now to be gone over.——Rev. John S. Zelie, pastor of the church in Princeton, Mass., died on the 21st ult., aged 41.——*The Pacific*, San Francisco, says that, on the 24th of July, at Pescadero, two Baptists, one Moravian, one Reformed Dutch, one Congregationalist, one Methodist, and seven new converts, were, by an Ecclesiastical Council, organized into a Congregational Church.

Episcopal.—Rev. Charles C. Tiffany, late a Congregational minister, passed over to the Episcopalians, and received supererogatory ordination at the hands of the Rhode Island Bishop Clark, on the 29th of July last.——A new parish, composed exclusively of colored people, has been organized in Louisville. Mr. J. S. Atwell, a colored student of the West Philadelphia Divinity School, is laboring with them as a licensed reader, and is expected to become their future minister.——The "Gambier Mission House," an institution for training candidates for the missionary work in those branches of knowledge which will best adapt them to their future duties, has been removed to this city. It is located on the west side of the Schuylkill, corner of Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue. There are now eleven students. It is expected that the number will be increased to twenty this fall.——Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Boston, has *not* accepted, as was announced, the Episcopate of the Maine Diocese, but has definitely declined. He considers his present field too important to be relinquished.

Methodist.—The *Western Christian Advocate* says:—"According to the reports made in the Church papers, and facts collected from private sources, already $1,000,000 have been subscribed for the Centenary of American Methodism. Yet in some of the Conferences the work has not yet been commenced."——Bishop Cavanaugh is to organize a new Conference west of the Rocky Mountains on the 19th of September. It is to include that part of California north of Scott's Mountain, with Oregon and the territories of Washington and Idaho.——Emory College, located at Oxford, Va., after four years' suspension, was opened on the 15th inst. Rev. J. R. Thomas, D.D., is the President.——Sixty-seven candidates came forward for ordination at the meeting of the British Wesleyan Conference in July.——Rev. Levi White, one of the oldest members of the Cincinnati Conference, died at Sharonville, Ohio, on the 21st ult.——The *Western Christian Advocate* says that among the laborers for Christ, at a recent camp-meeting in Yarmouth, Ohio, were a Scandinavian brought to the Cross while praying between the guns on board of one of our naval vessels; a German, converted from Judaism; an Italian, saved from Romanism, and enduring the bitterest persecution from his friends, and disowned by parents still in Italy; and an Atrican, redeemed from the heathenism of a Southern plantation."

Baptist.—A new Baptist church edifice in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, is nearly finished, and it is expected that a church will be organized and ready to occupy it next month. The correspondent of the *National Baptist* says of it:—"A good Presbyterian brother, recognizing the importance of the field we are about to occupy, has subscribed $500. This is more than any other single subscription that has yet been received, with the exception of those of the two brethren on whom nearly the whole responsibility of the building rests."——One of the victims of the cholera in Cincinnati is Rev. William P. Newman, pastor of a colored Baptist church, and a man of note among the colored ministers of the country. He was educated at Oberlin.——A Baptist Church has been organized at Colorado, in the territory of that name—the fruit of a recent revival.——A lot has been purchased and a Board of Trustees chosen, preparatory to a new Baptist organization, and the building of a church in Coatesville, Pa.——The Baptists in California are about establishing a denominational school. It will be located at *Petaluma*.——Rev. J. P. Conyers has been detached from the pastorate in Oneida, Ill., with a view of devoting himself to evangelistic labors in that region, a work for which he is said to have peculiar adaptation.——The Parkersburg (West Virginia) Association reports its churches, generally, in a prosperous condition, two new churches organized, and 375 converts baptized.

Missionary.—On the 22d of June a band of from forty to fifty men, armed with clubs, attacked the Mission-house at Mahanad, India, and forcibly carried off an inquirer of full age, that they might keep him in durance and prevent his baptism. The young man is above seventeen years of age, a fact which may be proved by a scholarship examination which he recently attended. He is of the Kayust caste, is one of the most distinguished students of the Mission, and has for some time been an intelligent inquirer into the truth of Christianity. With a view to baptism, he took refuge in the Mission-house, where on the previous night his father and friends had a long interview with him. Defeated in their attempts to shake his faith, they returned toward midnight with an armed band and carried off the youth.——The *Christian Instructor* says of the *Maharajah Dhuleep Singh*:—It will be gratifying to many to learn that this distinguished man has recently added to his great kindness to the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt by presenting it, on the anniversary of his marriage, with £1000 (about $5000 in gold, or $7500 in currency)."——Twenty missionaries who were trained at the mission school of Pastor Harms, were lately ordained in Hanover for the missionary work.——At the anniversary of the English Church Missionary Society, Col. Sir H. Edwards stated that a numerous body of high-caste natives of India are engaged in an effort to reform their religion; that 21,000 have petitioned for the abolition of polygamy; that among the various races, 500 Christian missionaries are laboring; and 200,000 Christianized natives are now connected with their churches.——Mr. Paul Curtis has commenced work at East Boston on the new missionary vessel, which is to be built by the Sabbath-school children to take the place of the "*Morning Star*."——Rev. Lemuel Bissell, of Ahmednuggur, India, sailed from Boston, August 15th, to return to his work in the former place. Mr. B. is a missionary of the American Board.——Since the beginning of the present year, five Bible women, as they are called, have been successfully employed in Turkey in the sale and distribution of the Scriptures. They are in the employ of the American Bible Society, but act under the general superintendence of the missionaries of the American Board. They have been quite successful, and have met with much encouragement in their work, so that it is now in contemplation to enlarge somewhat this method of working.

Miscellaneous.—Of the Noon-day Prayer-meeting recently established in San Francisco, *The Pacific* says:—"These meetings have been largely attended and participated in by the various clergymen of the city, and seem to have received the hearty concurrence and support of those Churches which are wont to sympathize with spiritual movements of this kind. Requests for prayer have been frequent, and some remarkable answers to prayer noted. There seems to be a very wide-spread feeling that God's set time to favor Zion has come. There is certainly a wide-spread and deep feeling that we need, above all things, a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit in connection with our Churches at this time; that the great work which has been given them to do in this city and State may be carried successfully forward."——The San Francisco Ministerial Union, comprising most of the evangelical ministers of this city, at a late meeting agreed to invite either Rev. A. B. Earle or Rev. E. P. Hammond to visit that place for evangelistic labors. At the same meeting a resolution was adopted that the Ministerial Union regard the exclusion of the colored citizens from participating with the other citizens of the city in the festivities of our National Anniversary as unchristian and unpatriotic.——The wife of the Rev. Dr. J. S. P. Anderson, pastor of the Central Church, St. Louis, Missouri, recently, died of cholera, after a brief illness.——Rev. W. W. Bennett, of Virginia, chaplain of the Confederate hospitals at Richmond, is compiling a history of the great religious revival in the Confederate army during the last years of the war.

The Christian Union Association has recently been reorganized, and proposes to enter with more vigor than ever upon the great work of promoting the cause of Christian Union. A new constitution has been adopted; a Board of Managers, consisting of three clergymen taken out of each considerable denomination, has been appointed and organized:—Rt. Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, D.D., of Ohio, has been elected President; Rev. J. P. Waterbury, D.D., has been chosen Local Secretary for New York and Brooklyn; the present Secretary, Rev. Mr. Kimball, has been made General Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Joseph Bryan, Treasurer. It is earnestly recommended that similar movements and organizations be made in every considerable town and district, and a secretary or agent engaged who shall be devoted to the work.

Revival Among Muller's Orphans.—Ashley Down is the name of the neighborhood near Bristol, England, where the orphan houses, under George Muller, are built. These have often been the scene of interesting religious experience, and by latest accounts a remarkable awakening is now in progress. Upwards of *three hundred and fifty* of the orphans have been brought under concern for their souls, many of whom have found Jesus and are rejoicing in Him. During their leisure hours they want to pray and read the Scriptures; notes of mutual encouragement and inquiry on spiritual subjects are written to one another, and confession of sin is freely made. Mr. Muller, at a public meeting recently, said that since the 1st of January, 1866, upward of *four hundred and fifty* orphans have been awakened, many of whom have been brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

DEATHS.

OBITUARY.

Died, in Danville, Pa., on the 14th ult., Miss SOPHIA HART, in the 77th year of her age.

Miss Hart was well known to many of the older members of our churches in this city. Her decease was sudden. After dinner, enjoying, seemingly, usual health, and while conversing with some friends, her head fell back on her chair, and with a sentence half uttered, she expired without a groan or a struggle. She was hopefully converted to God in 1821, during a revival of religion in the Presbyterian church of Danville, under the labors of the late Rev. Nicholas Patterson. Prior to her conversion, she had been a gay and thoughtless young lady, but afterward she was thorough and hearty in her devotion to the cause of Christ. Some time after this she came to reside in Philadelphia, and was under the pastoral care of Rev. Thos. H. Skinner, D.D., during his ministry in this city.

She took a deep interest in the organization of the "Northern Liberties and Kensington Infant School Society," and was one of its most efficient managers. She visited the lanes and alleys of the northern part of the city, which, in 1827, was in a very sad moral condition, to collect little children for the Infant Schools, and to invite the people to the meetings for prayer and exhortation established in the neighborhood. We doubt not many were brought to Christ through her self-denying and persevering efforts. Many an ignorant and neglected child was placed, through her agency, under religious instructors, many a ragged one was suitably clad, and many a poor widow cheered by the counsel and help she administered.

She was a steadfast Christian, always ready for every good word and work. Cheerful and happy herself, she aimed to make all within the sphere of her influence partakers of the same blessing. In all her business transactions, she acted according to the spirit and principles of the Gospel. Stern Christian integrity and truthfulness stamped all her purchases and sales. What was sanctioned, by custom, in commercial circles, was no guide for her. The law of Christ regulated her conduct in the store, no less than in the sanctuary. Her piety was an every-day and everywhere piety, not confined to the Sabbath, but manifest in all she said and did. She has left a good record on earth. After a long life of patient continuance in well doing, she has entered into rest, and is now with Jesus, which is far better.

Special Notices.

☞ **Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.**—Office, 115 South Seventh Street.

The one hundred and forty-first meeting in behalf of this Society will be held in the Mechanic's Hall, Corner of Fourth and Georges on Sabbath afternoon, 9th inst., at 3½ o'clock. Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., and others will address the meeting. Public invited.

Tract Visitors Monthly Meeting for the Southern District, south of Market and east of Broad, will be held at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Catharine above Sixth, on Friday evening, 7th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

For the Western District, west of Broad street, at the M. E. Church, Twentieth and Walnut, on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

For the Northeastern District east of Broad and north of Market, at the Fourth Baptist Church, Fifth and Buttonwood, on Wednesday evening, 26th inst., at 7½ o'clock. Tract Visitors invited.

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☞ **Synod of Minnesota** will hold its next Annual Meeting at Stillwater, commencing at 7½ o'clock P. M., on the last Thursday (27th) of September next. C. S. LE DUC, Stated Clerk

☞ **The Synod of Geneva** will meet in Horseheads on the 18th of September, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Topics for discussion as follows:—

1. Female Education.—A. W. Cowles, D.D.
2. Relation of Elders to the Church and their work.—A. A. Wood, D.D.
3. Revivals, their Nature, Fruits, and how to promote them.—Rev. G. W. Warner.

B. M GOLDSMITH, Stated Clerk.

☞ **The Synod of Wisconsin** will hold its Annual Meeting at Lodi, on the third Thursday of September, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Stages will leave Madison and Portage City on Thursday morning for Lodi, in time for members to be present at the meeting

B. G. RILEY, Stated Clerk.

LODI, Wis., Aug. 16. 1866.

☞ **The Presbytery of Wellsborough** will meet at the Church of Wells and Columbia, on the second Tuesday in September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

S. J. McCULLOUGH, Stated Clerk.

☞ **The Synod of Genesee hold their** Annual Sessions in Lafayette Street Church, Buffalo, on the second Tuesday (the 11th day) of September, at four o'clock P. M.

TIMOTHY STILLMAN,
DUNKIRK, Aug. 10, 1866. Stated Clerk.

☞ **The Presbytery of Lyons will meet** in the Presbyterian Church of Sodus, on Tuesday, the 11th of September next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

A. H. LILLY, Stated Clerk.
EAST PALMYRA, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1866.

☞ **The Presbytery of Keokuk will meet** in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa, on Wednesday, the 12th of September, at 7½ P. M.

G. C. BEAMAN, Stated Clerk.

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