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AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN OF AUGUST 30.—Persons having copies of this number, and not wishing to keep them, will confer a favor by returning them to this office.

SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENTS are inserted at 25 per cent. discount from our regular rates.

ERRATUM.—The admirable article of Dr. March in our issue of August 20, "From the Country," was erroneously ascribed to Dr. Adams.

THE ATTENTION OF SYNODS about to meet is earnestly requested to the new features of the Church Erection Plan as presented in the last Presbyterian Monthly, page 214. It is of the highest importance that a hearing should be secured for this cause on the third Sabbath in December, in every one of our churches.

MORE SABBATH DESecRATION.—The Post-office Department is resolved upon the causeless and needless destruction of the little Sabbath quiet which the rum-shops have left us in this city. Only last week we had to make sad mention of the bestowment of a full Sabbath-breaking license upon the Fifth and Sixth line of street cars, under the pretext of letter boxes stuck upon their sides. This week we have to record the Second and Third Street line has been made a post-road. It commenced its Sabbath trips on the last Lord's Day.

AN ARGUMENT THAT PROVES TOO MUCH.—The Watchman and Reflector, arguing for immersion exclusively, says:—"The uniform practice of the Greek Church, down to our own day, using immersion only, is on this point entirely conclusive proof. That Church is not only primitive, but oriental." To this the Boston Recorder adds:—"But the Greek Church practices infant baptism. Will the Watchman allow that its practice is 'entirely conclusive proof' that infant baptism was the practice of the primitive churches?"

A GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT HAND.—We find the following "Notice" in the Central Presbyterian, published in Richmond:—"The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will meet in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, the 15th of November, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M. The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. George Howe, D.D., the last Moderator."

Fortunately we have in this country only three ecclesiastical bodies who designate their highest court by the exact words, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. As, therefore, these General Assemblies are not very numerous, it will not greatly puzzle our Presbyteries to find out whether this Memphis call is meant for them. Probably some Commissioners will be attracted by it who will sooner or later find out that they have got into the wrong box, and probably also there is another General Assembly, which contains a little scattering of material which might go that way and find itself exactly adjusted to its position.

DRUNKENNESS IN HIGH PLACES.—The following is the state of things in Canada. It may be true that we, on this side of the St. Lawrence, have not much to say of those neighbors, but we may at least cry out with them, O Lord! how long! The Montreal Globe affirms that "the Attorney-General West was so drunk, on several occasions during the last session, as not to be capable of speaking rationally or attending to business, and that, as Minister of Militia, Mr. Macdonald is often incapable, from the same cause, of giving the necessary attention to the duties of that office, whereby the Adjutant-General has been hindered in adopting measures which the defence of the country demanded." The Montreal Witness wonders that, in this connection, the still more notorious intemperance of another minister of the crown is not spoken of, and adds:—"On many occasions, during the late session, the House presented more the appearance of a drunken brothel than the Legislative Halls of a free and enlightened people. Ministers of the crown often came to their desks in a state of beastly drunkenness, and acted more the part of drunken bots or buffoons than confidential advisers of Her Majesty's representative. And, to their shame be it said, the drunken antics of these besotted ministers elicited applause!"

TRIBUTE TO DR. BRAINERD.

At the meeting of the Pastoral Association of Philadelphia, held September 3, 1866, being the first meeting after the summer recess, Messrs. Adair and Brown were appointed to prepare a paper in relation to the death of Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D. At the subsequent meeting the following paper was presented and adopted unanimously:—

As an Association, we cannot satisfy the prompting of our hearts in view of our recent bereavement, without placing on record this tribute to the memory of our deceased fellow member and beloved brother, the Rev. Thos. Brainerd, D.D. The position he held as one of the oldest and wisest members of our Association, as well as his distinguished standing as a minister of our denomination in this city and throughout our country, renders such a memento most fitting.

In the sudden and unexpected death of our brother, endeared to us by many pleasant recollections, we reverently recognize the hand of God. Though by this dispensation our denomination and the Church at large has sustained a heavy loss, we desire to acquiesce in this event, knowing that God doeth all things well, and being assured that our friend has been called from his earthly toils to his everlasting rest.

As an Association we regarded the intellectual endowments of our departed brother of a very high order. In the discussion of subjects before our Association, he often displayed commanding powers of mind. His perceptions were quick; his powers of discrimination acute and philosophic; his diction chaste and forcible and his illustrations apt, and the wit and pleasantry with which he interspersed his remarks, made his impromptu remarks on these occasions exceedingly instructive and entertaining.

But we not only admired his talents, we loved him for his social and moral qualities. He had a warm heart, as well as a clear head. He was fraternal and genial in his intercourse with his brethren. He was tender and sympathizing when they were in affliction or in necessity. His attendance at our Association on Monday mornings, after the exhausting labors of the Sabbath, seemed to be to him a pleasure and a recreation; and no one's person was more welcomed than his, as he seldom failed to contribute largely to the interest of its discussions. In his removal, we sincerely and deeply deplore our loss; a loss which we cannot hope will ever be repaired.

As an Association we very tenderly sympathize with the wife and children of our deceased brother, and we earnestly pray that the consolations administered by him in his parochial duties, to bereaved mourners, may be richly experienced by them in this time of their tribulation.

A TRIUMPH FOR ORDER.—The New York State Legislature, last winter, placed the licensing and regulating of liquor houses in the hands of the Health officers, a body of men who at once commenced an energetic course of reform. For a time, the low dram shops were, one after another, being closed, and in many localities nights and Sabbaths ceased to be made hideous with drunken brawls and murders. The friends of virtue took courage and hope, and the men who live by heaping curses and misery on humanity stood aghast. But it came into the heads of a few lawyers to try the now popular dodge of unconstitutionality. An easy and accommodating judiciary were struck with the same idea, and for a time down went the law; the dens of vice, again flung open their doors, and once more blasphemy and outrage reigned. The friends of virtue, however, had grit. The decisions of the New York judges were carried up to the Supreme Court of the State, a body which fortunately is not the creature of a New York City constituency. That Court has reversed the decisions below, and declared the law of last winter constitutional—a decision which will give joy to many thousands in that rum-cursed city.

THE ARABIC BIBLE IN AFRICA.—The recent new translation of the Bible into the Arabic tongue, commenced by the late Dr. Eli Smith, and completed by Dr. Van Duyck, under the auspices of the American Board, is likely to prove, with perhaps one exception, the most important translation of modern times. It now appears that, in addition to the many millions in Southwestern Asia who are expected to use it, the way is fast opening for its entrance among the Mahomedan population in the interior of Africa. Prof. Blyden, of the Liberia College, described by President Bliss, of the Syria Protestant College, as "a man of marked ability and learning, black but comely," is now in the latter institution for the purpose of learning the Arabic, so that he may, on his return, teach it to the Liberia students, preparatory to a Gospel work in the interior. Prof. Blyden was led to this step by learning that the native Mahomedans, visiting Liberia, were greatly delighted with a box of books in the Arabic, sent there from this country, and that there was a great demand for more. He says that this language is making rapid encroachments upon the little republic from the East, through the exertions of active negro Mahomedans; and that it is becoming very important that Liberian young men who intend entering on the missionary work, or residing in the interior, should have some knowledge of it.

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

A RAILROAD DISASTER.

A terrible railroad accident has just occurred, almost on the borders of our city, by which five persons were killed, and fifty or sixty others were more or less injured. The cause was a misplaced switch, running the cars off the track, and piling several up together in broken fragments.

This was upon the Central Railway, which is acknowledged to be one of the best built and best managed roads in all the country. Nothing so disastrous as this has occurred before upon this road for many long years, if ever. But at last a switch-man who had faithfully served the company for fourteen years, is fearfully at fault, and this terrible calamity is the result. We envy him not his feelings. It is said that when he saw the work he had done, he fled to the woods and has not since been seen. We do not wonder. We should think he would pray long for death in some secluded spot, hoping never to see the face of a fellow-man again. But though this calamity is so fearful, and we shudder almost to venture upon a railway train again, we should not forget with what comparative safety we travel in this royal way. Five passengers were killed, but nearly four millions passed over this same road in safety the last year. One train was smashed up, but five thousand trains have passed safely. Is it to be wondered at that a poor mortal man should sometimes fall of his duty in this way? It is sad indeed that it is so, but we fear it always will be so.

FOR THE MORNING STAR.—The Sunday-school class of Mr. G. G. McKinster, in the Brick Church of this city, furnishes a flag or streamer for the new "Morning Star," the children's missionary vessel. It is about thirty feet long, perhaps five feet wide at one end, and three at the other, in stripes of red, white and blue, with the words "Morning Star" in large letters upon the middle portion. Its cost was twenty-seven dollars.

It is an interesting fact that the same class, ten years ago, furnished a similar flag for the old "Morning Star," and it floated at the mast head on the little ship, on her errands of love and mercy, until it was worn out. We may add, also, that the Brick Church school give about one hundred and fifteen dollars for the new missionary ship, the largest sum, we believe, as yet received from any one school for this purpose.

On a recent visit to this village we were more than ever impressed with its beauty. It is twelve miles south of Chittenango, on the N. Y. Central Railroad, accessible by stages running to and fro several times a day. It is also eight hundred feet higher than Chittenango, twelve hundred feet above the level of the sea, and must be a cool and healthy summer retreat.

About two years ago Rev. George S. Boardman, D.D., after having been fifteen years pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place, resigned his charge on account of ill health. Rev. N. P. Campfield, a young brother who had just entered the ministry, was soon after settled in his place. The church numbers nearly three hundred members, fifty-six having been added since Mr. Campfield began his labors among them.

The congregation are now agitating the question of a new house of worship. Their present edifice was considered the finest meeting-house west of Albany at the time of its erection, but, unfortunately, that was more than sixty years ago; and something more modern, more tasteful and more commodious would better suit their present wants. They have a beautiful site for a church, and we predict that it will ere long be well occupied with as neat an edifice, if not as large, as any other now west of Albany.

But we would advise the Building Committee of that or of any other place in city or country, to visit Rochester, and look carefully at the Brick Church (Rev. Dr. Shaw's) before deciding on their plans. We regard the Brick Church of this city, take it all in all, as the most perfect model we have seen for a church edifice. It has the best arrangements, and combines the most conveniences of any church we know. If others do not wish to build so large as this, they have only to reduce the dimensions and retain the arrangement with all its conveniences. If we mistake not, it were worth a journey from one end of the land to the other for any building committee first to look at this before adopting other plans.

But to return to Cazenovia. The young pastor seems to be much beloved and manifestly useful. Some of his parishioners were very thoughtful, and recently presented him with a beautiful and very convenient study table. We find, also, that in connection with the other clergymen of the place, of the Baptist and Methodist churches, he was trying to reach some at least of those who are not ordinarily found in the sanctuary on the Sabbath. For this purpose a plan for outdoor preaching was adopted, the pastors in the town to address such as could be got together on Sabbath afternoons in the outskirts of the village. We shall be interested to know how this works. The rain interfered with the service on the day when we were there. We trust some have been reached thereby that otherwise

We endorse every word of our correspondent in regard to this truly model church edifice. It is worth a visit, even if one does not wish to build.

might have lived and died almost as heathen, even in that beautiful village.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the Rochester Agency of the American Tract Society is received, and makes a good show of business; with O. D. Grosvenor, Superintendent of Colportage; Rev. W. Y. Couch, District Secretary; and Rev. E. F. Owen, General Agent. This agency employs twenty-eight colporteurs, and has a business amounting to about \$40,000 a year.

And this reminds us that Mr. Grosvenor, who keeps the Depository, and who also sells the books of our Publication Committee, recently adopted a very pleasant and convenient way of carrying and exhibiting his wares at the Sunday-school Convention at Utica. He had some small, light book-cases made, two hung together on hinges so as to fold up face to face; packed these with some of his choicest books, sample libraries, and took them down to Utica, and there he had but to unlock and open his cases and he had a fine display of books for the inspection of Sunday-school teachers. It was an easy way of showing what he has always on hand for the little ones. This week he has gone to Montreal to attend the Sunday-school Convention there in session, and has taken his wares along to attract Canadian eyes. The Rochester Agency sells many books in Canada.

AUBURN SEMINARY.—This institution opens this fall with bright prospects. The incoming class bids fair to be considerably larger than that of last year. It is hoped, also, that the churches will cheerfully respond to a louder call than ever to supply the money needed for the education cause. The Government takes good care of West Point; the churches ought to provide well for their schools of the prophets. We need hardly add, that Auburn is as beautiful as ever; its people as genial, as cultivated, as Christian as may be found anywhere; its churches and pastors as cordial in welcoming young men of the right stamp among them; and the Professors able, thorough, devoted men. Is there any better place for a theological student than this, in our land?

ORDINATION AT WEEDSPORT.—Mr. Almon R. Hewitt, of the last class of Auburn Seminary, was ordained as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Weedsport, on the 4th instant. Introductory services by Rev. J. V. C. Nellis, of Jordan; sermon by Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn; ordaining prayer by Rev. Thomas Campbell, of Sennett, and charge to the pastor by Prof. Pierce, of Auburn Seminary.

ITEMS.—Rev. T. M. Hodgeman has accepted the invitation to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Byron, and has already begun his labors there. The church edifice of the Congregational church in Brighton has recently been repaired and improved, at an expense of five or six hundred dollars. Recently, also, the only deacon of this church, Benjamin Blossom, died at the age of 78 years.

Thirty-five persons were received to the Congregational church in Riga, in the last year, from the Sabbath-school. ROCHESTER, Sept. 8, 1866.

LETTER FROM DR. TUSTIN.—To a business note from the venerable and Rev. Dr. Tustin, of Washington, to the editor of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, there are appended the following tribute and sentiments:—"Your last number but one came to me clothed in mourning on account of the demise of my excellent friend and brother, Rev. Dr. Brainerd, of my native city. During the exercises connected with the recent commencement at Lafayette College, I sat with him in the pulpit of the Brainerd Church at Easton, and after listening, with unfeigned gratification, to an admirable discourse, probably his last, addressed to the young men of the Brainerd Society, on the appropriate text, 'Let no man despise thy youth,' I was requested by President Cattell to offer the concluding prayer of the service. I was thus brought into close proximity with Dr. Brainerd, and was charmed with the delightful spirit which he displayed toward me at the close of the service, in the interchange of Christian civilities, though not wearing an ecclesiastical robe of precisely the same color, yet both aiming to bring about the blending into one of those roses whose united fragrance, I doubt not, will fill the Church militant and the Church triumphant with joy and gladness. May we not reasonably suppose that, as he looks down from the portals of light and love, upon the discordant elements which still exist in the Church, bought with the Saviour's blood, he is disposed to chide our hesitancy and tardiness in bringing about this delightful consummation? I confess, my dear brother, that the nearer I approach to the termination of my earthly probation, now not far distant, the more my soul pants to witness the reunion (to change my illustration to one, perhaps, more appropriate) of these bleeding members of the Redeemer's mutilated body; and when that shall have been accomplished, I trust that, through abounding mercy to the chief of sinners, I may at least be ready, if not willing or anxious to say, with good old Simeon, with the Hope of Salvation, not only in his trembling arms, but in his joyful heart, 'Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.' I believe there are scores and thousands

of Simeons and Annas throughout the bounds of both branches of our beloved Zion who are looking forward to such an event with emotions too deep for utterance.

"How long, dear Saviour, O, how long Shall that bright hour delay; Fly swiftly round, ye wheels of time, And bring the welcome day." "Yours, semper et ubique, "SEPTIMUS TUSTIN."

News of our Churches.

REV. DANIEL CLARK, a veteran in the Northwestern service, was installed at Plainfield, Ill., on the 22d ult. The Church is Congregational, but Mr. Clark retains his relations with the Presbytery.

ERIE, PA.—A business note of September 3d mentions with gratification the return of Dr. Lyon, the pastor, after an absence of two months, and his having preached on the previous Sabbath. The church, during his absence, was frescoed and otherwise improved, at an expense of some \$2500.

CHANGE OF LABOR.—Rev. C. D. Curtis, has resigned his pastoral charge of the churches of Belpre and Warren, Ohio, and accepted the Presidency of Farmers' College, in the same State. His post-office address is College Hill, Hamilton county, Ohio.

WALTHAM, ILL.—Rev. John Kidd, recently of Joliet, has accepted a call to the pastorate in Waltham. Rev. W. Wells, the late pastor, takes Wenona, Ill., for his field of labor.

DELHI, OHIO.—A Presbyterian church was organized at Delhi Township, nine miles west of Cincinnati, by Rev. Jas. D. Lamater, Sabbath before last. It is a small beginning, but has fair prospects for growth and usefulness.

NEW ORGANIZATION.—A church of eleven constituent members, chiefly thrifty emigrants from West Virginia, was recently organized in Noble township, Ill., on the route from Cincinnati to St. Louis, and about one hundred miles east of the latter city. It will be connected with the Presbytery of Wabash. It is worthy of more special notice because of its being the first church of our connection in that part of Illinois.

SHIPMAN, ILL.—The last communion was an occasion of universal interest. Seventeen gave their public assent to the Covenant, and sat down to the Lord's table for the first time with us. Of these, eleven were members of one household. They were father and mother, two sons, four daughters, two sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Two infant grandchildren received the seal of the Covenant. One year ago, the resident members of this church numbered twenty-one—now forty-three; so that the number of resident members has doubled in one year.

MISSOURI.—Rev. W. S. Post, of Sulphur Springs, writes to the Presbyterian Reporter:—"It is of little use to issue an appeal for ministers to act as pioneers in Missouri, for it would be a miracle almost for one to answer the call. If he should, he would probably keep you corresponding with him for perhaps six months, and then settle, to your disappointment, over an organized church, where all things are made ready to his hands. When we call him to account for such a dereliction in duty, he very truly excuses himself by saying, 'I cannot support my family as a Home Missionary, on \$500 or \$600 per annum.' You must say amen to that, and so let your brother go where he can get bread and butter for his loved ones. I hope one brother—Rev. J. D. Jenkins—has answered my call for help, by locating in De Soto, on the Iron Mountain railroad. He is there now, prospecting. I trust his heart will not fail him. The people are repairing the church in De Soto, for some one to preach in it. I think their work will not be in vain in the Lord."

Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis, writes to the same paper:—"I have lately spent a Sabbath at Jefferson City, with our Brother Whitaker. It was his communion Sabbath. I preached to his people on Friday, Saturday, Sabbath and Monday evenings, and on Sabbath morning. The attendance was good. Without exception, the attention was most encouraging. Sabbath morning, the neat hall in which they worship was full. After sermon we received two new members by profession, and one by letter. Two others would have been received, but their letters did not arrive in season. The Lord's Supper was then administered, using for the first time a beautiful silver service, procured by the ladies of the congregation. I thought that Brother W. had much reason to be encouraged, though I was not with him long enough to learn much of the difficulties against which he has to struggle. A State capital is apt to be a place of abounding worldliness. Gayety, pleasure-seeking, and the manifold corruptions of party politics concentrate there. The pure Gospel is the only antidote. This Brother Whitaker is applying with, I believe, entire fidelity, and much Christian wisdom. He ought to be remembered very often in the prayers of Christian people—he and the little flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer."

From Laketon, fifteen miles south of Rolla, Rev. B. E. Powelson writes to the same paper:—"I am continuing my labors as best I can in this place. I think we have ground for encouragement. The Sabbath-school still continues the center of interest, and in

regard to the attendance upon the exercises of the church, we notice a change for the better. The increase is gradual; so much the better, for it will be permanent. On last Sabbath a week I had a larger audience than at any time previous. I think, by a straight-forward course being pursued here, the old prejudices (growing out of political troubles) will gradually wear off.

Work of Grace.—I have just had the privilege of assisting Brother Keigwin, of Charlestown, Ind., in a twelve days' meeting in his church. The results are a pleasant reviving of the church and an ingathering of eleven interesting converts. Others are inquiring. The interest had only attained its height at the time the meeting closed. Most of the converts were pupils in the Presbyterian Academy located in Charlestown, and in the charge of Mr. H. C. Donnell. One of them has signified his purpose to enter college with a view to preparation for the ministry.—Cor. Presbyterian.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Work for All.—The U. P. Presbytery of Monmouth, in view of the number of ministers unemployed on the Sabbath, and the number of churches in which they might find opportunity to preach (Christ, adopted, at a late meeting, the following resolution:—"Resolved: That the members of Presbytery be directed to look out preaching stations and report them to the Committee of Missions, and that the Committee be directed to make out a scale of supplies for these stations of ministers and licentiates otherwise unemployed on the Sabbath, and that collections be taken up in these stations on preaching days to compensate these laborers."

No Balls in the Houses of Church Members.—We find the following in the proceedings of a recent meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of Keokuk:—"Mr. Wm. Gormly having appealed from a decision of the Crawfordville Session against him for having a 'ball' at his house, the appeal was not sustained; and Messrs. Hammond and Wilson were appointed to prepare a paper on the subject of dancing and present it to Presbytery at its next meeting."

Extension.—Our O. S. brethren in Pittsburgh are just now engaged in two new enterprises in the suburbs of the city. One is at Oakland, where \$10,000 are already pledged for the erection of a church edifice, and a considerable sum is subscribed for the support of a pastor. The preliminary steps have been taken in the Presbytery for the organization of a church. The other is at Shady Side, one of the most beautiful spots for residences in the vicinity. There, within a month, the subscription for a building has come up to \$8000, and that for ministerial salary to \$1000.

Minnesota.—Of St. Anthony, a correspondent of the Presbyterian Banner writes:—"I saw brother Sample. He is doing a good work at St. Anthony. His congregation, he tells me, has doubled since he went there last spring. He has a large and interesting Sabbath-school."

Death of Dr. Willson.—We barely noticed this event in our last paper. The Presbyterian Banner says of it:—"The Rev. James M. Willson, D.D., a Professor in the Theological Seminary of the Covenant (Old Side) Pa., on the 31st of August, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, Dr. Willson was an exceedingly fine scholar, had an extensive acquaintance with theological literature, and was a close student of church history. Though firmly attached to the principles of his own Church, he was a man of most genial disposition and loving Christian spirit. In the estimation of Presbyterians, he was probably the foremost man of the denomination to which he belonged. His death will be greatly regretted."

A Case for Practical Sympathy.—We find in the papers an appeal from Western Virginia, which says:—"The church edifice in the Presbyterian congregation of French Creek, West Virginia, was burned down by the Union soldiers, accidentally. A Board having been appointed by Congress to make repairs on houses damaged by the soldiers during the war, application was made to said Board, and the agent of the congregation informed them that their claim of \$1500 was granted by the Board. A contract was accordingly made for the erection of a house of worship worth \$1800. Some months later, and after the house had been partly built, the same agent informed them that their claim was not granted, and would not be, because the order was to repair damaged houses, whereas theirs was entirely destroyed. In this emergency, with a frame house put up but unfinished, they applied to Congress for an appropriation, and failed to receive it. It would be too long a time before they could get aid from the Board of Church Extension, the last payment being due to the contractor on the 15th of October, when the house is to be finished. They have contributed to the utmost of their ability, and raised \$1100, leaving \$700 unprovided for."

South.—The Southern General Assembly's Committee of Publication is actively at work. The last Central Presbyterian says that about fifty different issues will soon be completed, of which sixty thousand volumes are already on hand. From the titles given, we suppose they are chiefly Sabbath-school books, a branch of the work to which the energies of the Committee seem for the present to be devoted.

Congregational.—There is but one Congregational pastor at Providence R. I., whose pastorate dates back five years. In five churches there has been a change. In the State more than half the pastors have been unsettled during that time.—An accession by profession, of 17 was made to the Church in Brandon, Vt., on the 2d inst.—Since the first Sabbath in August, sixty-two have been received on profession into the Dane Street Church, Beverly, Mass.—The Church in Sunderland, Mass., received twenty-one on profession, the first Sabbath in the present month.—The Wisconsin Puritan says:—"Five churches in Western Iowa are promising fields of labor. Still others are needed."

Rev. D. B. Burt, pastor of the Cong. church of Winona, Minn., has accepted an appointment on the staff of Gen. Fiske, as Superintendent of Education in the District of Tennessee.—Congregational Churches have been organized on the Little Papillon creek, and on Salt creek, in Nebraska.—Rev. Dr. Emerson, senior pastor of the South Church Salem, Mass., now aged 88 years, has just attended the funeral of the last of those who were members of the church when he assumed the pastorate, more than sixty years ago. The deceased was Mrs. Rebecca Thayer, aged 93 years.

Episcopal.—We noticed recently the decision of the Episcopal Conference at the palace of the Archbishop of Canterbury, sanctioning the setting apart of a semi-clerical class of laborers under the designation of "Lay Readers." The first commissions under the new system have just been bestowed upon two