

News of our Churches.

FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS.—Editor of American Presbyterian.—On Wednesday evening, Sept. 19th, 1866, Rev. Charles A. Williams was installed pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rockford, Ill., by the Presbytery of Galena and Belvidere. Sermon by Rev. Isaac E. Carey; constitutional questions and prayer by Rev. John W. Cunningham; charge to the pastor, by Rev. E. D. Willis; charge to the people, by Rev. A. Kent; benediction by the pastor. We rejoice over the establishment of a pastorate in that interesting field.

THE LATE REVIVALS IN THE CHEMUNG PRESBYTERY.—Last winter and spring we had the frequent satisfaction of speaking of God's gracious dealings with the churches of this Presbytery, covering a territory in Southern New York of which Elmira is the focal point. A correspondent of the Evangelist gives the following table of the accessions by profession: To the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira, about 125; Second Presbyterian Church of Elmira, 85; church at Watkins, 82; Waverly, 58; Horse Heads, 58; Southport, 40; Sugar Hill, 40; Meads Creek, 15; Tyrone, 30; Big Flats 18—total, 573, and a few additions to some others.

A WELL CHOSEN SUBJECT.—The Presbytery of Indianapolis, at its late meeting in Bethel, devoted an entire afternoon to the discussion of Family Religion, with a view to an effort to revive a practical interest in that much neglected subject.

NEW CHURCHES IN THE WEST.—Huntsville, Schuyler Co., Ill.—The Presbyterian Reporter says that an Old School Presbyterian church had existed in Huntsville for about twenty-eight years, but it failed to attract all the elements in the neighborhood which naturally belonged to a Presbyterian church. Hence its stated supply, Rev. Joseph Worrell, of the Presbytery of Schuyler, O. S., in a Christian and brotherly spirit, advised the organization of a new church, to be connected with the Presbytery of Schuyler, N. S., and that the old organization should merge itself in the new. Such an organization has been effected, Rev. Isaac T. Whitmore conducting the transaction, and thirty-four members are now enrolled in it, under the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville. They are now enjoying the ministry of Rev. E. L. Hurd.—America, Ill.—A church, small in its beginning but with a field for growth, has been organized in America, a town with an ambitious name, a few miles out from Cairo.—Nokomis, Ill.—A church was organized in this place last June, with ten consistent members. It now numbers forty-four, and has commenced the erection of a new house of worship.—Newburg, Ill.—A new church of fifteen members was organized in this place on Sabbath, August 12th.

ANOTHER MINISTER GONE.—We have this week to record the death of Rev. Robert R. Kellogg, a minister connected with the Presbytery of Hudson, and for some time past the stated supply of the church in Milford, Pike Co., Pa. He died in Milford, on Tuesday of last week, after a short illness, from congestion of the brain. He was in the prime of his activity and usefulness, both of which qualities have, from the first, been points in his ministerial character. He was truly devoted to his work, and was, withal, pleasant and genial among his parishioners, and in the society of his brethren. He was, for several years, the pastor of the Fort Street Church in Detroit, and was a member of our last General Assembly. We saw him there lively and watchful; it is hard to realize that the time has so soon come when the places that knew him shall know him no more. A long and rich neurological list is being rolled up for our next annual tables. These are mysterious providences, but they forbid no disaster. It is only the men that die—the everlasting Gospel lives.

News of the Week.

PITTSBURGH SOLDIERS' CONVENTION. Where the heart of our soldiers truly is, may be inferred from the contrast between the utterly lame affair at Cleveland, where a few Johnsonized office holders and office expectants exchanged greetings with the infamously author of the Fort Pillow massacre, and the perfectly overwhelming demonstration of the loyal element in the army at Pittsburgh last week, where from 15,000 to 20,000 soldiers were in attendance. It is believed to be the largest Convention ever held in the country. The city itself was ablaze with enthusiasm, exceeding even that poured forth in honor of the Southern Loyalists in Philadelphia. Private dwellings and business houses throughout the city were gaily decorated with flags, banners and other patriotic emblems. In fact, the only exceptions to the general rule were the Federal offices. The Post-office, Custom-house, and the offices of the United States Marshal and Assessor of Internal Revenue were bare. No flags or other signs of welcome to the soldier hung from their walls. Many citizens kept open house during the session of the Convention, and arranged to quarter a certain number of delegates.

Monday night seems to have passed without much sleep, as distinguished men and delegations continued to arrive and were received by rejoicing crowds. At midnight, Generals Geary and Butler arrived, and were received at the depot by a large crowd and escorted to the City Hall, which, even at that late hour, was densely packed. Speeches were made by Generals Geary, Butler, Schenck of Ohio, Hon. Simon Cameron, and others. Soon afterward another large meeting was held in the rotunda of the Monongahela House, where addresses were made by Gen. Geary, Judge Shannon, of Pittsburgh, and others. All night, and until almost day-

light, the streets were filled with people, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. On Tuesday morning, the City Hall was thronged at an early hour in expectation of the opening of the Convention. A choir of two hundred ladies sang patriotic airs. It was with great difficulty that room was made for the thousands of delegates, only a small part of whom, in fact, were able to enter the Hall. The Wisconsin delegation brought the celebrated eagle "Old Abe," which, by special vote, was admitted to the platform. Private Dudley, of the 16th Massachusetts, who had resigned an office in the Treasury because the Secretary had refused him permission to come, on an old and unused leave, to the Convention, was made temporary chairman. The choir sang Old Hundred, and prayer was offered by Chaplain Granville Meade. General Cox, of Ohio, was made permanent chairman.

The following resolution, offered by Gen. Collis, of Philadelphia, was referred to a committee:—Whereas, Andrew Johnson, in a recent speech at Washington, declared that he could make use of the army and navy of the United States to assist in making him Dictator—Resolved, That when he used that language, he insulted every soldier and patriot of the Republic, and we desire him to understand that the efforts of this Government cannot be used to strike a blow at civil liberty or popular government.

The Convention soon afterward adjourned. In the evening, a procession was formed. Pittsburgh despatches say:—To-night Pittsburgh and Allegheny city are in a perfect blaze of light and present the most magnificent sight ever witnessed here, and seldom, if ever, surpassed elsewhere. The Chinese lanterns, which had been seen hung from almost every public building and private house, and across the streets and by-ways, were lighted up, and in a few moments hundreds of thousands of lights were visible throughout the city.

Many of the buildings were illuminated with candles, and the windows of others were covered with red, white and blue paper, which, with the light shining, made a fine effect. The loyal newspaper offices were decorated and illuminated, the Gazette being especially noticeable. The Monongahela House was literally covered with colored lanterns, and in front, in jets of gas, were the words "Geary and Congress. We support Grant, Geary and the Union army."

The court-house was put in proper trim by Sheriff Stewart, one of the members of the State Central Committee, and from cupola to base, nearly one thousand lanterns were distributed; the jail was also covered with lanterns. Fireworks were discharged throughout the line, and red and blue lights illuminated the streets. The procession marched four abreast and occupied about two hours in passing a given point, and every street was thronged with spectators. To add to the appearance, the school-houses were also illuminated, and from nearly every window, door-step and pavement, ladies waved their handkerchiefs to the passing patriots.

The procession was miles in length, and every officer in command and on staffs was in his army uniform. The firemen turned out largely, uniformed and drawing apparatus gaily decorated; while butchers, carters and draymen looked splendidly. The correspondent of the New York Tribune says of the delegates:—"A great portion were mained veterans, some without an arm, others without a leg, and others with scars of all descriptions. One delegate from Ohio, Private Samuel H. Decker, had both his arms shot off at the battle of Perryville, Ky. He was invited to a seat on the platform, and was received with great applause. The Pennsylvania delegation alone has some fifteen or twenty soldiers on crutches."

On Wednesday a series of Resolutions was introduced by Gen. Butler, Chairman of the Committee, approving of the Constitutional Amendment, as offering the mildest terms ever granted to subdued rebels; denouncing the course of the President in opposing Congress, and asserting the right of the latter to make terms; favoring a change of the neutrality laws, and demanding that effective service in the field should be the test of merit and promotion in the regular army and navy. Two of the resolutions were as follows:—Resolved, That when the President claims that by the aid of the army and navy he might have made himself Dictator, he insulted every soldier and sailor in the Republic. He ought distinctly to understand that the tried patriots of this nation can never be used to overthrow civil liberty or popular government.

Resolved, That the Union men of the South without distinction of race or color, are entitled to the gratitude of every loyal soldier and sailor who served his country in suppressing the Rebellion, and that in their present dark hours of trial, when they are persecuted by thousands, solely because they are now and have been true to the Government, we will stand by and protect with our lives, if necessary, those brave men who remain true to us when all around are false and faithless.

It was also voted that a Soldiers' and Sailors' Union be formed to promote the great principles for which the war has been waged. A series of addresses and speeches and a scribble demonstrations of enthusiasm, such as perhaps only volunteer American soldiers of liberty, alone of all the world are capable of exhibiting, the Convention adjourned the same day.

THE STATES. New York.—Lindsay, the preacher, who whipped his child to death, has been indicted for murder in Orleans county, N. Y.

New Jersey.—The State Temperance Convention met at Trenton, Sept. 26. A storm was prevailing and the attendance was small. Hon. Martin Ryerson presided. Hon. Aug. L. Richey was chosen President for the ensuing year. A resolution favoring the election of prohibitionists to the Legislature passed.

Connecticut.—Recent town elections show large Republican majorities and gains. Dist. Columbia.—A colored citizen of Pennsylvania made application Oct. 1, to be admitted to practice at the Criminal Court of the District. He has been engaged in his profession at the bar of the Freedmen's Courts in South Carolina. The Court appointed three lawyers to examine into his qualifications. This is the first application of a colored man to be admitted to the bar of our District Courts.

Georgia.—The functions of the county court of Burke county, have been declared suspended by Judge Perry, in consequence of the arrest of the sheriff by the military while executing the process of said court.

Texas.—Major Howell, commanding the Union forces at Jefferson, Texas, reports that two soldiers of the 65th Colored Infantry were killed by Jack Phillips, Deputy-Marshal at Jefferson. The murdered men were the victims of blind, revengeful passion. Phillips is at large, but a warrant for his arrest has been issued by the civil authorities.

Oregon.—H. W. Corbett, Republican, has been elected U. S. Senator.

POLITICAL. Gen. Grant has written a letter in reference to an assertion made by a Johnson political speaker, that the General fully endorsed the President's policy. Gen. Grant says no man living is authorized to speak for him in political matters. He wishes every one to vote according to his own judgment without influence from him.

Expenses of the President's Late Tour.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent says:—The fact has leaked out that the late Presidential excursion has completely bankrupted the finances of the Johnson National Union Club, leaving it \$30,000 in debt. It is known here that the treasury of the club was bankrupt before the party left Philadelphia, and the drafts given for bills contracted there could not be paid on presentation. One member of the Cabinet alone ran up a bill at the Continental of \$700.

Financial.—The amount of gold in the Treasury at the close of business, September 29th, was \$83,000,000, included in which, were certificates to the value of thirty millions.—The steamship Teutonia sailed from Southampton, September 26th, for New York, with 2,000,000 francs in gold. The steamer Bremen has sailed with \$142,000 in gold.—United States, 5-20's in Liverpool, October 1st, 70 1/2, a great decline.—The steamers Hansa and Bremen, at New York, September 25th, brought a total of \$1,055,000, and neither of the outward bound steamers from New York and Boston, the next day, took out a dollar. Still gold keeps pretty well up.

An Eclipse of the Sun.—On Monday, October 8th, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, which, however, cannot be seen in this part of the United States, but will be visible in New England. It occurs in the morning, at the time of new moon, and will be the last eclipse of the sun visible in the United States until August 7th, 1867.

The Eight Religious Notices in Saturday's Press are thus distributed: Three are Moravian, one "First Congregational," two Swedenborgian, one Spiritualist, and one a Methodist business notice.

FOREIGN. Mexico.—According to the Imperial Mexican Consul at San Francisco, Mazatlan was still in the hands of the French September 6. Letters from Colima, Sept. 14, say nothing of the capture by the Liberals of the Gaudalajara, San Luis or Durango. He has despatches also from Imperialist dated Sept. 15, which say that the Imperialists surprised Gen. Diaz in an engagement near Ojaca City, together with most of his officers and a large number of men. The Mexican Republican(?) Consul at the same port has received letters from Chihuahua dated August 20, giving official notice that the Republicans had occupied Monterey and Saltillo; that the Liberals in an action 25 leagues from Durango had defeated the traitors and captured the city of Nazas, and that the French had abandoned Durango. Later advices confirm the French evacuation of Sonora. When the Imperialists left Mazatlan they took with them the American bark Francis Palmer, which had been seized on a charge of loading guano without license, and it is stated that the U. S. steamer Saracac was going in pursuit of the bark.

Crete Appeals to the United States.—The Committee of Deputies in Crete have agreed on an appeal to the President of the United States in their struggle for deliverance from the Turkish yoke.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE. The Wires in Newfoundland have been prostrated by a storm. The Palermo Rebels were arrested Sept. 24th.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill authorizing a loan. The Ministers agreed to a reduction to 30,000,000 thalers, but urged upon the Chamber that the Government should be kept in a strong financial position.

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