

CALENDAR FOR 1867.

Calendar for 1867 showing months from January to June with days of the week and numbers.

Religious Intelligence.

Correspondence with Ireland.—Professor Porter, Convener of the Irish Assembly's Committee on Correspondence, writes to Dr. Boardman, of this city, that, having heard that our brethren of the other branch proposed sending deputies to the Free Church of Scotland, he requests that they will instruct their deputies to appear at the Irish General Assembly, which is appointed to meet in Dublin on the first Monday in June, 1867.

Presbyterian Churches in New England.—Of the eleven churches belonging to the London and Westminster Association in Massachusetts and seven in New Hampshire—only two now have pastors, viz: the First Presbyterian Church in Newburyport, Rev. Mr. Richardson, pastor, and the church in Bedford, N. H., Rev. Arthur Little.

Withdrawal.—Rev. Charles D. Kellogg, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Del., has withdrawn from the active duties of the ministry, on account of continued ill health. Three years ago, when he took charge of the church, it numbered one hundred and sixty members; it now numbers more than three hundred. Much of the debt upon the church has been paid.

A Southern Lady, for over two years, has been installing the rudiments of education into the neglected poor white children in her neighborhood. A rude building on her husband's plantation (he was till lately a slave-owner) serves her as a vestry and school-room. There every Sabbath morning, seventy children, both sexes, are assembled, and study the Bible. Except for the occasional aid of a lady relative or some chance visitor, she teaches alone. Last summer she proposed to discontinue her services, during the extreme heat of the weather. Though some of the children walked barefoot five miles, under a burning sun, to attend, not one was willing to forego her instruction even for a single day. She intends soon to open an evening school for colored children. Her great desire now is to hold regular religious services for parents and children after her morning school is over. Friends at the North, interested in the success of her undertaking, are helping her raise the means necessary to support a minister, and are on the lookout for one fit for the work. She is an earnest Presbyterian.—Boston Christian Register.

Dedication at Stillwater.—The Second Presbyterian Church at Stillwater, N. Y., was dedicated with appropriate services, December 18th. A subscription of \$500 relieved the property of all incumbrances. This church was organized one year ago, and has thirty-five members. It is under the pastoral care of Rev. W. M. Johnson, who is also pastor of the First Church, Stillwater. The Lord has greatly blessed his labors in this field.

The First U. P. Presbytery of New York met in the church in Paterson, N. J., December 4th. On the evening of Tuesday, the Sabbath-school in connection with this church was examined on the first half of the Assembly's Shorter Catechism. Arrangements were made to ordain Mr. W. A. Findley over the East Eleventh Street Church, New York, and a pastoral letter on Manages was adopted. On the evening of Wednesday, the congregation of Paterson was visited.

Requests.—The late Elizabeth Hoge, of Philadelphia, leaves \$5000 to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the S. Presbyterian Church, for the use of such benevolent ministers and their families as the Trustees may designate; also, \$3000 to the Board of Domestic Missions.—The Presbyterian church in Litchfield, N. H., receives by the will of the late James Parker, of that town, about \$20,000, the interest to be used in maintaining preachers.

Church Dedication at Council Bluffs.—On Saturday, November 18th, a new Presbyterian Church was dedicated at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The church was organized in October, 1856, consisting of thirteen members. It has received one hundred and fifty-two, of whom eighty-seven have been received upon profession, and now embraces one hundred and five members. The foundation was laid in 1857. Owing to the financial crisis, the work was suspended till 1866. It has just been finished, and is a handsome brick building, 60 feet long and 43 feet wide, with a fine basement for the Sabbath-school. The cost was \$17,000, all of which has been raised, so that the building was truly given to God at the time of the dedication.

Bible Revision.—A correspondent of the United Presbyterian suggests the propriety of ministers suggesting changes in the current version of the Bible at the Presbytery, and if approved there, carry it to the Synod; and when approved in all the courts of the Church, insert it in the next edition.

"Stum Cuique."—"We learn," says the N. Y. Observer, "that Dr. Plumer has decided to accept the Professorship of Theology in the Columbia, S. C., Theological Seminary. Notwithstanding this will necessitate the removal of his Presbyterian connection to the Southern Presbyterian Church, we are sure that he will carry with him the best wishes and prayers of his numerous friends for his eminent usefulness in training up men for the sacred ministry." Very Observers!

Cumberland Presbyterian University.—Last Monday week was a proud day for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this country. It was the opening day of Lincoln University. Long and hard has been the labor and toil to accomplish this end. But the glorious day is come at last. Here has begun the labors and career of an institution that, with God's blessing, will send its rays of light and truth across the continent, and down the stream of generations, until that morn'g when the strong-armed angel shall herald forth the death of time and the near approach of the unending eternity. We have no hesitancy in saying that the building, in its beauty and excellence of architecture and adaptation to the work of a college, is unsurpassed in the Church, if ever it has been equaled.—Western Cumb. Presb.

Death in the Ministry.—The Presbyterian announces the death of the Rev. L. F. Leake, of Terre Haute, Indiana, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry. He had been for a time in infirm health.

A Sign of the Times.—The liberal wing of the United Presbyterian Church propose to issue the first number of a new paper—the Union Presbyterian—on the first of next month. It will advocate "believers' communion" and Christian union as an end, with Presbyterian union as a means to that end. It will be located in Cincinnati, and Rev. W. C. McCune, of that place, will be on the staff.

Mission Work in New York.—The Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street, (Rev. Dr. Rice's,) always active in this street, have purchased two houses in King street, which have been fitted for the occupancy of one of their oldest and most successful missions. The Brick Presbyterian Church have commenced the erection of a commodious building in Thirty-fifth street, for the use of a very large and interesting mission they have succeeded in gathering and sustaining in Broadway.

Japanese Dictionary.—Dr. Hepburn writes to the Old School Board of having completed the nearly seven years' chief work of his hand in Japan—a Japanese and English Dictionary—and he expected to take immediate steps for having it printed. One of our countrymen, a merchant at Yokohama, kindly and liberally offered to take the risk and be at the expense of its publication; this expense will probably be reimbursed by its sales. This work, the first and only one of the kind, has involved great labor, but it is regarded as indispensable to the translation of the Scriptures into the Japanese language, and it will be very useful also to missionaries and others.

New Mexico.—The Rev. D. F. McFarland, Old School Missionary at Santa Fe, writes that he has made the acquaintance of all the leading men, and preached on Sabbath morning in the Senate Chamber, to a full house. Feels much encouraged. All the principal Americans received him most cordially, expressing themselves rejoiced that one has come at last to preach Christ's Gospel in this place. There are about seven hundred Americans in the place.

News of the Week.

THE EXECUTIVE. Results of the late Supreme Court Decision.—It is understood that a general order is in course of preparation, to be directed to department commanders, acquainting them with the decision of the Supreme Court, against the illegality of courts martial for the trial of civilians, and directing them to confine themselves strictly to military duties, leaving judicial questions to the decision of the civil courts, or something to this effect.

The Judiciary.—The New York Herald comes to the rescue of Congress and the loyal people in the controversy inaugurated by the late decision of the Supreme Court. The decision threatens to render illegal all acts done by military power for upholding the Government against traitors in the Northern States. The Herald says:—"But what can Congress do, with the Supreme Court still holding on to the teachings of the Dred Scott decision and blocking the way? Congress still has the remedy in its hands in the power to reconstruct the Supreme Court itself. In the repeal of the laws creating and relating to the present Supreme Court it may be able to do what it pleases, with new judges, from the Chief Justice down, as few or more in number, as Congress may prescribe. Here is an inviting field for Congressional reconstruction for while of the nine judges of this court there are five who still believe in the Union and the Constitution as they were under Buchanan, what security have we against some future decision reaffirming the Dred Scott decision and the decree of the Chicago Convention—that the war for the Union was a failure? Five against four. One man in this court is invested with the power of turning the Government back again to Buchanan. Have we not here a relic of the past demanding a change of reconstruction? The Chief Justice Chase has refused a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Dr. Mudd, one of the conspirators imprisoned at the Dry Tortugas. The Chief Justice, however, says his refusal does not prevent application to another judge or court.

THE STATES. Pennsylvania.—Governor Geary has appointed Col. Frank Jordan, of Bedford, to be Secretary of the Commonwealth, and B. H. Brewster, Esq., of this city, to be Attorney General.

New York.—More Seizures of Distilleries.—Whisky dealers are putting up prices, on account of the frequent seizures of delinquent establishments. The biggest seizure of the season, by the way, took place last week. The distillery is located at the corner of Thirty-ninth street and Tenth avenue, and is owned by a Mr. Judah Pierce. Its capacity is said to be about five thousand gallons per diem. The Government officers are now bivouacking on the premises. As things are going on, there will hardly be a distillery in the city upon which the Government will not have laid its heavy hand in thirty days from date.—The Supreme Court, in session at Albany, has rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the late General Term, which sustained the constitutionality of the Excise law.

Massachusetts.—The proprietors of the Revere, Tremont, and Parker Houses, and Young's Hotel, Boston, are in trouble. They have been charged with violating the Massachusetts liquor laws, and, pleading guilty, have been fined \$50 each, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. They have appealed to a higher court, however, so that the sentence is, for the present, held in abeyance.

Ohio.—In Cincinnati, Dec. 24th, three persons one family died from eating diseased pork, and two others are now ill from the same cause.

Slavery Revived in Maryland.—Four negroes, convicted for larceny, and ordered to be sold by Judge Magruder, at Annapolis, were sold on Saturday. Some twenty or thirty farmers were present at the sale. The first one sold was John Johnson, who bid for himself, and the auctioneer taking his bid, he was finally knocked down

to himself, and became his own purchaser, for \$37. Another man bought \$53, and two girls bought respectively \$22 and \$30 each. An officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, Major Vandell, was present for the purpose of making an affidavit, so that Judge Magruder could be brought to trial, before a United States Court, under the Civil Rights bill. The affidavit was made before the United States Commissioner. As the Civil Rights bill requires all persons, white or black, to be treated alike by the laws, and as white men are not sold for crime in Maryland, it would seem that the case is too plain and flagrant to leave room for doubt.

Missouri.—Gen. Grant's Order Withdrawn.—The following appeared in the papers last week.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1866.—Governor T. C. Fletcher.—The order sending United States troops to Lafayette county was countermanded on receipt of your despatch. U. S. GRANT, General. How the General was induced to issue the order to send the troops there without any solicitation from the Governor, is a question which would bear investigation.—The collection of internal revenue in the disaffected counties of Missouri is suspended, and the Collector is a fugitive in St. Louis.

South Carolina.—A delegate from this State has been to Washington. On his return he announced that the President gave it as his deliberate opinion that the Southern States, through their Legislatures, should reject the proposed constitutional amendment, but in such terms as not to give offense to those who are urging it upon the South. Such action on their part he believes, would be sustained by the Supreme Court—at least, he had reason to hope that it would.

Louisiana.—The receipts of opium at New Orleans, since the 1st of September, have been 690,000 bales.—The Joint Committee of the New Orleans Common Council waited on the Congressional Committee, for the purpose of tendering their rooms, etc., on the part of the city, agreeable to a special resolution of the City Council. The offer was declined.—Minister Campbell, who with Gen. Sherman went to the ship Susquehanna to Vera Cruz and Tampico, with the purpose, as is supposed, of making some arrangement with and for the Jerez government, arrived in New Orleans, Dec. 23d.

Nebraska.—On the 22d inst., near Fort Kearney, Nebraska, a party of 3 U. S. soldiers were surrounded and massacred by Indians.

Montana.—A paper published in British Columbia, The Telegraph, has a leading article, in which the prosperity of Montana is contrasted with the retrogression of British Columbia. It inquires "Must we come to the melancholy conclusion that American territory the race is maintaining its manliness, while in the British colony it is rapidly degenerating?"

The City.—The mortality of 1866 is stated to be 16,903 against 17,169 in 1865. Seven thousand three hundred and ninety-eight were of persons of five years or under. Consumption causes the greatest number of deaths, those reported numbering 931.

Financial.—The receipts of gold in the Treasury during the current month are unusually light. No extraordinary expenditures have been made, and the balance at the month will show gold in the Treasury vaults about \$30,000,000; certificates, \$5,000,000; total, \$35,000,000.—The cotton crop estimates are completed, showing a total production of 1,750,000 bales, of 400 pounds weight. The actual bales now contain nearly 30 pounds each.

FOREIGN.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE. Dec. 24.—Florence.—The Minister of Finance reports a deficiency of 200,000,000 francs.—The prisoner Surrat has been placed on board the United States steamer Swatara, at Alexandria, which sailed for the United States, Dec. 21st.

Dec. 25.—Athens.—A report from Corea, the capital of Candia, by way of Syria, says another battle had taken place between the Turks and the Greek insurgents, in which the former were defeated with heavy losses.

London.—A telegram from Hong Kong, via Bombay, states that the French fleet in Corea has been defeated in an engagement, Kingman Goshin. The China fleet has returned to Shanghai. The amount of loss is not stated.

Dec. 26.—London.—The reports of the French fleet in Corea is confirmed. The Cochinchinese shore batteries are said to be formidable.—Paris.—A coup d'etat in the Spanish Government is said to be imminent. The Queen is unable to select a Ministry, which has the confidence either of the Progressists or the Church party.

London.—The Malta and Alexandria telegraph cable is not working. An arrival from Alexandria states the advice have been received that the French fleet had taken the forts at Kaghow, and that that city was in their possession.

Florence.—The bad feeling between Greece and Turkey is increasing, and war between the two Powers is seriously threatened.—London.—An order has been issued for the return of two regular troops from Ireland. The termination of the ocean yacht race is announced. The yacht Henrietta, owned by James Gordon Bennett, Jr., was the winner. She arrived off the Needles, in the Isle of Wight England, at 6:45 on Christmas evening, after a run of 13 days and 25 hours. The flying and yachts came in next morning.

London.—A large portion of that part of the Crystal Palace which has been used for the exhibition of tropical products, was burned early this morning. The British American Conference, which has been in session here for a long time, has at last removed all difficulties, and agreed on a basis for a confederation bill to Parliament. U. S. 5-20's, 728.

Departure of French Troops from Italy.—The Pope has addressed the officers of the 35th Regiment on their departure from Rome. He said:—"Your flag left France to restore the Holy See. The flag now returns to France; but many consciences will not be satisfied, for a revolution will come to the States of Rome. Italy is complete, as has been said, because this scrap of territory still remains; when this no longer remains, the flag of revolution will float over the Italian capital. I pray for Napoleon and his tranquility; but he also must do something. France is the eldest daughter of the Church, but it does not suffice to wear the title. The right to wear it must be proved by deeds."

Mexico.—Advices received at Havana Dec. 22d, state that Maximilian had divided the country into four military divisions, under the command of Major Marquez and Miramonte, and the fourth, Yucatan, is to remain in its present state. General Blanco has been appointed Minister of War. The Emperor has charged his Ministry with the duty of convening a National Congress without delay. The Council is now engaged in preparing the basis upon which this sovereign Council shall be called together. The Emperor has received, within a few days past, more explicit assurances from Marshal Bazaine, which, he says, are in conformity with the commands of his sovereign, the Emperor

Napoleon, to co-operate with him [Maximilian] in the interests of order and peace, and give His Majesty's Government assistance in carrying out their plans as long as the French troops remain in the national territory.

The French Exposition.—America will be well represented in every department. Applications for admission have exceeded the allotted space, and the commission have been compelled to select such specimens as they deemed most meritorious.

The Fenians in Canada.—Immense donations of Christmas cheer, enough to last several days, were furnished to the Fenian prisoners.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Steamer Great Eastern is now lying in the Mersey, near Liverpool, undergoing repairs, about 1000 men being employed upon her. She is to be thoroughly overhauled and will receive two new boilers, and on the 20th of March next is expected to leave for New York, to begin plying between that city and Brest, in order to carry passengers to the Paris Exposition. She will be commanded by Captain Sir James Anderson, the excellent seaman who conducted her so safely during the cable expedition.

A Temperance League.—A large number of members of Congress, it is announced, have signed a call for the formation of a Congressional Temperance League, among the names being found the entire Illinois delegation. President Johnson or Gen. Grant will probably be invited to be president, and Senator Yates, Thaddeus Stevens, and Gen. Banks are proposed as vice presidents. It is said to be the intention of the League, immediately after organization, to invite co-operation in the movement of the various State Governors and Legislatures.

AYER'S AMERICAN ALMANAC is now ready for delivery gratis, by the druggists, to all who call for it. Among the problems of high science which the doctor presents in it, is the startling assertion that the friction of the tides upon its surface retards the earth's revolution upon its axis, or holds it back with a force of six thousand millions of horse power. Hence it is easy to see that, without some counter force, the globe must rotate slower and slower, until its revolutions wholly cease. Then, with perpetual night on one side, and a degree of cold far below any now known, we should have, on the other, a "fervent heat" from the sun, which would melt the rocks and make the mountains run like water. But we need, feel no alarm. He shows a counterpoise which nearly balances this resistance, and will maintain, substantially, the present mundane condition, through ages upon ages yet to come.

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