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FRENCH PROTESTANT PAPER.—Persons who have students of French in their families, or, who desire to keep up their acquaintance with that language, can do two good things at once by subscribing to L'Avance. This is a small weekly paper, published by a good man in Canada, for the benefit of Protestant French Canadians. Its contents are mixed, religious and secular, adapted to those for whom it is published, and also well-suited to those who desire to increase their familiarity with the French language. Subscription to it will encourage a worthy enterprise. The price in United States currency is \$1.50 per annum, which should be remitted to L. E. Rivard, Pointe aux Trembles, near Montreal, C. E.

FOLLOWING TO DO EVIL.—Some of the Southern Baptists seem inclined to imitate the so-called Assembly of Memphis in their Egyptian task-master policy towards American citizens of African descent. The Bartholomew Association of Arkansas advised the churches not to give letters of dismission to colored members, when the object was to form independent churches; also to refuse them the privilege of voting and being represented in councils. We presume it will gratify such non-political churches to learn that already 86,000 colored Methodists have left the Southern M. E. Church to join the African M. E. Church.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The latest scientific doctrine is, that force is indestructible—a truth proclaimed in the New Testament ("a cup of cold water") as to the moral world, and recently exemplified in the same sphere by the effects of Mr. Packer's noble gift to Lehigh University. The graduates, trustees and friends of our city University have been roused to emulation, and we learn that there is a chance of increasing its endowments to the full extent of Judge Packer's gift—\$500,000. The University of Pennsylvania is probably the oldest educational institution in the middle States, having been established by Benjamin Franklin and others before the middle of last century. When first opened, a yearly collection was taken up in all the city churches for its benefit, and a plate was handed round at commencement. Large aid was obtained from the South, Jamaica and England, and the Penn family contributed largely to its endowments. At the Revolution, it became involved in Tory politics, and although the Continental Congress promised it indemnity, and attended its commencements, in spite of Franklin, the State attempted to take away its charter, and, that failing, to crush it by means of a rival institution. This attempt failed and the two were combined, but State and public patronage was lost forever, and the graduates have not yet supplied the place of these. The united estates of the Alumni amount to many millions of dollars, but their gifts, during the present century, to \$600. We believe that Mr. William Welsh and Professor Charles J. Stille, deserve a large share of the honor of this new movement.

GRAND LEDGE, MICH.—A commission of the new Presbytery of Lansing organized a Church at this place. The Stated Clerk describes his journey in the Evangelist, and says:—

Finally, we beheld the welcome lights of the village, long after dark; and having secured refreshments after our tedious journey, we turned our steps toward the school-house, and there found a very good audience assembled by Rev. C. S. Armstrong, pastor-elect of the Second Presbyterian Church of Lansing; and brief devotional exercises were enjoyed. On the next morning, we assembled again for worship, and proceeded afterward to the formal organization of "The First Presbyterian Church of Grand Ledge." On account of the unpleasant weather and the very bad roads, many who designed to enter into covenant at the organization, were deprived of this privilege; but arrangements were made for other services soon to be held, when they, and, as we hope, many others will unite with this noble band, and work heartily together for the Master. "The prospects of this new church are quite flattering, as the village from which it takes its name is growing rapidly in wealth and population. Vast stores of coal and stone abound there, and "oil" is now beginning to be found in such quantities as greatly to encourage the hopes of a company recently formed. An excellent water-power is found in the Grand river, which touches at this point, but one or two extending from Lansing westward, may soon afford a much needed outlet.

REV. DR. GEORGE C. CURTIS has resigned the pastorate of the First Church of Elmira, the resignation to take effect April 1st. The embarrassed condition of the finances of the Church, resulting from the burning and rebuilding of their new and expensive edifice, is mentioned as contributing to this much to be regretted event.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The beginning of a new year is an era of revolution in the newspaper world, and never more so than at the present time.

In New England there are but few changes. In Portland, Maine, the Christian Mirror (Congregational) was burnt out in the great fire; but after appearing, for a week or two, in a diminutive form, came out fresh and handsome in its old dimensions. In Boston the Watchman and Reflector has become a double sheet, being the first religious weekly of that form in the "Hub." The Boston American Tract Society have begun to issue the Sabbath at Home, an illustrated religious magazine for the family. "Oliver Optic" has started a weekly magazine, called Our Boys and Girls.

In New York the Protestant Churchman (which was years ago merged in the Christian Times, as that was, in turn, in the Episcopalian), has been revived as the organ of Dr. Tyng and his liberal Low Church friends. The Christian Inquirer has been succeeded by the Liberal Christian, and Universalists have been added to its Unitarian staff. Messrs. Hurd & Houghton have commenced the Riverside Magazine, a monthly for the young folks. The Methodist and the Examiner and Chronicle compete with the New York Ledger for the services of Henry Ward Beecher, whose sermons, however, still appear in the Independent, in spite of political differences. New York has also a new daily secular paper, the Evening Gazette, published by Mr. Sweetser, who withdraws from the Round Table.

In Brooklyn the Church Union, a handsome weekly quarto, has appeared. It is designed as a bond of union to secure "open communion and the recognition of one evangelical ministry, in the interchange of pulpits," among "believers in the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in the Apostles' and Nicene creeds." It is disowned by some whether the editor is John the Baptist or Elijah the Tishbite; but the Examiner and Chronicle charges this sin against Exclusivism on Rev. W. Kimball, of the Baptist Church, and the contents seem to justify the charge. The articles in the first number are of the liveliest, and some paragraphs read as if the writer had "a bee in his bonnet." Persons of other denominations—especially Episcopalians—have promised to write for it. The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association have been publishing a monthly Bulletin for the past six months.

In Philadelphia a Methodist weekly has at last been started under the auspices of the "Preachers Meeting," called the Methodist Home Journal. Rev. A. Wallace, Editor, Rev. C. J. Little the proposed literary editor, and Rev. J. Walker Jackson have withdrawn from connection with it, because Mr. Wallace directed his correspondents to "Tell us of the progress of Immanuel's Kingdom, and leave political questions to the secular press."

A new and cheap Lutheran paper, the Philadelphian, has appeared, and the Lutheran Observer, the Low Church, General Synod organ has been brought from Baltimore to this city. The Episcopalian (Low Church) has been brought from New York, as its Church policy did not suit that region. The Missionary Trumpet, a U. P. monthly has been issued, and the conservative wing of the New Side Covenanters Presbyterian Banner, edited by Dr. Steele and licentiate Woodside, in opposition to the Banner of the Covenant. The Universe (Kenian and Irish Catholic) has resumed the 16 page form, which it abandoned a year ago.

In Bethlehem, Pa., our spirited little contemporary, the Moravian, has added somewhat to its size and price. In Alexandria, Va., Frederick Douglass and his son are about to begin publishing a paper in the interests of colored Americans.

In Pittsburgh the United Presbyterian is enlarged and beautified. The Christian Advocate is increased to the quarto form. The Old Side Covenanters are trying to establish a weekly paper in place of the monthly Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanters.

In Springfield, O., the Western Methodist Protestant has (like the Church it represents) changed its name, and becomes the Methodist Reporter.

In Dayton, Ohio, the Religious Telescope (United Brethren) was enlarged to the quarto form in the fall. In Cincinnati, the Christian Herald, (N. S.) the Presbyter (O. S.) and the Christian Review (Campbellite) change in concert to the quarto form. The Union Presbyterian is to appear in February as the organ of the liberal (McUne and Harper) wing of the United Presbyterian Church.

In London the two non-conformist papers—the Patriot and the British Standard—are to be united in the English Independent.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.—Fire in Seventh Street Church.—About 12 o'clock M., December 30, while the congregation were at worship, the building was suddenly filled with smoke, and the bells at the engine-houses rang an alarm. For a moment all was excitement, and then the congregation quietly yet quickly dispersed. It was found that the floor of the building had taken fire from the excessive heat of the furnace. The flames were speedily extinguished, and little damage was incurred.

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

CHURCH ERECTION.

We were favored this week with a visit from Rev. Dr. Ellinwood, the new Secretary for Church Erection, on one of his tours of observation and effort for his good cause. Previous to the Sunday set for the simultaneous collection, he had visited almost all our principal cities, to talk with pastors and sessions, and was everywhere received with cordiality. The leading men of the Church are prepared to welcome the new movement for Church Erection. It is beginning to be understood that this work was not all done twelve years ago, and finished up for all time to come.

True, we then raised \$100,000; but that was only less than forty cents from each member of our church or an average of three cents a year for the twelve years past; twelve of the most glorious years the world ever saw. Is that all we intend to do for this cause? And when it is considered that that fund was locked up, hardly used at all, and admitted to be a failure, need we ask again if that is all the great Presbyterian Church intends to do for Church Erection?

Dr. Ellinwood puts the case well. He describes a community at the West. A few Presbyterians, of our sort, want to organize for church purposes. They need a house of worship almost the first thing. It is almost vain in these times to try to hold a congregation in a school-house. It may answer for a few weeks; possibly, in some cases, for a few months. The community is growing. Emigrants are pouring in; but they are not attracted to a school-house. And if we can't furnish them a church the Congregationalists, the Methodists or Old School Presbyterians will. They are ready, and often the Methodists outstrip all the rest, in the new settlements, in the beauty and comfort of their church edifices.

It is found by sad experience that a larger part of the labor of our Home Missions has been almost thrown away, so far as the founding of stable, self-sustaining churches is concerned, for want of just such a fund as it is now proposed to raise. In the absence of this help, many infant enterprises have failed and been abandoned. Disgust and discouragement have alienated. Our own friends have been alienated, and have gone into other bodies.

By working this fund thoroughly, it is proposed to stop a thousand and one individual applications for aid in church erection. This will be a great matter of economy, and will save a world of vexation and imposition. Here comes Rev. Mr. Plausible. He wants to start a church in Brag city. It is the smartest town in all the West, destined to be another New York or Chicago. He wants five hundred dollars to secure the best site in all the place, and make sure of establishing the leading church of all that important region. He sweeps through the principal cities, from Kansas to New York.

But Rev. Mr. Oily was just ahead of him, with a story a little bigger than his. The good and generous are puzzled, bewildered and disgusted, by these frequent and irresponsible applications. They have learned to regard them with distrust. We once invested a little in this way ourselves, and on visiting the West, found that all had gone for the agent's expenses; no church was built. We venture nothing in saying that many of those who come from the West on such errands, have not raised enough to pay for the journey. They go back discouraged, their people are disheartened, and the enterprise is lost.

The remedy for all this disorder is, to work through the Church Erection Committee; to raise a good round sum annually to put into their hands, and then send all applications to them. Individual and irresponsible applications to our churches are not to be tolerated. For this purpose the General Assembly called for \$35,000 for this year. It is understood that the Committee have now on hand applications for all this amount. Much more will really be needed. We were pleased to hear some of the elders of the Central Church of this city say to-day, that the Assembly ought to have called for one hundred thousand. Our fifteen hundred churches could easily furnish that amount, if they chose to do so. The Central Church of Rochester will furnish one hundredth part of it. At a little gathering of some of its number to meet Dr. Ellinwood, it was voted to raise \$1000. More than half the amount was pledged on the spot. The Brick Church, we judge, will not be behind in the same thing. If other churches do as well, the hundred thousand may be depended upon, and a hundred churches will rise in a hundred needy places, as the result. And if any body can secure that amount, we are quite sure that Dr. Ellinwood can.

We are happy to say that the new Secretary looks well. He has not ventured to present his cause in the churches, but he is accomplishing much by his admirable letters, and by seeing pastors and sessions. He does not exactly relish travelling as the weather was last week, when old Boreas got leave. He spent fourteen hours in a snow-drift near Troy. A half-dozen other trains are stalled in a similar manner in that same region. The embargo was not quite so rigid on railway travel in this immediate vicinity. But it is delightful to learn, as we did from the secretary, how cheerfully

and vigorously the pastors and sessions generally are taking hold of this church erection enterprise. This is the true way to do it. Secretaries can do nothing without this co-operation; they can do anything that is needful with it.

CALL ACCEPTED.

Rev. D. H. Palmer, of Victor, has accepted the call of the Presbyterian Church of Prattsburg, and is to begin his labors with that people next Sabbath. Mr. Palmer is a young man of high promise, and is cordially received by the good people of his new charge. They gave him a thousand dollars and a good parsonage, which, for that interior town is a good deal better than some men are getting in larger places. Mr. Palmer graduated at the Rochester University and Auburn Seminary. He was a member of Dr. Shaw's church while residing here, where he is pleasantly remembered.

READING ROOM.

The Young Men's Christian Association in Auburn, are about to establish a free Reading room in that city. It is a good move, and will furnish a pleasant place for the young men to spend their leisure evenings; far pleasanter to a true mind than the billiard saloons or the grog shops. This beautiful young city continues to grow rapidly. Large manufacturing establishments continue to spring up as by magic, and young men will congregate there for good or for evil.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 5th. 1867.

News of our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

THE PASTOR of one of our city churches was presented with \$1200, at the first of the year—name not mentioned. The truth is, some of our leading churches in the city—and our own body is not alone in this particular—greatly need to reconsider and improve, in accordance with the increased cost of living, the salaries they offer to their present or prospective pastors. Without some greater evidence of the appreciation of the services of good and able men, we fear the trouble of vacant pulpits will be frequent and long continued. Hence we regard such gifts as simply making up deficiencies, and we believe the people themselves regard them in the same light.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. L.—The congregation of Central Presbyterian Church, N. L., remembered their pastor, Rev. J. Y. Mitchell, by presenting him with a New Year's gift in cash of over \$400. This was in addition to other gifts of more than \$100 in value, given to him a few weeks before. They wisely considered the wants of their pastor's wife also, and gave her a handsome sewing machine, with all the modern improvements, with additional gifts, amounting together to over \$100. It is pleasant for us to make mention of these facts, as it speaks well for a people who, though weakened by the removal of many of the former members of the church into the western section of our city, have not forgotten how to do liberal things.

THE LADIES of the Central Church, Wilmington, presented the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wiswell, with \$400 on the night of New Year's. Certain billious symptoms liable to appear at this season were no doubt intended to be removed by this gift, which is one of many such acts.

CHRISTMAS.—The friends of the Pilgrim Mission Cincinnati school made Christmas day beautiful to two hundred and fifty young hearts, by an Anniversary festival, (their ninth.) Each scholar received a handsome Bible and some valuable book; while gifts of a "toothsome" nature were not absent. One young lady, who brought in no less than sixteen new scholars, was presented with a live lamb! Addresses and appropriate music added to the interest of the occasion. Santa Claus visited the Columbus, Ind., Church, en costume on Christmas Eve, just as the children had done singing, bringing a load of gifts, and merriment and joy to the children. The Superintendent, the pastor and his family, the musicians and the children, all received a memento of his visit. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Dickey, received a purse of \$95.—Two Christmas trees were laden with fruit in the chapel of the Westminster Church, Toledo, Ohio, and the pastor's desk and the communion table were laden (in primitive style) with a Christmas "offering." Speeches were made and the gifts distributed; some, from classes to teachers, were quite costly, and one blossom on the tree was an envelope containing \$100, which found its way to the pulpit, not being to eke out an ill-paid salary, "the free-will offering of a just and generous people." The teachers of the Sabbath-school of College Hill, O., got up a festival for their scholars, who each received a good book, and something seasonable that will not last so long. The former pastor was "remembered" in greenbacks, and the present pastor was presented with a Life Insurance Policy in the "North Western." In the evening a Congregational Festival was held by the ladies, and the pews rented for \$600 to \$800 more than usual.

NEW CHURCHES.—The church of Rockfield, Carroll County, Ind., which was organized last February, were permitted to enter their new house of worship November 25th. The edifice with the lot has cost about \$2300, nearly \$2000 of which has been raised. The

beautiful room, thirty-two by forty-five, could not hold more than half those who sought admission.—On December 23d, the church at Delphi enjoyed the privilege of worshipping in the upper room of their edifice, which was commenced several years ago. It is a substantial brick structure, 36 by 56, and with the lot would, in these times, cost at least \$8000. The sermon was by President Tuttle.

YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO.—The pastor of the Presbyterian Church recently received a surprise visit from the members of his charge. They came laden and took possession of the culinary department of the house, and had everything their own way for the evening. The result was, a good social meeting was enjoyed at the parsonage, and material aid was left at the parsonage.

GERMAN CHURCH.—On the first of December, Rev. G. W. Winnes closed his labors with the First German Church of Cincinnati. A partial loss of his voice seemed to make it advisable that he should seek, for a time at least, a different field. His pastorate has been one of the most successful in our city. The church was first organized under his preaching, and he now leaves it with a membership of 208, in possession of a new and fine house of worship, and enjoying a high position of confidence among our German population. He now engages in mission work, under the auspices of our Young Men's Home Missionary Society, and hopes soon to lay the foundations of a new enterprise, for which there seems to be already favorable openings among the Germans.

Rev. Dr. Lichtenstein, of the First German Reformed Church of this city, has been called to this church, and has accepted; he expects to enter on his new work with the beginning of the year. The German branch of our vine seems to be the most thrifty. It bears goodly fruit. And now, with Bro. Winnes, Marcussohn, and Lichtenstein to cultivate it, we cannot but hope that this part of our vineyard will become more beautiful still.—Christian Herald.

MINISTRIAL.—Rev. B. F. Stuart has removed from Allen's Grove, Wis., to Medina, Mich. He supplies the Medina and Morenci churches. Rev. W. W. Wetmore, late of Des Moines, has accepted the invitation of the church at Rock Island, Ill., and removed thither. Rev. Jeremiah Woodruff, recently of the vicinity of Rochester, N. Y., is now laboring at Lansing, Iowa, as a Home Missionary.

AMERICA, ILL.—The Church here is growing. A general religious inquiry is resulting in conversions and additions. Fourteen members, all heads of baptized households. The surrounding district—"Egypt"—is improving, as the war has brought many loyalists, white and black, into it. The Churches in Cairo, Duquoin and Carbondale, are prospering.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.—The population of this place is about ten thousand. It has had two American Presbyterian Churches (one of each branch), and two Portuguese Churches, composed of exiles from Madeira and Trinidad, there also being one of each branch. About six years ago, a Fifth (N. S.) Church was organized and erected a chapel at a cost of \$7000, with Dr. D. H. Hamilton as pastor. This "Westminster Presbyterian Church" has just erected a new vestibule, a spacious tower and bell, a superior organ, a new and beautiful pulpit, and a costly communion table, besides frescoing their church—all at a cost of \$8000. It was dedicated Nov. 11th, with prayer by Prof. Sanders, and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hamilton, under whom the membership has quadrupled in six years. He enumerated some good points in the character of his people, such as:—1. The large proportionate number who attend its weekly prayer-meeting, and the regularity of their attendance. 2. In these meetings every brother takes part when called on. 3. The energy and skill with which the Sabbath-school is conducted. 4. Its Young People's prayer-meeting, now of some four years' uninterrupted continuance, a most efficient instrumentality. 5. The many revivals with which they had been blessed; and 6. The thorough loyalty of the people.

UPHILL WORK.—A Home Missionary writes to the Evangelist:—

We are not here because we were invited or wished by the people. They do not want new comers; they say "they want to be let alone." Hence, no friendly greeting cheers us from the street from the old residents; no voice of welcome from any but those who, like ourselves, rejoice in the destruction of slavery and the triumph of liberty. Having no church edifice, we worship in a little hall, and preach from a pulpit made of a dry-goods box. Depending upon the sympathy and support of the Church in the East, we resume our work of preparation for the Sabbath, and engage in visiting the sick with burdens on our hearts almost at times unendurable. In the midst of these labors for the spiritual interest of the people, come the pressing thoughts of, How shall we provide for our temporal wants from day to day? Think of some of us waiting five, six, and even seven months for the appropriations made for our support by the Home Missionary Committee, and our beloved and sympathizing Secretary being compelled to write every month or two, "Our treasury is empty. Have patience with us and we will pay thee all!" If Christians in the East realized how pressing are the claims of the Home Missionary Committee, there would be a speedy and hearty response to the appeals for money to meet the great wants of our Home Missionaries.

Dr. Livingstone's Explorations.—A letter from Zanzibar, Africa, dated October 23d, reports that Dr. Livingstone is still pushing his explorations toward the head of Lake Nyassi, in Central Africa, that he is well treated by the natives and considers himself perfectly safe in their hands.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Philadelphia Churches.—Nine persons were added to the church at Hestonville, West Philadelphia, last Sabbath—all heads of families, and most of them young men. Twelve persons were added the same day to the Fifteenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, (Rev. Mr. McElwee's).—In the gale of Thursday night, 27th of December, the new Chocoknick church, now in course of erection, was struck by the wind with terrible force, and parts of two of the walls driven out of line. The walls were unusually thick, but the violence of the storm was great, and they gave way before it. It is possible that they may have to be taken down and rebuilt. At any rate, the church will be involved in additional expense, amounting to from five to ten thousand dollars.—The Presbyterian communion in Philadelphia (says the Presbyterian) is as large, and perhaps larger, than any other in the city. It is impossible to avoid a feeling of sadness as the thought arises that the power of this large Presbyterian communion is very much weakened by its divisions and subdivisions, and by the interferences and distractions incident to the working of bodies of nearly the same faith and order, in the same area.

Charleston, S. C.—Zion's Church has at last passed into the hands of its former Trustees, and the Rev. Dr. Girardeau, the pastor, resumed services there on Sunday, December 23d. Mr. Gibbs, the missionary of the O. S. Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, retains possession of the basement, by authority of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Sunny Side.—The Rev. Mr. Archibald, pastor of the Westminster Church, O. S., New York, received a note containing \$400, from the ladies of the congregation, at a Christmas festival of the Sabbath-schools of the church.—The pastor of the O. S. church in South Amboy, New Jersey, returning home from an absence of two months, was welcomed by an offering from his church amounting to nearly \$200.—The Rev. J. A. Liggert, pastor of the Second O. S. Church of Rahway, New Jersey, was waited on by his people on the fifth anniversary of his marriage, and was presented with a very handsome piano.—A pastor of Philadelphia received a check for \$1000 on Christmas day from his people.

Installations.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Allegheny, at Harrisville, on the 27th of December, the Rev. W. D. Patton was received from the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and accepted calls from the churches of Harrisville and Amity. He was installed over Harrisville Church on the evening of the same day, and is to be installed over Amity on the 21st inst.—The Rev. J. E. Amos was installed pastor of the Fortieth Street Presbyterian Church, New York, on Sunday evening, December 30th.

New O. S. Church in Chicago.—The new U. P. church established in the Western District of Chicago having failed, about twenty-five families connected with it have united with other persons in the vicinity, to organize an Old School Presbyterian Church. An eligible lot, between Michigan and Washburn avenues, has been secured, and the old church edifice of Christ Church (P. E.) has been purchased, and is being moved (in Chicago fashion) unto the lot. The whole will cost \$4500, and will be put in order and a church organized. Rev. Robert Patterson, D. D., now of the Reformed/Presbyterian Church (General Synod) is expected to take charge of it.

Looking Southward.—There are a number of "conservative" Presbyterians in Cincinnati, who are no longer willing to hold ecclesiastical connection with loyal Presbyterianism, and who are now moving to organize a church there, either in connection with the Synod of Kentucky, or the Southern Church. The Presbyterians of Dunlapville, Indiana, have petitioned the Presbytery of Louisville to organize a church there, and it is said that there are many Presbyterians in Ohio, Indiana, and the Northwest generally, who propose the same action.

The Western Presbyterian Centenary.—At a convention of ministers and elders of the Allegheny Presbytery, held at Concord, the Rev. Loyal Young, D. D., was appointed Historian of the Presbytery, and all pastors and a' elders of vacant churches, were directed to send to him histories of their churches, before the middle of January next, in order that he may prepare and send to Dr. Elliott such facts and statistics as may be useful in preparing the address for the General Centennial Convention.

Revival.—A correspondent of the Northwestern Presbyterian says:—"There is a glorious outpouring of God's Spirit at Petersburg, Ill., at this time. Over fifty have been added to the church, and many of the most prominent citizens came out on the Lord's side."

The U. P. Presbytery of Tennessee was formally organized in the city of Nashville, November 13th, 1866. There are at present four congregations under its care. The oldest of these, situated in Blount county, East Tennessee, is composed of the remaining members of congregations whose organization dates back to the last century. Before the war, these congregations had become much reduced by emigration to the northwest, and during its continuance those who remained were subjected to severe losses and sufferings, the loyalists of that section were called to endure. Another is successively from the Southern Associate Reformed Church and a third has sprung up among the colored people in connection with the U. P. mission to the freedmen.

Rev. James Prestley, D. D., whose conviction on certain charges was noticed some weeks ago, has resigned the pastoral charge of the Second U. P. Church of Pittsburgh. Presbytery wished to refer the matter to the congregation, but Dr. Prestley refused.

Rev. J. A. P. McGaw, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of South Henderson, Illinois, has been elected to the new Professorship of English Literature in Monmouth College.

Free Church Sustentation Fund.—During the twenty-two years of its existence, the Free Church of Scotland raised for sustaining the ministry thirty millions of dollars, and in 1865 a million and three-quarters, more than one-half of which goes into the Sustentation Fund. Churches that choose to enter into the association, each of which is pledged to give a minimum sum at least, on condition of sharing the common benefit. The means, and every church must contribute its minimum; then the sum total is divided equally by the number of churches in the compact, and each church, wherever located, or of whatever means, receives precisely the same sum. In 1865 the sum each minister received was \$700. "Under this system," remarks Dr. McCosh, "they were enabled to send into the country districts among the poor people an able and educated ministry, and each congregation could retain its minister so long as it paid its proper proportion to the fund."

Ministerial Support in England.—The English Presbyterian Church in and near London have resumed the quarterly meetings of office-holders, and have taken up the ques-