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Mr. Hammond's Second letter from Palestine, describing a storm on the Sea of Galilee, Letter from a Country Parsonage, Notes of a trip from Denver to Central City, Puritan's dissection of those Parish pests, Mrs. Sharp and Brother Simón, will be found on our Second page. On the Third page, are Notes from Mr. Barnes' Fifth Lecture, and an Important Circular on Presbyterian Union in India. The old people have a double portion in the Family Circle, page six; Book Notices, Scientific and Rural Economy will be found on the Seventh page.

Subscribers are cautioned against paying their bills to any person representing himself as travelling agent or collector of this paper. We have no longer any such agent in our employ. The person who has been collecting bills has failed to make due reports to us; hence the errors in some of our subscribers' accounts. If he persists in making collections and withholding reports, we shall be compelled, as a matter of self-defence, to publish his name.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT OF PRAYER, for Colleges and other Institutions of Learning, will be held on Thursday next, 28th inst., in the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Albert Barnes, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and in the North Broad Street Church, Rev. Dr. Adams, at 4 P. M. Several addresses may be expected. Feb., 1867.

PINE STREET CHURCH, PHILA.—Rev. R. H. Allen, D. D., has notified the Session of his acceptance of the call to this church. His letter was read to the congregation on Sabbath last.

SUMMARY.—Rev. Dr. Fisher of Utica preached in North Broad street church on Sabbath last. In the evening he gave his sermon on Collegiate Education in the West. Dr. Ellinwood made a statement in behalf of the Church Election Cause in the same church on Friday evening.

Rev. J. Ford Sutton has presented his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Western Church in this city. Extraordinary interest has developed itself in connection with Rev. R. G. Wilder's tours among the heathen villages around Kola-poor. Brief extracts from recent letters will be found upon the second page.

Deep religious interest prevails in the churches on the Pacific coast by the last advices. The Evangelist, Mr. Barle's labors were especially blessed. Revivals are reported in Mendham, N. J., Ripley and Wilkesville, Ohio, and in Freeport, Illinois, where more than 100 persons have professed conversion in connection with the First Church. The work is great in Oberlin, Ohio.

The new church in Jacksonville, Ill., to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, finished and dedicated clear of debt January 6, cost \$60,000.

A church of Bohemians calling themselves Hussites, has been organized in Manitowoc, Wis. consin, in our connection. The church in Cuba, Missouri, is mainly composed of Irish Presbyterians attracted thither by a native of Ulster, who recently joined on profession and who is buying up farms and selling them to that sturdy and valuable class of citizens.

The Second Presbyterian Church O. S., of this city, Dr. Beadle pastor, will move westward and unite with the West-Arch street church; corner of 18th. The debt of the latter, \$41,000, will be liquidated, and the two churches will form one doubtless of great efficiency.

Rev. Wm. White Williams has been placed by his friends in a lunatic asylum.

A congregational church has been formed in Texas.

Rev. Nathaniel Hewitt, D. D., of Bridgeport, died February 24, aged 78.

Dr. Newman has bought ground in Oxford to found a Popish monastery.

THE FIRST GUN.—The O. S. Presbytery of Buffalo City have unanimously voted that,

Whereas, strenuous and combined efforts are made by persons opposed to the action of the General Assembly to bring about a repeal of certain deliverances of that body, passed during the last six years, relative to the state of the country, and growing out of the late rebellion;

Resolved, that the Commissioners chosen to represent this Presbytery, at the next General Assembly be instructed to do all in their power to prevent the repeal of the said deliverances, and to sustain the action of the General Assembly, and especially with reference to the Presbytery of Louisville and the Synod of Kentucky.

OUR FENIAN Catholic contemporary the Universe, we fear, sometimes allows unpractised hands to dabble in the editorial ink. One recent editorial closes thus:—

"There is a great deal of dishonorable ignorance in this enlightened nation in regard to the Pope. It should be remembered that he is a Sovereign Prince: that he is the head of the entire Catholic world; and that common history itself proves him to be the successor of Peter and the virtual Vicar of God on earth. These are things that cannot be set aside. Every liberal mind whether Catholic or Protestant admits them to be true; and they establish with invincible evidence that the Pope cannot be expected to favor heterodox creeds in any way."

The amount of information shown as to the polemical (to say nothing of the historical) aspect of the question is such, that we would suggest that this efficient pen, might be very appropriately transferred to the new Romanist children's monthly, The Guardian.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF HAMILTON.

Prof. Brown, of Dartmouth, has accepted the Presidency of Hamilton College, and will be the seventh who has held that office since the founding of the institution in 1812. His predecessors were Rev. Drs. Azel Backus, Henry Davis, Sereno E. Dwight, Joseph Penny, Simeon North, and Samuel W. Fisher, all graduates of Yale College, except Dr. Penny, who was born and educated in Ireland. These have labored hard, and have had the co-operation of valued and honored men in the faculty and board of trustees, to make Hamilton College what it now is, an institution of learning ranking honorably among the very best of the land.

Dr. Brown is a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the class of 1831. His theological studies were pursued at Auburn, but he was called to a Professorship in his Alma Mater in 1840, soon after entering the ministry, and there for twenty-six years he has done the work and won the honors of a first-class instructor. His department is that of Intellectual Philosophy and Political Economy.

But he is not only known as an admirable instructor, but also as an accomplished writer and a popular lecturer. He has been an able contributor to the North American Review, has delivered in various cities lectures on English literature, beside editing the works and writing the life of Hon. Rufus Choate. If he had done nothing else, this last work would have won him no mean reputation. We believe it is universally acknowledged that he is a man of ripe scholarship, fine culture, gentlemanly bearing, and admirable adaptation to the work of college instruction.

And it is pleasant to add, that Hamilton College was never in a better position to receive such a President, and give him all possible advantages for carrying the institution forward to a still higher prosperity. Large additions have recently been made to its endowment. Its faculty is able and experienced, men ready to second any endeavor toward still further improvement. The number of its students was never greater than at present, and all things betoken increasing prosperity.

SAUQUOIT VALLEY.

On a recent trip to this region, we were deeply impressed with the human energy and enterprise which may be compressed into a very small space. Here is a creek, once called by the Indians Sauquaddy, or swift water, now called Sauquoit, which seems to us one of the most remarkable streams of which we have any knowledge. It rises in the southern part of Oneida county, runs north sixteen miles, and empties into Mohawk river. Most rivers, it is known, run down stream; this, literally, runs down hill. It goes laughing over a pebbly bottom all the way. We were told that there is hardly a rod of still water. A dam may be thrown across any where, and a fine water-power is obtained. If we recollect rightly, there are between forty and fifty manufacturing establishments upon it, one to every third of a mile, and some of them very large. Millions of capital are here employed, and millions of money have been made in legitimate profits. It is difficult to realize, without seeing it, how one small stream can do so much.

But we were even more interested in what we saw on the Sabbath at Clayville. This, we believe, is one of the newest of the manufacturing villages on the stream. Or, if not the newest, it is the highest, and one of the most prosperous; and we have here a pleasant church of our connection, of which Rev. A. C. Shaw, son of Rev. Dr. Shaw, of our city, is the pastor. He has now been serving the church (his first charge) in this capacity for three years, has evidently wrought well, and has his reward in the manifest affection and confidence of his people, a growing congregation and a flourishing Sunday-school.

There can be no doubt, we judge, of his being a relative of the pastor of the Brick Church—it is so like his way of doing things.

At Sauquoit, the next village down stream, our church, of which Rev. J. N. McGiffert was for six years the successful pastor, until Ashtabula, Ohio, got him away from them, is now waiting and looking for some one to break to them the bread of life. New Hartford and New York Mills, pleasant villages upon the same stream, where we have prosperous churches, are well supplied—Rev. E. B. Furbish pastor of the former, and Rev. Chester Fitch of the latter.

ITEMS.

We are glad to learn that Rev. E. N. Manley, formerly settled at Booneville, has so far recovered his health that he has resumed preaching a part of the time. He has accepted an invitation to supply the church at Elba, preaching once on the Sabbath, for the coming year. Correspondents will address him accordingly.

The Presbytery of Buffalo is to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the 26th and 27th days of this month, in connection with its annual meeting, which is to be held in the First Church of Buffalo. All the old members are invited back to participate in the auspicious event.

The Presbytery of Ontario, as we noticed at the time, made arrangements at its last meeting to celebrate its semi-centennial in Mt. Morris, on the 12th day of March. Rev. Jos. R. Page, of Perry is to preach a memorial discourse in the forenoon; and at the social re-union in the afternoon, short addresses are expected from Revs. Drs. Barnard, Gridley, Heacock, Wakeman, Hopkins, Kendall and S. M. Campbell. It will doubtless be an occasion of much interest.

Drs. Heacock and Shaw exchanged pulpits last

Sabbath. The day was so stormy, however, we doubt if either had a very large congregation.

We see that Rev. Wm. R. Page, of Trumansburgh, has been kindly remembered by his people in a donation of \$375; and that his generous parishioner, Col. Herman Camp has offered also to defray his entire expenses in a journey to Europe. It shows a high appreciation of the young pastor.

The Presbyterian church of Westfield, has given a call to Rev. W. S. Van Cleve, who has been supplying them for some months past, which it is supposed he will accept.

Correction.—In our last letter, speaking of the meeting of the Sabbath School Committee, we are made to talk of "Training Classes"—it should be training Classes, which would be much more intelligible.

At the late meeting of the Presbytery of Niagara, the following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. W. C. Wisner, D. D., of Lockport, and Elder Asa Howard, of Albion, principals; and Rev. L. S. Atkins, of Millville, and Elder W. C. Boice, of Lockport, alternates. Rev. Edward P. Marvin, of Lockport, was also appointed Commissioner to Auburn Seminary.

Rev. W. G. Hubbard, of Wilson, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Schoolcraft, Michigan, and is expecting to remove to his new field of labor about the first of March.

Rev. A. M. Stowe presented Home Missions last Sabbath, in the 1st church, at Utica, (Rev. Dr. Fowler's,) and afterwards, as his custom is, ran around and gathered up the contributions of the people. The amount subscribed was about \$3,500. That is something as it should be, and this, also, while they are raising \$10,000 for the enlarging of their chapel, the Sunday School having outgrown the old accommodations; and raising another large sum to build a new Mission Chapel for their school in West Utica. We are sure some of that church know that it is written, "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

ROCHESTER, February 16, 1867.

OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Some echoes of the conflict recently waged in Philadelphia over the Sabbath question, have been heard in our horizon. The question of the use of street railways on Sunday has never been seriously agitated here. When those railways were first introduced into Chicago, some effort was made to prevent the running of their cars on the day of rest; but it was feeble and short. A number of beer-gardens were established on the outskirts of the city in groves and other attractive spots. To these a large portion of our foreign population have been accustomed to resort in the summer months. Music and dancing have added their charms to those of "lager," to induce an abundant patronage of these holiday resorts; and the sons of our American citizens have been not unfrequently seen enjoying the pleasures of the waltz with the blooming maidens of Germany—some times with women of doubtful character, whose bloom is that of rouge, and whose virtue is as easy as are their manners. To obviate a part of the evils connected with such indulgence, certain Sunday laws have been placed upon our statute books, the most important of which forbids the sale of liquors on the Sabbath. This law has been greatly disregarded, both in the city and out of it. And now an effort is made to take the law entirely from the statute book. The movement has been inaugurated by what is called "The Chicago Workingmen's Association," which is found to consist mainly of men of infidel sentiments, whom the name serves as a convenient disguise, there being almost no workingmen in the organization. Of course, the argument used to effect the purposes desired, is, on the surface, that of public benefit and good morals. A counter-movement has been instituted by the better portion of the Germans themselves, who see and feel the evils to which their countrymen are exposed. This movement has been sustained by our population of native birth, nearly all the evangelical clergymen and large numbers of our substantial citizens lending the influence of their names and of their personal efforts. It is scarcely possible, that the repeal of the obnoxious statutes can be effected, and it is hoped that the interest aroused in the matter will secure a better observance of the laws. But the attempt to secure their repeal, and the favor shown to that attempt by some who might be expected, from their education, to frown on that which they covertly approve, reveals a current in popular sentiment which should alarm and arouse the right-thinking. The question presses upon us each year with increasing force: Are we to have a "continental" Sabbath and continental manners in America?

INTEMPERANCE.

The evil of intemperance increases year by year. Twice within a week bloody affrays have occurred in our saloons. Men generally supposed to be incapable of great crimes, have used the knife and the bullet, with no better excuse when arrested, than, "whiskey did it." Now, we are not to suppose that the abolition of whiskey would be the abolition of crime. Nor are we to exculpate the actors in fatal quarrels because of their indulgence. Whiskey is a convenient monster upon which to lay the guilt of deeds of horror. But we should doubtless have less crime if that which so commonly nerves to its commission were disused. The apathy which exists upon the subject of temperance throughout the country cannot be too deeply deplored, nor can the countenance given to moderate drinking by many once regarded as temperance men be too greatly deplored. The surrender of the doctrine of total

abstinence from intoxicating drinks, is almost infallibly attended by a surrender of all the ground which the Apostle covered, when he declared that he would abstain from whatever caused his brother to stumble or to be made weak. He who begins to drink wine because he is responsible only for himself, may soon begin to gamble and attend the theatre and indulge in any attractive form of dissipation which he thinks is not dangerous for him. And so the standard of public morals rapidly declines, and we drift towards an age which God grant, we may never reach, where man has all the license, in the Church and out of it, of the day when a Borgia was Pope, and Bacchus and Venus were popular divinities.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN WISCONSIN.

Rev. Hiram Eddy is to be installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee this evening. Sermon by Rev. Alfred Eddy, of this city. Rev. E. F. Fish, recently of Stevens' Point, has taken charge of our church at Columbus. Rev. J. W. Stark, who has supplied the church at Berlin, has removed to Centralia, Ill. Rev. J. Patch, of the Presbytery of St. Joseph, has assumed the care of the church at Stevens' Point, and Rev. J. Kelland, of the same Presbytery, of the church at Omro. Rev. E. C. Haskell, of the Madison Presbytery has taken charge of the churches at Waupun and Rural. Rev. C. W. Higgins, of the Presbytery of Chemung, has taken charge of the churches at Cottage Grove and Sun Prairie. Rev. E. B. Miner, who has been supplying the Convention Church at Mineral Point, has been dismissed from the Columbus Presbytery to that of Grand River. Rev. W. Mayo, who assumed the care of the church at Lodi last fall, was installed pastor of that church Jan. 2d. Rev. E. Southworth is supplying the church at Jefferson. A church has been formed at Escanaba, an important point on the railroad from Green Bay to Lake Superior. Rev. G. W. Lloyd is supplying the pulpit. He can be truly apostolic in that region, whether as fisher of trout or of men.

A church has been formed in Manitowoc Co., among the Bohemians. They bear the name of Hussites, and are an interesting people. A new church edifice is to be commenced this year at Marquette. At Columbus a foundation for a new house of worship is already laid; work will be resumed upon it early in the spring. At Omro a fine church edifice has been commenced. The hope is to finish it during the coming summer. The church at Manitowoc proposes to build this year, if possible. A general view of the interests of our Church in Wisconsin must be reserved for another letter. Some of the changes I have mentioned are not very recent. I have grouped them because they deserve a notice which they have not to my knowledge received.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13, 1867.

News of Our Churches.

MENDHAM, N. J.—There has been a great gathering of souls in this village. About one hundred and fifty have lately begun to hope in Christ. They are of all ages and classes, some of them marked monuments of transforming and saving grace. The work commenced in a very quiet way, early in the fall, there being such indications that the Methodist pastor was encouraged to hold a series of meetings. Soon the two Presbyterian churches were similarly engaged; and thus, for about three months, God was present nightly, in all the three churches, in saving power. The first Sabbath in February was the first opportunity for the two Presbyterian churches to receive the large accessions that were to be made to their Communion. The day was unpropitious, the roads almost impassable and positively dangerous. Yet godly congregations assembled to witness a glorious sight. In the First church, 44 were admitted, 19 receiving baptism. They were of all ages, from the grandmother to the child; but the majority of them were from that interesting class, young married people and youth. In several cases almost whole families came together, husbands, wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters. In one instance five came from one family, a mother and four daughters. Some twenty more are expected to come forward at the next communion, the remains of the spiritual harvest. The Second church added thirty-two to their number, with prospects of further increase.—Corr. Observer.

REVIVAL AND ACCESSIONS.—Rev. Warren Taylor writes that the Church, in Wilkesville, O., is revived, that there are 7 or 8 interesting cases of conversion, and others anxiously inquiring.—A powerful revival has been in progress for some weeks past in Freeport, Ill. More than one hundred persons have professed to have experienced a change of heart in connection with the First church (N. S.), and some 20 in connection with the Second Church, (O. S.) The interest still continues.

RIPLEY, O.—There has been a steadily growing interest here, on the subject of religion, for the past two months. On Feb. 3d, seventeen members were admitted and baptized. All classes are brought under the influence of the Holy Spirit. It is in contemplation to commence the erection of a new and more commodious place of worship in the spring. This has been rendered a positive necessity, from the growing numbers of the congregation.

CINCINNATI, Poplar Street Church.—Rev. J. Chester, pastor of this church, after an illness of six weeks, has so far recovered his health as to be able to discharge the duties of his own pulpit once more. The trustees have purchased 17 feet of ground alongside their house, so as to give sufficient room when they re-build, as they must before long.

CHURCHES IN WESTERN IOWA.—Rev. J. H. Trowbridge writes to the Presbyterian Reporter, that the Church at Panora is "ancient but extinct." It still lives on the "Minutes" as "Panora First," and he tried to find it, but could not "see it." Redfield is the outpost of the Church in the West, where Rev. Asa Johnson labors amid many discouragements; and at Adell "Rev. Wm. Johnson is doing good service to the town and region." At Winterset, 30 miles to the South, Rev. Mr. Heiser "is doing remarkably successful labor." At Des Moines, Rev. T. Bird, our

pioneer in Iowa, is prostrated by illness. The Central church is united and thriving, and is soon to have a church edifice, which it greatly needs. The Second church is still an experiment; but the body has a firm standing here. At Iowa City things are in a bad way, as the late singular proceedings there have well nigh deplored us of many years of labor and much untiring.

CARSON, NEV.—The church here has a good brick house erected some three years ago at a cost of \$3,000, which is entirely free from incumbrance. For several weeks past a silent religious interest has been manifest in the congregation, which without other than the usual means of grace has already resulted in some eight or ten hopeful conversions. The city, though the oldest in the State, is suffering greatly from the loss of the Pacific Railroad over the Placerville route. By adopting the other route Carson is left solitary and alone in a dreary land. Last year out of a membership of fifty, Brother White was called to dismiss thirty-five by removals. Still a more hopeful feeling is springing up, and as the capital of the State, it will have more or less of a population.—Cor. Evangelist.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.—"God meant it unto good," was the text of the last sermon preached in the edifice of the First Presbyterian church, in Jacksonville Illinois, before it was consumed by fire, five years ago. A commodious church, with all its new furnishings, its organ, bell and all, amalgamated into a common futa. But the first Sabbath of the year 1867, was to this people a day of grace. They brought a free-will offering to the Lord, a new church building encumbered by no debt, though the cost of the building had more than doubled on the first estimate. The dedication services were of unusual interest. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. L. M. Glover, on "The adaptations of the sanctuary to the ends of spiritual worship." He was assisted in the services by pastors of sister churches in the place. The building stands upon the ground consecrated twenty years, and hallowed by precious memories; but this church, which has arisen from the ashes, is a remarkable expansion of the former. It is of brick, handsomely finished with stone, having two towers in front, the larger containing a clock and bell. The lecture room, parlors and study, are in the rear of the audience room. The building is one hundred and thirty-five feet in length, by sixty two in breadth, exclusive of the towers. The interior finish is beautiful, and the furnishings by the ladies are complete, in good taste, and harmonize perfectly. The cost of church and furnishings is \$60,000. The church and congregation also have greatly expanded during the time of sojourn, and the Sunday School has doubled.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—The meetings in the Third Presbyterian church, of this city, are continued with unabated interest. The attendance is good, and an encouraging number are earnestly inquiring concerning the salvation of their souls.—Presbyterian Banner.

CHURCHES IN MISSOURI.—At Cuba a mother and father and their eldest child were baptized on profession, Jan. 15th, and then the six younger children were presented for baptism. The father is an Ulster Presbyterian, who is buying up farms in the neighborhood, and settling Irish Presbyterian families on them; and these constitute the bulk of the church, which was organized in June last, and fills the little school-house to overflowing. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Shaw, labors also in St. James and at the Mercantile Iron Works, where 75 employees are engaged.—At Little Pines, a church would have been organized Jan. 19th, but for the heavy fall of snow.—The ladies of the church in Rock Hill, Jan. 14th, asked and obtained the use of the parsonage, to give a supper, at the social reunion of the church, and took advantage of the occasion to make the pastor's wife the recipient of a handsome and costly service of solid silver for table use.

Rev. J. N. McGiffert, late of Sauquoit, N. Y., was installed as pastor of the church of Ashtabula, O., by the Presbytery of Grand River, on the 2d inst. The sermon was delivered by Rev. W. H. McGiffert of Pontiac, Mich., from John xvii. 17. The charge to the Pastor was given by Rev. Mr. Tutbill of the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Palmer of Kingsville, in the absence of Dr. Aiken of Cleveland, gave an impromptu charge to the people.

MINISTRIAL.—Rev. Wm. White Williams' brain has become so disordered as to oblige his relatives to place him in an insane asylum, in the hope that by rest and medical treatment, he may soon be restored to health and usefulness.—The Rev. Dr. Robinson, pastor of the First Church, Brooklyn, is delivering to his congregation, on successive Sunday afternoons, a series of discourses, embodying the results of his recent travels in Europe, Egypt, Palestine, etc. The lectures thus far delivered, (says the Independent,) were very interesting, and those to be delivered hereafter are not likely to be less so.

DEATH OF A LICENTIATE.—Prof. Samuel Maxwell, formerly of Marietta College, died on January 24th, at his residence in Marietta, Ohio. Of the four original members of the Marietta Faculty, Prof. Maxwell is the first that has fallen. For twenty-one years he had charge of the Preparatory Department. Lately he has been engaged in the service of the American Missionary Society. He was licensed by the Presbytery soon after he came to Marietta, and preached, on occasion required, in the churches of the region. Quite recently he had been considering whether he ought not to devote himself wholly to that work. After the formation of the Fourth Street Church, Cin., he was elected an elder. His latter end was perfect peace.—Cor. Herald.

CONGRATULATORY.—A clergyman in New York writes us:—"Ever since New Year came, I have been purposing to write, congratulating you on the beautiful dress given to the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, and the new vigor infused into its columns. I seize the moment to drop a line now, to express the hope that you are receiving an abundant reward for all the improvements which you have given to the paper. You country, I highly prize its weekly visits. We are having a rich treat in Mr. Barnes' course of lectures. Will he not deliver them in Philadelphia and other places also? They are in his best style, and, therefore, extremely valuable.—The editor of an exchange, in the same city, writes us:—"Your paper has been received with pleasure, and usually goes home to the bedside."