

American Presbyterian.

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NO TRAVELLING AGENT.

We again warn our readers that no person whatever, is authorized to travel and collect money for this paper. We have no wish to expose the person who has been collecting and pocketing our funds in this State and in New York, making defective reports, and no report at all since January 7th. But we admonish him that his ministerial standing is in jeopardy, until satisfactory explanations and returns are made.

NEW AND VALUABLE PREMIUM.

By a special arrangement with the Publishers, we are able to offer the first volume of McClintock and Strong's complete Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Cyclopaedia, about to be issued, post-free, for three new subscribers at \$9, in the city \$10.50. This will, doubtless, be found one of the greatest helps of the century to theological students, ministers, S. S. teachers and intelligent Christians generally.

SUMMARY.—Particulars of the revival in the Third Church, Pittsburg are given in another column. The entire number of hopeful conversions is about one hundred and the work still advances. Other items of the same delightful nature making a total of some two hundred new cases, are reported. We also report the organization of a new Church, the dedication of a Mission Chapel, and the commencement of two new edifices—one of them significant enough of the changes through which we have just passed. A New School Presbyterian church is going up in Charleston, S. C., with excellent prospects.

Two of our Presbyteries have licensed 19 candidates and received 6 students under their care. Rev. E. E. Adams, D.D., goes to Europe in a few days at the invitation of a generous parishioner. He has also determined to resign his charge of North Broad street Church, a severe loss to our Philadelphia churches.

The General Assembly of our Church will meet in the Brick Church, Rochester, five weeks from to-day. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. S. M. Hopkins, D. D.

Brainerd Memorial Chapel back of Carpenter street, near fifth in this city, was dedicated April 7th. It will seat 500 persons, and cost, completed, \$7000, over \$6500 of which has been raised. Two or three other enterprises in church improvement and extension on a large scale are intended by our people in this city at an early day.

MORE CHURCH EXTENSION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Another indication of the zeal of our people in this city, for this object, was the Dedication of Brainerd Mission Chapel, which took place last Sabbath afternoon. The building is situated upon ground formerly used for burial purposes, by the people of Old Pine street Church, in the rear of Carpenter street, near Fifth. It is substantially built of brick, is 45 feet by 60, and will accommodate readily 500 persons. It has been erected at a cost of \$5800, all of which is paid, and over \$700 besides were raised at the dedication, for furnishing and other improvements. The undertaking was one on which the heart of Dr. Brainerd was much set during the last months of his life. It was his intention to make it his first work on returning from his summer vocation last year, and the Resolution which he desired the Trustees to adopt on the subject, was found in an envelope in his coat pocket, after his death. The envelope with its contents, was exhibited to the large congregation. Addresses were made by Rev. R. H. Allen and Rev. John W. Mears. A fine photograph of Dr. Brainerd, by Willard, hangs over the desk, and a tablet with the inscription, "BRAINERD MEMORIAL SABBATH SCHOOL," executed by Edwin Greble, Esq., is inserted in the front wall above the door. Much credit is due to the indefatigable superintendent, Mr. Griffith, for successfully carrying through this enterprise.

PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

In many, we wish we might say in all, of our Presbyteries, there are committees of one or more brethren to whom the subject of "Publication" is entrusted. If such committees desire information with regard to the churches in their Presbytery, which have (and have not,) forwarded collections to the Assembly's Publication Committee during the current year, or on other topics connected with the Publication work, it will be forwarded on application, by the Secretary,

JOHN W. DULLES,

1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

N. B.—If stated Clerks will be at the trouble to notify Committee-men on all of our causes, it will make our plans more effective.

The Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society has distributed, during the month of March, 51994 English, 8236 German, 151 French, 4 Italian, and 1 Spanish Tracts, in all 60386.

Along the Delaware and Schuylkill, and to Criminal and Humane Institutions, 5000 in different languages.

The Society has 1 General Agent, 8 Missionaries, 3 Superintendents, 45 Assistant Superintendents, and 750 Visitors from the Evangelical churches of the city. It solicits Donations and Visitors. Office hours, 11 to 12, A. M., 4 to 5, P. M., at 1334 Chestnut, 2nd floor, room 4.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

The Spring meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday and Wednesday last in Cayuga, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Marcus N. Preston, of Skaneateles. Prof. J. E. Pierce, of Auburn Seminary, was elected Moderator, and Rev. H. H. Allen, of Cayuga, Clerk.

CHANGES.

Licentiate Charles H. Wheeler and Solomon H. Moon were dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Montrose. The latter is laboring quite successfully at Susquehanna Depot. Mr. George Bayless goes to the Presbytery of Geneva, having accepted a call to Phelps; William B. Hendrix, to the Presbytery of Columbus; D. C. Sackett, to the Presbytery of Chemung; and the Stated Clerk was also authorized to give a letter to Mr. Darius R. Shoop to some Presbytery in Tennessee or Missouri, when his destination is more definitely determined; and a letter to Mr. Joseph E. Scott to some Presbytery in New Jersey, where he is about to settle over a Presbyterian church of the other branch. The last five named are members of the present Senior class in Auburn, and do not finish their studies until next month.

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. B. Morse and the church in Moravia, was, at his request, dissolved, and he was granted a letter to unite with the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, within whose bounds he is now laboring. And we are much pained to add, that the pleasant pastoral relations, formed less than two years ago, between Rev. Thos. Campbell and the church in Sennett, were reluctantly surrendered. Mr. Campbell's health is so seriously impaired that he is compelled, much against his will and that of his affectionate and appreciative people, where he has made a good beginning, suddenly to throw off all pastoral care, and seek recreation and rest in some other climate. He proposes to try first what the Western air will do for him.

The Presbytery was also called to make a minute on the death of two of its members. CHARLES JOHNSTON died last October, aged seventy-eight years. He had not for many years been able to attend the meetings of Presbytery by reason of the infirmities of age, and was scarcely known to many of its younger members; but he seems to have been a man of great usefulness in his day. He labored considerably and acceptably forty years ago as an evangelist, and was regarded as a man of prayer, able and judicious in his evangelistic labors.

Notice was also taken of the decease of Rev. JOHN TOMPKINS, pastor of the church of Marcellus for twenty-five years. We made mention of his death last August. He was a man held in profound respect by his brethren, and of his sterling virtues they chose to make suitable mention on their minutes.

After losing so much, it was fit the Presbytery should receive something in return. Rev. Thos. R. Townsend, who once before belonged to the body, who was once pastor of the church in which its present meeting was held, was received from the Presbytery of Montrose; and Rev. G. W. Warner, who left this body about two years since to join the Presbytery of Lyons, as he was then preaching at Savanna, was very cordially "welcomed back" to his old associates and friends. A grave and reverend Professor of Auburn Seminary remarked that he was glad Mr. Warner had escaped out of the jaws of the lions (Lyons.) We don't suppose the good man really intended any serious reflection on the character of that esteemed and excellent Presbytery of Wayne county. If he did, we can assure him there are some very good men in it, as we know by personal acquaintance.

REVIVAL.

Mr. Warner is still living at Weedsport, where he was so long pastor, but just at present is engaged in the delightful occupation of aiding Rev. G. R. H. Shumway, of Newark, in a revival of religion. The work has been in progress about two weeks, and is one of marked interest and power. There is preaching every evening, and a daily prayer-meeting well sustained.

CANDIDATES.

As this Presbytery has Auburn Seminary within its bounds, it has every year a large number of its students applying for licensure. Ten, all members of the present Middle class, made application at this time, and a considerable part of the two days' session was devoted to their examination, which was full and satisfactory, and they were licensed in due form. Their names and residences are as follows:—Myron Adams, Jr., of East Bloomfield; William H. Bates, Champion; Daniel W. Bigelow, Waterville; Alexander Douglass, Milan, Mich.; Stephen G. Hopkins, Auburn, (son of Prof. Hopkins, of the Seminary); George B. Peck, M. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Henry M. Simmons, of Paris Hill; Alfred Snashall, of Kent, England; Charles M. Whitlesley, of Newark, N. J., (step-son of Rev. T. A. Mills, D.D.) and Theodore T. Wing, of Carlisle, Pa., son of Rev. Dr. Wing.) Mr. Whitlesley is the son of Rev. Samuel G. Whitlesley, once a missionary of the American Board, born in India, and grand-son of the late Mrs. Whitlesley of the Mother's Magazine.

The class appeared well, and are spoken of by their instructors as giving high promise of usefulness. Mr. Bigelow is already engaged to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Trumansburgh, during the contemplated absence of their pastor, Rev. Wm. N. Page, in Europe.

COMMISSIONERS.

The following were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly; Rev. Chas. Hawley, D.D., Rev. W. W. Howard, with Elders Richard Steel, M. D., and S. L. Benedict, principals; and Revs. S. B. Sherrill and J. V. C. Nellis, with Elders David Hamilton and E. R. Wright, alternates.

Elder Albert W. Allen, of Springport, was appointed Commissioner to Auburn Seminary.

On Wednesday the representatives of several of the benevolent causes were heard for ten minutes each, among whom we were glad to see Dr. Ellinwood, pleading for Church Erection. He is not looking quite so well as we had hoped, but he is evidently imparting new life to the important cause which he represents.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon; sermon by Rev. Dr. Hawley, from Eph. 1:7. "In whom we have redemption through his blood," &c.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CAYUGA.

The church edifice in which the meetings of the Presbytery were held has recently undergone a considerable transformation. It was a little dirty; the carpets were worn, the cushions past their prime, and so the ladies took it in hand. By no small exertion they had raised, by festivals, and in other ways, some seven or eight hundred dollars; and in order to have all things in time for the meeting of the Presbytery, the church was closed for three Sabbaths in March,—while the roads were the worst and it was difficult to get to meeting any way—and then, such a cleaning, such a painting, papering, upholstering, the latter by the hands of the ladies themselves. Altogether it does them great credit. The church is as good as new, a very tasteful little sanctuary, to say nothing of the new cabinet Organ placed in the orchestra, as a part of the change. Much may they enjoy of the richest spiritual blessings, in their improved and beautiful spiritual home; light, healing, comfort, strength for all the soul's need in the earthly pilgrimage. May it be to many poor wanderers the very gate of heaven.

The same Society has within the past year purchased a very comfortable and commodious parsonage for their esteemed pastor, Rev. H. H. Allen, at a cost of \$2,400, further indicating their deep interest in all that concerns their beloved Zion.

COMMEMORATION.

The Committee of Ontario Presbytery, appointed to publish the "Commemoration Exercises," recently held at Mt. Morris, are preparing a pamphlet for the press, to contain the semi-centennial sermon by Rev. Joseph R. Page, together with two original Hymns sung on the occasion, and quite full reports of twenty-four addresses. Any one desiring a copy of said pamphlet can have it by sending twenty-five cents to Rev. Joseph R. Page, Perry, N. Y., who is chairman of the publishing Committee. It will be well worth the money.

CALL.

Rev. Dr. Yeomans, of St. Peter's church in this city, has received and accepted a call to the new church (O. S.), recently organized in Orange, New Jersey, and is to remove to his new field of labor next month.

We understand that Rev. H. B. Gardner, who is acting as District Secretary of the American Tract Society of New York, is to fix his residence at Schenectady, instead of Utica, as at first intended.

The new church edifice for Auburn 1st, is expected to cost \$65,000—not eighty, as we had it last week, but it will probably be eighty before they have completed it.

The Central church, Auburn, are also moving for a new house of worship. GENESEE. ROCHESTER, April 6, 1867.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Southern skies are brighter than for many months past. The clouds which lowered all along their horizon are being rapidly dispelled by the Reconstruction Act. Morning breaks fast in Louisiana. The rebel Mayor Monroe, who deserves hanging as much as Surratt, has been removed from the mayoralty by the fearless Sheridan. Loyal men will now come from their hiding-places, and the old flag will dance on the breeze again. Many Southern leaders, convinced of the power and determination of Congress, advise immediate acquiescence in its propositions as the only road to restored harmony and prosperity. The act of the last Congress, directing the clerk of the House of Representatives, to select two papers in each of the recently rebellious States, to publish the laws of the United States and other Government advertising, will do much to foster the Union sentiment prevailing there. Union journals will now be established where there are none, and will bear daily proofs of the power, magnanimity and justice of the rescued Government. The Republican Congressional Committee, which has just been organized by the selection of one congressman from each loyal State, will cause an immense number of tracts, pamphlets and speeches to be circulated through the South during the coming summer. They will counteract the baleful influence of the rebel press, and furnish the masses with information on the vital issues of the day. The work is a great one, but the men selected for it are a guarantee of its accomplishment. Senator Wilson, whose calculations in political arithmetic are quite as reliable as any politician's in the country,

declares that, under the Reconstruction Act, three-fourths of the congressional districts in the South are safe for the Republican ticket.

About twenty churches were represented in the Christian Convention held here week before last. The first day's session was in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the second in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Gurley's. Dr. Gillette, formerly of your city, was President of the Convention. Each session was opened and closed with devotional exercises. In the discussion of the various themes each speaker was limited to five minutes, save those who opened the debate, who were allowed fifteen minutes. Most of our clergymen participated in the debates, as also did Senator Wilson and Gen. Howard. Although the Convention took no definite action, nor expressed any official opinion on either of the various subjects, yet the influence of the meeting was felt to be so salutary as to induce them to adjourn to the first of May instead of *sine die*.

The pastors of the various churches here, held a meeting on Monday of last week, to devise means of raising funds for the destitute people of the South. Dr. Gillette was chosen Chairman, and Rev. J. N. Coombs, Secretary. Several plans were proposed, and adopted. One of them was, that contributions should be taken up in the several churches. This was carried out in several instances, and sermons appropriate to the subject were preached. We have received returns but from one church—the Western Presbyterian (N. S.) which contributed two hundred dollars.

Theodore Tilton lectured under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, on a recent Thursday evening, in Union League Hall, a room which will seat about 300 persons. He was driven to this hall, because other larger halls were previously engaged and because several churches which had accommodated other lecturers of the same course, refused him the same courtesy. He thought the churches of Washington needed reconstruction, and animadverted severely on the 39th Congress. Speaker Colfax, who sat on the stage, and was called out by the audience, defended his associates from the charges of Mr. Tilton.

One half of the 40th Congress has at last gone home. The rest would do so if the President did not detain them to confirm his nominations. The official prospects of some thirty-five hundred persons are said to rest with this extra session. Many of them will learn that a nomination is not tantamount to confirmation, as in the days when the Legislative and Executive Departments of the Government were in harmony. There is a tacit understanding among Congressmen that there will be no quorum, and consequently no session, in July, unless the political atmosphere should grow exceedingly lured by that time. A number intend visiting the Southern States during the recess, and witnessing for themselves the true state of things there; others are going hunting on the plains, and still others design visiting the Paris Exposition. Butler and Bingham will not travel together.

A CONVERT.—The editor of the *N. Y. World* is going "to marry a nigger"—sure. He devotes six columns to discussing the black man's status in New York city and declares:—

"As a race the negroes of New York, considered from a police point of view, are a better class of citizens than the lower grades of whites. As just remarked, a negro or negress is brought before the courts occasionally for theft; occasionally a black man is arraigned for outrage; and very rarely for drunkenness or murder. But, as a class, the negroes give the police comparatively little trouble. This is the almost universal testimony alike of patrolmen, sergeants, captains, and superintendents; and we publish it as at least an approximation to the truth."

And,—tell it not in Tammany!—

"As regards the popular notion of the odor of the negro, it may be positively stated that he, in this respect, is like the white—a clean negro being free from it, and a foul one cursed by it." * * * "There are several negroes in the city who have for some years steadily voted the Democratic ticket, and the great majority of negro voters in one ward voted against Fremont." "The Democratic party, under certain conditions, can yet, if it sees best to do so, draw to itself the negro vote of the country." "The number of dark Democrats can be indefinitely increased." "Stranger political combinations have been brought about in the whirligig of time than a union between the Conservative whites and the blacks of the country."

The commencement of a Reply to Mr. Eva on Millenarianism, by Rev. D. G. Mallery, a letter from our Chicago Correspondent, and the First of a Series on the Scripture in our Sunday Schools will be found on the Second page. Book Notices and Literary Intelligence in full, on the Seventh page. The usual miscellany for the family, &c., in other parts of the paper.

News of Our Churches.

PITTSBURG, PA.—A Pittsburg daily in describing the general religious interest which is at present pervading that city says:—

"In the Third Presbyterian Church, (the Rev. Herrick Johnson's,) the interest was marked and decisive. A deep seriousness characterized the evening meetings, and Christians seemed to be stirred to unwonted activity in effort. Marked and special cases of interest occurred in immediate connection with the opening services of the year. Those long indifferent to religious truth were made to feel its power, and some were led to a radical change of heart and life. The meetings have been continued every evening, except Saturday, of each week, from the opening week in January until now. The interest has deepened and widened, extending with especial power among young men, some forty or fifty of whom have been led to an open confession of Christ. The young men of the Church have been particularly active, nobly supporting their pastor. The Monday evening meeting of each week has always been conducted by some one of them, the pastor taking his seat with the people. There have been unusual demonstrations of grace and power in connection with this series of meetings. Strong men have been bowed to tears. Careless and reckless young men have been transformed. Christians have been greatly moved and blessed. As one result of these services upwards of eighty individuals have been led to profess faith in Christ.

In another and later issue, the same paper says:—

"The special services at the Third Church still continue with marked prosperity, the congregation co-operating with their pastor as heartily as ever, and practically fulfilling the maxim of not 'growing weary in well-doing.' We understand at the next communion season, quite a number of persons will be received into church fellowship, so that the result we presume will round up fully one hundred accessions."

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Mission (col.) church, took place on the afternoon of the 25th ult., and in the presence of about fifteen hundred colored and a few white spectators. Among those on the platform were Major-General Scott, Rev. M. French, Rev. Mr. Merritt of the New Congregational church, and Rev. T. W. Lewis. After introductory exercises, the pastor the Rev. E. J. Adams delivered an address from the 68th Psalm, 31st verse: "Princes shall come out of Egypt, and Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." The address, says the *Charleston Courier*, occupied the close attention of the audience for about an hour, and included a history of the Church.

The following articles were placed by the pastor in the box deposited with the corner-stone: The Holy Bible, the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, the Church Psalmist, papers supported by the New School Presbyterian Church, *The Evangelist*, and the *AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN*; papers referring to the organization of the Church; the names of the principal officers of the Church; the names of the chief officers of the United States Government; addresses of Chaplain French and General Saxton to the freedmen of South Carolina and Georgia, and a copy of the *Charleston Advocate* containing a copy of the platform of the Republican party lately published. The corner-stone was then lowered into its appropriate place, after which the Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced. During the ceremonies the assembly was photographed.

"I am happy to state (writes the pastor to the *Evangelist*) that we are progressing finely. We have bought paid for, and are rapidly using up, over \$2278 worth of material. One thousand dollars in cash, reserved to pay workmen, is also being used up quite rapidly; having received in cash not quite \$400; and over \$200 being pledged, we now need other contributions. It is important that our work here be pushed forward without intermission, while the hearts of the people are fully in the work, and they are willing and anxious to help themselves. Inside of the last four months we have raised among ourselves, to pay on our church lot, between five and six hundred dollars, \$130 of which we took up on the day of laying the corner stone.

"Our Church grows rapidly in numbers. By the first of April we shall have increased to nearly 350 communicants. Many are waiting for the completion of the Church to unite with us. Our prospects of success are brighter than ever before."

PONTIAC, MICH.—A correspondent of the *Evangelist*, writes under date of March 23:—

Never since its organization (more than a quarter of a century ago) has this church enjoyed so precious and powerful a revival. Family altars have been erected, and the voice of prayer and praise daily ascends in homes where, a few short weeks ago, only mammon and pleasure were worshipped. In some cases every unconverted member of the household has been brought to Christ. Some seventy persons, in all, have indulged a hope. Last Sabbath was our Communion season, and fifty-six persons (fifty-two of them by profession of faith,) came forward and united themselves with our church; more than half as many as the entire previous membership. The Sabbath-school was largely represented. There were fifteen from the Young Ladies' Bible Class. Twenty-seven were baptized. As one lady in our church remarked (whose family had been largely blessed), "It seemed like the resurrection morn."

REVIVALS.—A series of meetings have recently closed in the church in Red Wing, Minn., supplied by the Rev. J. A. Annin, (O. S.) formerly of Cedarville, N. J. Over 50 persons are rejoicing in hope. Many are heads of families; a large proportion young men.—Our home mission church at Troy, Kas., has received 24 new members as the fruits, in part, of a recent revival. This place, which had not a member of our church a year ago, has now over a hundred.—In Keokuk, Ia., while about one hundred and twenty-five, in all, have united with the different churches, the Old and New School Presbyterian churches have received the largest accessions. Over one-half of these come from the Sabbath schools.