

CHURCHES.—A church was organized at Holton, Jackson county, Kansas, March 9th, by Rev. Charles Parker; fourteen persons uniting in the organization, of whom five were on profession of their faith. A number more will unite soon. Measures have been taken to erect a house of worship.—Our church at Palmyra, Mo., have let the contract for their new house of worship, bought the lumber, and are now—March 8th—at work upon the foundation.—The church of Granville, Illinois, have called Rev. J. H. Barnes, of the Presbytery of Oxford, at \$1000 salary, and it is expected that he will commence his labors early the present month. Its twenty five or thirty known members have been increased by eighteen, just received on certificate, and as many more, at least, will soon come in, some on profession.—The Presbyterians of Mount Auburn are moving for the organization of a church in that place and rapidly improving suburb of Cincinnati.—Rev. S. Ward, of Vandalia, has been holding a protracted meeting at Middletown, Ind., with good results, and hopes the way may be opened ultimately for the organization of a church.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. William Young, of Fairville, N. Y., having received a unanimous call from the Presbytery of Juniata, N. Y., enters upon his new field of labor on the first week of April.—Rev. John E. Baker has resigned his charge of the church at Middle Granville, N. Y. Correspondents will address their communications to him at Schaghticoke, N. Y.—Rev. T. S. Forster, late of Southfield, Mich., has changed his post-office address to Mount Clemens, in that State.—The Rev. R. H. Dexter's health has so improved that he will remain the pastor of the Pavilion church, N. Y.—Rev. J. J. Hough has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of Franklin, N. Y. He resigns his charge of the Presbyterian church at Cannonsville after three and a half years of successful service, leaving a united and attached people.—Rev. Mr. McCracken, of the Westminster church, Columbus, O., has started for a year's sojourn in Europe.—Rev. V. M. King, of Central College, O., and Rev. John Martin of Sunbury, O., are about to leave their fields of labor; the former to preach in Kansas; the latter to seek health in Minnesota.—Rev. D. K. Steele has accepted a call to the First church of Willoughby, Ohio, and entered upon his labors there the 1st of April.

THE THIRD PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, at their recent sessions, chose the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, Rev. D. M. Seward, D. D., Rev. James Morton, and Rev. Edward W. Hitchcock. Elders, Messrs. Joseph Ditto, Wm. T. Booth, and John Anderson. Alternates, Ministers, Rev. Messrs. S. P. Halsey, J. C. Egbert, and D. W. Lathrop. Elders, Thomas Bond, Alexander Merton, and G. W. B. Cushing. They examined and licensed the following candidates for the ministry: Wm. H. Belden, Henry M. Booth, Christopher B. Brown, John P. Har- sen, Charles A. Kingsbury, Robert Floss, Henry H. Stebbins, Charles C. Tracy, and Albert O. Wright. They received under their care, as candidates, Messrs. Theodore Y. Gardner, James Lewis, Benjamin F. McNeil, Bernhard Pick, John W. Teal, and Merrill N. Hutchinson. Rev. Erastus Seymour was received from the (O. S.) Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Henry H. Garnett from the Presbytery of the District of Columbia. Rev. J. W. C. Pennington, D. D., returned his letters of dismission, and his name was restored to the roll.—Evangelist.

Rev. F. D. Harris of Bristol, Pa., has received a call from the Presbyterian church of Pike, N. Y.

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

The British Delegation.—The deputation from the Free Church of Scotland consists of Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Patrick Fairbairn, and the Rev. Mr. Wells, a young minister of Glasgow, whose labors as an evangelist have been crowned with much success. Dr. Hall, of the Irish delegation, contemplates a visit to the Western Sabbath-school Conventions, in company with his kinsman, Geo. H. Stuart, Esq., of this city.

Another "Lost Cause."—The Louisville (Ky.) Journal says: "It will be seen by the Legislative proceedings that the important bill purposing to change the entire management of the Presbyterian College at Danville has failed in the House of Representatives. This may be considered as a definite settlement of the whole question at issue against our friends of the STUART-ROBINSON party and in favor of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church." At their last meeting, the Declaration and Testimony Synod endorsed the Bill thus defeated.

Cobweb Chains.—The Princeton Review recently remarked: "It has always appeared to us one of the marvels of the Scottish mind, with all its strength and clearness, that it could be held in trammels so often by cobwebs, and those of its own spinning. There is, so far as most men can see, no more reason for affirming that the Church is limited to the use of the Psalms, or even other inspired productions contained in the Bible, in the work of praise; than that it is restricted to the use of the Lord's Prayer, or other inspired petitions, in the work of prayer." The Presbyterian Witness, of Halifax, N. S., adds: "The fact is, that the 'Scottish mind' is pretty well freed from the cobwebs to which Dr. Hodge refers. The Established Church, the Free Church, the United Presbyterian Church, use hymns. We believe that there are fully as many opposers of hymns in America as in Scotland."

Revivals.—The O. S. Church of Mercer, Pa., was dedicated on the first Sabbath of the year, and has had since then an accession of 37 (26 on profession), as the result of extra meetings, eight were heads of families, and in three instances, husband and wife together.—The O. S. Church of Slippery Rock, Pa., has been revived, and about 70 persons (not less than 40 of them children) have sought after the Way of Life.—In the Second Church of Washington, Pa., 56 have been received.—The joint charge of West Middlesex and Unity, has had an accession of 49 (by profession 47).—Forty-three have been gathered in the Church in Martinsville, Presbytery of St. Clairsville.—To the Church at Harlem Springs, O., 27 have been added on profession and the work goes on.—The Church in Weston, Ohio, has recently received twenty-eight persons, all adults, and many of them heads of families. Before the revival it only numbered thirteen members, most of them praying women.—The Second U. P. Church of Alleghany, Pa., Rev. Dr. Clark's, now numbers over seven hundred members. At a recent communion, twenty-five joined.—Thirty-six persons united with Rev. Dr. Pond's Church, Petaluma, Cal., at the last communion.—There were thirteen additions to Rev. Mr. Mooar's Church, Oakland, Cal., on the first Sunday in February.—The Church in Morristown, O.,

torn asunder for years by political dissensions, has been avingly visited by the Spirit of Peace, and many who had not spoken to each other for years embraced each other. Sixty-two have been added on profession, twenty-eight by Baptism. One of these was eighty, another eighty-four.

Ministerial.—Rev. F. H. Seeley, a native of Middlebury, Vt., and a graduate of the College, has been ordained to the work of the ministry by the Presbytery of Otsego, N. Y., and has charge of the church at Rochford Springs.—Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth street, New York. Owing to ill health, he was laid aside from his labors for some months last summer, and it is said that the same cause has led to his present decision.—Dr. Eells arrived safely in San Francisco on the 2d of February, to take charge of one of the O. S. churches there. Dr. Eells was formerly a zealous co-operator in the New School body.—Rev. Peter Brown, pastor for many years of the United Presbyterian Church at Wishaw, Scotland, has been appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, a Professor in the Theological Seminary at Melbourne.—The Rev. H. W. Morris has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of Calvary church, Rochester, New York.

Churches.—The old Broome Street Central church of New York city has purchased the Fifth Street Church, between Broadway and Eighth ave., and have been engaged in fitting it up for occupancy. The Pacific, of the 31st of January and the 7th of February, contains a memorial discourse, delivered by Rev. S. H. Willey "at the closing exercises of the Howard church, San Francisco, in their First House of Worship, corner of Natoma and Jaques streets, Sabbath morning, Jan. 6th, 1867." The Howard Presbyterian is the oldest Protestant church organization in the city, and the pictures of the early times, drawn by one who was on the ground before the gold excitement broke out, possesses great value.—A union has been effected between the First Independent and the First Cumberland Presbyterian congregations of St. Louis; the two are henceforth to be one congregation, Cumberland Presbyterian.—An Old School church was organized at Manno, Minn., composed almost entirely of Calvinistic Welshmen, and their services are to be conducted in the Welsh language.—A Union of twenty-five churches was organized the First Congregational Church of Arcadia Valley, believed to be the first church of that order in Missouri. In April, 1856, it was received under the care of the O. S. Presbytery of Potosi. The church now numbers fifty-five members, or within four of being "substantial," and is thoroughly loyal to the General Assembly. They have just dedicated a new house of worship, costing \$5,000.—A new church edifice is shortly to be erected by the members of the First O. S. church, Camden. The present one, on Fifth Street, has become too small.—The Cobocank Presbyterian church, on Germantown Avenue, above Fifth street, was sold recently for \$10,000 to the Church of God (Baptist), a denomination numbering some 350 ministers and thirty thousand members, living chiefly in Pennsylvania and in the Western States. Their churches are Baptist as to the mode and subjects of baptism, and are Armenian in sentiment.

"The Colenso of Cincinnati,"—a U. P. Organ recently edited by Rev. Wm. C. McChase, of the Orchard street U. P. Church, (because "unbound" on the Close Communion question) is certainly a missionary bishop. He began his work eleven years ago, without a dollar, a lot, a Church, edifice, a Sabbath-school, or a member. It is a Christian Union Church. All giving scriptural evidence of a saving faith in Christ are received, and entire liberty in speech and belief beyond "necessary things," is accorded to all. [Hinc illa lachrymæ.] The membership consists of persons who were brought up in sixteen different denominations. The average attendance in the Sabbath-school has been, for several years, about 475. The membership of the Church is 120. The congregation has been self-sustaining for several years, and has always been harmonious.

The death of Dr. Lillie of Kingston, N. Y., which we recently announced, deserves notice. A native Scotchman, he graduated with the highest honors at the University of Edinburgh. He was one of the translators of the American Bible Union's new version; author of a volume of lectures on the Thessalonian Epistles; and had barely finished, when he died, the same epistles, as his assigned share of Lange's great commentary. A fearless advocate of what he deemed right and true, he was the outspoken opponent of slavery a generation ago, when it was both unpopular and unsafe to be so; and an earnest millennialist, when he stood as such almost alone.

Old Churches in New Jersey.—The Dutch Reformed church on Bergen Hill, about two miles back of Jersey City, claims to be the first church of any denomination established in New Jersey. The First Presbyterian church at Elizabeth was organized in 1666. It was the first church in New Jersey where services were held in the English language. The first First Presbyterian church on Broad street, in Newark, was built in 1673, the congregation having been organized in 1667. The Baptist church in Piscataway, Middlesex county, was established in 1680. The Reformed Dutch church in Somerset county, near the junction of the north and south branches of the Raritan river, was organized in 1690. A Presbyterian church was established, not far from Freehold in 1672. The Episcopal church at Perth Amboy was established in 1698. The Presbyterians first held worship in Perth Amboy in 1731.

A Timely Bequest.—Abraham Voorhees, of Middlebury, N. J., has bequeathed to the Rutgers College the sum of \$25,000, and to the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church \$15,000, to aid young men in their preparations for the ministry.

MISSIONARY.—In Pohnpe, one of the Micronesia group, a great work has been done, "one half of the people, (5 to 6 thousand), are on our side," writes Mr. Doane. "I wish I could say truly they were on the Lord's side." 3000 people have given up their semi-intoxicating ava-root—are willing to be taught—are asking for books—attend schools—patiently bear reproof—many of them praying and taking part in meetings—and some are the children of the Lord. During the past winter, two important chiefs have cast in their lot with the missionaries. One of them a notorious drunkard, but recently broke up a meeting of ava drinkers, refusing to have the root used any longer in his tribe, but a few months since he encouraged and took part himself in breaking up prayer meetings among his people. The other, the Nanakin of the Jekoits tribe, is now one of the most interested chiefs; though but little more than a year ago he, with his people, waylaid a Christian party and fired upon them. He had a dwelling house dedicated the missionaries' house, and he intends to build a meeting house soon. The meeting house at Aru, (burnt down by the Chiefs), is rebuilt, and dedicated. Many in that region will soon be taken into the church. Most of the Christians have worn well, some are making decided advance in the new life, and very many, including high chiefs, with their entire people, have abandoned heathenism.

Rajpootana.—The Scottish U. P. Church established in 1860 a mission in this wide but sterile province. They have four stations with two missionaries each, and by combining medicine with Christian teaching have secured a hearing among the Rajpoots and circulated the products of a busy mission-press. Among their converts is Rani Ram, the high priest of the sect of the Ram Sanehs, who has received for a quarter of a century religious worship

from his followers. After he had been a hearer for some time he was taken so ill that his life was despaired of, and his followers according to their custom, cast him out to die. The missionaries found and nursed him to health, when he was reinstated as the worshipped incarnation of Ram, but decided to leave all for Christ, and locking up the temple took up his abode with the missionaries, and was baptized, together with a poor convict, who had found Christ in prison.

Special Notices.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will meet on Thursday, the 16th day of May, 1867, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Brick Presbyterian Church in the city of Rochester, N. Y., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly. The Committee of Commissioners will meet in the Lecture Room of the Church at 9 o'clock A. M. By order of the General Assembly, EDWIN F. HATFIELD, Stated Clerk. J. GLENTWORTH BUTLER, Permanent Clerk.

The Young Men's Christian Association.—Among other good works which they are accomplishing, is to find employment for the large number of Young Men who are daily applying to them for assistance. They urgently and respectfully request that Merchants and Business Men in general, who wish Young Men for various positions, apply to the Employment Committee who will do all in their power to see that they are well suited with Intelligent, Active and Honest Young Men. All Communications should be addressed to HENRY C. POLLOCK, Chairman, 1210 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The Presbytery of Genesee will hold its annual meeting at Le Roy on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 o'clock P. M. Church Sessions are requested to forward their records and statistical reports to this meeting. C. F. MUSSEY, Stated Clerk. BATAVIA, April 24, 1867.

Presbytery of Wilmington.—The Presbytery of Wilmington will hold its next stated meeting in the Drawing's Church at Odessa, Del., commencing Tuesday evening, April 16, at 7 o'clock. Opening sermon by the Moderator, Rev. John Patton, D. D. Narratives, Statistical Reports and Assessments will be called for. WILLIAM ASKMAN, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Pittsburgh will meet in New York, the 1st of April, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. By order of Presbytery, S. M. SPARKS, Stated Clerk. Mt. Pleasant, Pa., March 22, 1867.

The next Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Milwaukee will be held in the Presbyterian Church of Jefferson, on the 24th Tuesday (16) of April next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Full Statistical Reports from all the Churches are requested. G. W. ELLIOTT, Stated Clerk. MILWAUKEE, March 20, 1867.

The Presbytery of Wellsborough will hold their next stated meeting at Nelson, on the third Tuesday (16th) of April, at 2 o'clock, P. M. S. J. MCCULLOUGH, Stated Clerk. Troy, N. Y., March 20, 1867.

Auburn Theological Seminary.

Calendar for the Year 1867.

Sunday Evening, May 5, Discourse on Foreign Missions, before the Society of Inquiry, by Rev. Robert Russell Booth, D. D., of New York. Monday, May 6, 2 P. M. Examination begins, and continues till Wednesday evening. Tuesday evening, May 7, Address before the Rhetorical Society, by Rev. Herrick Johnson, Pittsburg, Pa. Wednesday evening, May 8, Sermon before the Alumni, by Prof. J. H. Seeley, Amherst College; Alternate, Rev. Abner DeWitt, Troy, N. Y. Thursday, May 9, 9 A. M., Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and of Trustees. 7 P. M., Commencement Exercises. Friday, May 10, 9 A. M., Meeting of the Western Education Society, in the Chapel. Wednesday, September 2, 2 P. M., Examination of candidates for admission to the Seminary, and at 5 P. M., Fall term opens.

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