

## American Presbyterian.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1867.

Mr. Hammond's Seventh Letter, from Shiloh and Bethel; Dr. Adams, on Cloys in the Pulpit, Mr. Wilder's Notes of his late Missionary Tour, &c., on the second page; Climate and Exercise, and Swiss Manufactures, by esteemed correspondents, under Rural Economy and Scientific, page three; Admirable Stories, &c., under the Family Circle, page six; and a very full line of Literary Intelligence on the 7th page.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Commissioners and delegates from corresponding bodies, expecting to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Rochester, are requested to send their names and post-office addresses as soon as convenient, to Louis Chapin, Esq., and in return they will be furnished with cards of introduction to the families by whom they will be entertained.

Notice of arrangements for reduction of fares on railroads will be given as soon as possible.

By order of committee of arrangement.

C. P. BUSBY, Sec'y.

SUMMARY.—Rev. J. Garland Hamner will be installed pastor of Wharton street church, and Rev. Frank L. Robbins of Oxford Church, next Sabbath evening.

Rev. Dr. Lyon of Erie, and Rev. Dr. Darling of Albany, are Commissioners to the General Assembly.

The Assemblies' Committees on Union were to meet in New York, May 1.

The Congregational church in Elba, N. Y., has become Presbyterian. Rev.—Burgess of the U. P. church, Ill., proposes to unite with our body.

Revivals are reported in four Churches, particularly in Sweden, N. Y., and Belvidere, N. J. As many as 152 hopeful conversions or additions are reported.

Rev. Wm. Arnot, of Edinburgh, comes a delegate to the Assemblies in place of Dr. Guthrie.

Ripley Presbytery, O., is for union on the basis of the Standards as interpreted by the Adopting Act.

Two new Churches are reported as organized and one dismissed to the Congregationalists. Three persons have been licensed. Rev. David Larimore, from the other branch, was received by Chicago Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Seventh Church in that city, April 15th.

## MINUTE OF PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA

ON THE DEATH OF REV. JOHN TOMPKINS.

Whereas in the wise providence of Him who "doeth all things well," we have again been visited, in the removal, by death, of one of our number, it becomes us with submission to recognize the event, and to improve the visitation.

Our beloved brother Tompkins graduated at Hamilton College, in the year 1838, and at Auburn Theological Seminary in that of 1841. At his decease he was 66 years of age, and the oldest Pastor in the Presbytery. With faithfulness and ability he served the church of Marcellus, during the long pastorate of 25 years. He was a man of much firmness and stability of character, an able preacher, and of great soundness in the faith. In his attendance upon the meetings of this body he was remarkably prompt, and in the discharge of his duties as a Presbyter, well skilled, and in his intercourse with his brethren, kind and courteous.

Brother Tompkins had but one pastorate, and that was with the people among whom he died, August 15th, 1866, the day appointed and suitably arranged for, on which to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his settlement as their Pastor. There was an increasing mutual attachment between him and his people to the day of his death, and amid the changes that took place in other congregations, they both stood firmly and affectionately by each other, much to the credit of pastor and people. And now that our brother has gone, to be with us no more in our deliberations as a Presbytery, and in our labors as ministers of Christ, may we improve this solemn admonition of Providence by greater diligence in the important work committed to us and others by the grace of God, and become better prepared to meet our departed brother in "the General Assembly and Church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven."

Resolved, That a copy of the above minute be forwarded, by the stated clerk, to the bereaved family of brother Tompkins, with whom we deeply sympathize, in the loss they have sustained in the death of a kind and affectionate husband, and a tender and beloved father.

Also that it be published in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN and New York Evangelist.

By order of Presbytery.

CHAS. HAWLEY, Stated Clerk.

LICENSE TO RUIN.—The benefits of a law to permit an immoral traffic are thus illustrated by the Boston Recorder:

In a small town not twenty miles from Boston, for twenty-five years and up to prohibition, there were three stores and one tavern licensed to regulate the sale of liquor. Of twenty men of good moral character licensed as regulators, as many as twelve certainly became drunkards, and of their customers, the list of names posted up in their places of business became so long that it was sometimes mistaken for a list of the voters of the town. The same town now, under prohibition, is entirely free from the terrible curse, no liquor is sold there and there are no drunkards, and it is one of the most pleasant and happy little towns in the Commonwealth.

## FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

## PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

This Presbytery held its annual meeting in Le Roy on Tuesday and Wednesday, last. Rev. A. Fraser preached the opening sermon. Rev. C. C. Kimball was elected Moderator, and Hon. A. P. Hascall clerk—both of Le Roy. Rev. E. N. Manley, formerly of Booneville, now preaching at Elba, was received from the Presbytery of Utica; and Rev. D. Russell, formerly of Pike, but now preaching in Iowa, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Dubuque. Rev. C. C. Kimball, of Le Roy, and Elder William Bradley, of Elba, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; Rev. R. H. Dexter, and Elder Levi Fiske, Alternates. Rev. T. M. Hodgman, of Byron, was elected Commissioner to Auburn Seminary. On Wednesday afternoon, Presbytery united with the Church of Le Roy in celebrating the Lord's Supper. A very pleasant, tender and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. E. N. Manley, with the breaking of the bread by Rev. T. M. Hodgman, and distribution of the cup by Rev. A. Fraser.

The reports from the churches indicated some improvements and encouragements, most of which we have previously noticed—a revival at Attica, with some fifty conversions; the refitting of the church edifice at Byron, at a cost of some \$4000; and the refitting, and new organ, at Le Roy, at a cost of some \$10,000. In both places, these improvements have worked exceedingly well. In each case the congregation is increased, the seats are all taken, and at Le Roy more are needed. This Church has added nearly or quite fifty per cent. to its membership in the last three years. The congregation is larger, and the Sabbath-school embraces a large part of the congregation, men, women and children, but no "Bible classes"—they make no such distinction; they all belong to the Sunday-school; and all study the same lesson, and under the admirable superintendence of Mr. Parmelee, the school is kept up with great interest.

We are glad to report that the health of our good brother, Rev. E. N. Manley, continues to improve since he began preaching at Elba. His predecessor, Dr. Corwin, who occupied that pulpit most acceptably for twenty-five years, still resides there, in feeble health, and kindly fills the place of counsellor and friend to his younger brother, aiding in every way he can to help him to bear the parish burdens, and regain his former strength and usefulness. The Church at Elba, which was Congregational in form, but Presbyterian in spirit, has recently elected a board of Elders, and become a constituent portion of the Presbytery under whose care it has long been.

## SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

In connection with the Sabbath-school of the little Congregational church of Riga, there is a Missionary Association which is doing a good work, and which we wish to commend to the consideration of all who are disposed to look and learn. In the first place, the Sabbath-school embraces nearly the whole congregation; then each teacher is a collector for his class; each scholar is invited to say how much he will give each month for benevolent purposes; collectors are also appointed to canvass all outside the Sabbath-school; and thus by a little system, and perseverance in operation, some \$200 a year are raised for benevolent purposes in a church of eighty members. Before such systematic arrangements were made, the whole congregation, we are told, did not give more than \$40, for all causes of benevolence. How many churches could thus quintuple their contributions, if some such plan were adopted for reaching all the congregation, and getting them pledged to systematic giving.

## CHANGES AND ITEMS.

Rev. Calvin Waterbury, who was laboring a year ago in East Tennessee, has received and accepted an invitation to the "Stone Church," Bergen.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, held on the 22d at Olean, Rev. J. B. Beaumont was, at his own request, dismissed from the pastoral care of the church in Olean, in order to accept the call of the Presbyterian church of Waverley, where he is to begin his labors about the middle of May, at a salary of \$1,700 a year, payable monthly.

Rev. C. A. Ruddock, of the Congregational church of Riga, has received and accepted an invitation to supply the pulpit of the Congregational church at Churchville, and began his labors in the latter place last Sabbath.

A revival of considerable power has been in progress for some weeks past in Sweden. The pastor, Rev. J. Cunningham, has been assisted by Rev. O. Parker, the Evangelist, and it is said that as many as one hundred are indulging in hope of the new life. Mr. Parker, after having labored previously in the Presbyterian church at Brockport, has now returned thither and is preaching in the Baptist church.

The Presbyterian church of Trumansburgh, have recently supplied themselves with an organ, at a cost of some \$1200, which seems to be one of real excellence, large enough, and not too large for their pleasant house of worship. The choir certainly makes good music in connection with its use.

Messrs. Wells, Pardee and Vincent have been holding a Sunday-school Institute in the First Presbyterian church of Utica; a "three-fold cord," capable of drawing a good many people into the right way.

We notice also by the *Utica Herald*, which is always full of good matter, that they have a Sunday-school in that city on wheels, or in other words, in a rail-road car, in the lower part of the city. The first Sabbath they had forty-two scholars; the next sixty-seven, and they were under the necessity of occupying two cars. One was not enough, and at this rate they will soon have a train of them. This is sowing beside the highways, as well as the waters. There are Christians in Utica who love to do this sort of work, and they are constantly at it.

Another Sabbath-school Institute, for the western part of our county, is to be held at Spencerport, on the 7th and 8th days of May. Teachers and friends of Sunday-schools are cordially invited to attend and take part in its exercises. J. B. Gurnsey is chairman of the Local Committee, Charles Keeler, Spencerport, County Secretary.

ROCHESTER, April 27, 1867.

## OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

## TRIENNIAL CONVENTION.

The Congregationalists of the Northwest held their triennial convention in this city last week. This convention was called originally in the interest of the theological seminary in Chicago; but its discussions cover many points relating to the interests of the denomination. It is a kind of General Assembly. It is always attended by large numbers of ministers and laymen, and not a little of the vitality of Congregationalism in this section of the country is due to it. Independence must have its organic life. The recent convention was composed of the representative men of the denomination, and all the churches will feel its influence. One subject of general importance before it, was the establishment of a denominational journal in Chicago, to take the place of smaller journals, like the *Wisconsin Patriot* and the *Iowa News Letter*. The opportunity for the establishment of such a paper appears to be especially favorable now, as there is no religious paper published in the country which is generally acceptable to the Congregationalists hereaway.

## ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES.

The Anniversary of the Seminary took place in connection with the meeting of the Convention. A fine address was delivered by Rev. J. P. Gulliver, of this city, and another by Rev. H. M. Dexter, of Boston, who, it is said, represented the credit of the missionary work of this country as due almost wholly to the Congregationalists. He certainly has good opportunities for knowing. But be that as it may, the most interesting service of the week was the ordination of five young men, members of the Senior class of the Seminary. These young men are already under appointment by the A. B. C. F. M. The ordination took place in the Second Presbyterian Church, and was witnessed by an immense congregation. The event was one long to be remembered. Dr. Henry Smith, of Lane, preached the sermon, a powerful exhibition of the attractions of the cross. Prof. Bartlett, of the Seminary, delivered the charge, and Prof. Haven gave what may be called the address of transfer, delivering the candidates into the hands of the Board. They were received by Secretary Treat, who, in an interesting address, extended to them a welcome to their chosen work. The immediate effect of the scene was demonstrated on the following Sabbath, when the annual collection for the Board was taken in the Second Church, \$1200 being subscribed on the spot. The West will show, year by year, an increasing interest in Foreign Missions.

The preliminary examination of the candidates was very interesting. A single incident I will mention. One of the young men, when relating the story of his religious experiences, said that, in his earlier days, he was a wayward child. His conversion was somewhat remarkable. One of the first impressions made upon his heart after renewal, was that of duty to become a missionary to the heathen. So powerful was this impression, that it soon occurred to him that there must be a Providence behind it. Perhaps his mother—though she had never told him so—had directed him to this work in infancy. He would ask her. He seized the first opportunity. Alone with her after the family had retired for the night, he put the question. The answer was, "Yes, my son," and his reply was instantaneous: "Then, mother, I shall go." He left the room, but returning in a few moments, found his mother upon her knees, dissolved in tears of gratitude to Him who had heard her consecration and honored it, though after many trials of her faith in the thoughtless career of "her wildest boy."

## PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

The recent meeting of this body was one of unusual interest. The reports of its members upon the state of religion in the churches were cheering. Prof. David Swing, pastor elect of the Westminster Church, was received from an O. S. Presbytery in Ohio. Rev. J. W. Larimore was also received from an O. S. Presbytery and installed pastor of the Seventh Church in this city. The exercises of installation were held on Tuesday evening, April 15th. Rev. A. Eddy, of the Ninth Church, preached the sermon. Rev. Dr. R. W. Patterson delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Edward Pierce, of the Calvary Church, the charge to the people.

Rev. J. H. Trowbridge and Rev. David Swing

were chosen commissioners to the next General Assembly. Elders, Mark Skinner and J. D. Ward.

It is expected that Mr. Swing will soon be installed over the Westminster Church. He is a man of unusual scholarly culture, and has roused much interest in the city at large by his attractive sermons. We thank our Old School friends for the two representatives they have given us, and are unable to discover, in their theological views, any reason why we should not receive still further accessions from the other branch. They were not examined when they were received, and we do not think that, had they been, in the presence of Mr. Barnes, he would have voted not to receive them.

## OLD SCHOOL MOVEMENTS.

Rev. R. Patterson, D. D., fresh from Covenanters ranks, is now engaged in raising funds for the erection of a new church edifice for the use of his congregation. He guides an enterprising church, and their location on Jefferson Park, is one of the finest in the city. A new church has been lately planted in the South Division. Thus our brethren of the other side have five churches in Chicago, together with a sixth—the *Central*—which has but a nominal existence, having sold its church building, and dismissed its minister, Rev. F. Brown, D. D., who, I notice, has just accepted an invitation to the Central Church in St. Paul.

The Scotch churches in Chicago are not very vigorous, though one of them, the First Scotch, has recently acquired some strength through the election of Rev. Dr. Burns, of Canada West, as pastor. He enjoys a fine reputation, and will do a good work.

## THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

The statute adopted by our last Legislature, fixing the standard of the working-man's daily labor at eight hours, goes into effect, May 1st. Great interest is felt in the result. It is feared that not a little difficulty will be found in adjusting the rate of wages to the new period of labor. If mechanics demand the wages heretofore given for ten hours, the effect will be simply that of a strike. The extra two hours will doubtless be used by many mechanics in the interest of their employers, but for extra pay. If, on the other hand, the wages of workmen are reduced by one fifth, mechanics will soon complain; families now straitened will become more than ever distressed, and actual strikes will be the order of the day. A very general desire is felt to give the working-man every opportunity for improvement, but it is deemed very doubtful whether the opportunity will be afforded by the new régime. A large and enthusiastic demonstration is promised on the part of the working-men to celebrate their legislative triumph. Meantime the building operations of the city are to a considerable extent suspended. Contractors are unwilling to bind themselves, in view of the uncertainties of the summer. The architects have been unusually busy all winter, and were it not for this law an unprecedented amount of building would be undertaken. As it is, probably many a book of plans will be consigned to the table-drawer for the season.

## THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The literary society known by this title has just secured the upper floors of a large building in the Metropolitan Block, and will soon remove their Library and Reading Rooms to the new locality. It will have at its command, by this arrangement, a fine large lecture-room which will be handsomely fitted up for its convenience. This association is becoming widely useful, and will soon provide a place of literary resort worthy of the city. I always find the reading-rooms crowded, when I visit them, and their tables are spread with the choicest issues of the periodical literature of the day. It is however, a significant commentary upon the lecture system, so far as our cities are concerned, that only the "stars" pay the expenses of a lecture season. Gough, Phillips, Fred. Douglass and Miss Anna Dickinson are almost the only persons who can command a remunerative house. Emerson lectures here to a chosen few in one of our Unitarian churches.

## DR. HOGARTH.

The pastor of Jefferson Avenue church, Detroit, is about to sail for Europe, his people having given him a six months' vacation, besides liberally providing for the necessities of travel. This summer brings, I believe, his "silver wedding," and the demonstration of affection thus made on the part of his people is none the less pleasant for the association.

CHICAGO, April 24, 1867.

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.—The *American Presbyterian* of Philadelphia, quoting from a letter that appeared in this paper three weeks ago on "Religion in France," especially showing the influences of Materialism and the Roman Catholic Church, says, "Rev. H. M. Field of THE EVANGELIST, by birth a French Catholic, says of the Church of his youth, &c. Well, indeed! 'There is nothing like going from home to hear the news.' We thought that gentleman was born in New England, the son of an old-fashioned orthodox Congregational minister, but things are so turned upside down now-a-days, that one doesn't know his own father. However, our contemporary is not very far out of the way. It is only the difference between a man and his wife, and according to the Gospel they two are one.—*Evangelist*."

Very well, we shall now know where any smart editorials in the *Evangelist* come from.

## News of Our Churches.

## CHURCH COURTS.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON held its stated meeting at Norwalk, Tuesday, April 9th. The church in Ruggles was dismissed to unite with a Congregational Association, and a church newly organized at Clyde, was received. The reports on the state of religion were encouraging.

THE RIPLEY PRESBYTERY met at Winchester, April 9th. The following report on Church Union was adopted, viz: "Believing, as we do, that for the sake of prosperity among our weak and scattered churches, and for the sake of church extension in unoccupied territory, organic union of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church is desirable, and, furthermore, because we are all Presbyterians, and the issues that divided us are gone, and that it is possible, we do hereby, as a Presbytery, put ourselves on record as most heartily favoring such union, on the standards of our common faith, as set forth in the Adopting Act of 1729." Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. D. Vandye, principal, and D. E. Bierce, alternate. Elder J. B. McClanahan, principal, and W. P. Macklem, alternate.

INDIANAPOLIS PRESBYTERY met in Anderson, April 11th. Rev. A. T. Rankin, and Elder W. N. Jackson were chosen commissioners to General Assembly, and Rev. C. H. Marshall and Elder Samuel Moore, their alternates. Messrs. George D. Parker, and Thomas Bartholomew, members of the Kingston church, the former an elder, were licensed as probationers for the gospel ministry. Mr. Parker has accepted an invitation to labor with the churches in Edinburgh and Amity.

DAYTON PRESBYTERY met at Osborne on Tuesday, April 2d. The Commissioners elected to the next General Assembly are, Rev. B. Graves and Elder P. Odlin, principals; Rev. D. M. Moore and G. L. Kedzie, alternates. Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Troy, April 16th, and installed the Rev. Henry Calhoun, pastor of the 1st church. At the same meeting a call from the church in Osborne, for the ministerial service of Rev. J. L. Pollock, was approved, and a committee appointed to conduct the installation services on the 2d of May.

PATASKALA PRESBYTERY closed its sessions in Massillon, April 10th. Rev. Daniel Tenney was received from the Presbytery of Hamilton, and a Committee appointed to install him pastor of the Second church of Newark, May 1st. Henry Beaman from Lane Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer. Rev. George Little and T. M. Rose were elected commissioners to the General Assembly; and Rev. A. Kingsbury, D. D., and James Young, elder, their alternates.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE, at their meeting on the 9th of April, appointed the Rev. Geo. A. Lyon, D. D., and Hiram Johnson, elder, as Commissioners to the next General Assembly; their alternates, Rev. Sylvanus Warren, and Samuel Moorehead, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEVELAND AND PORTAGE.—This was the first meeting of the Presbytery since the addition of a portion of the Presbytery of Elyria by the action of Synod, at its last meeting. Commissioners to the General Assembly:—Rev. Henry L. Hitchcock, D. D., and Wm. H. Goodrich, D. D., principals; and Rev. Geo. E. Pierce, D. D., and Rev. Jas. Shaw, D. D., alternates; Elders Truman P. Handy, Esq., and C. S. Latimer, Esq., and E. S. Brainard, Esq., alternates. Four ministers have been dismissed, and two have been received. During the year 393 have been added to the churches on profession of their faith. Four pastors have been dissolved. One pastor, Rev. Elias C. Sharp, and Rev. John Keys, the oldest member of Presbytery, have died during the year. One pastor has been installed, Rev. A. W. Knowlton, over the church of Strongsville.

THE PRESBYTERY OF KALAMAZOO, recently in session at Buchanan, Mich., has chosen the Rev. J. Pierson and Elder A. J. Smith as principal commissioners to the Assembly, and the Rev. T. Dwight Hunt and Daniel Van Antwerp, their alternates. Presbytery instructed its commissioners to favor the reunion of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church whenever the way should be open for a permanent and honorable union.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY met in Greenbush, April 16th. Rev. J. R. Young, of New York Third and Rev. H. Pattengill, of Montrose Presbyteries, were received by letters. Rev. H. Darling, D. D., of Albany, was chosen Commissioner to the General Assembly, and Rev. W. Whittaker, of Greenbush, alternate. Elder A. Noble, of Albany Fourth, was appointed lay commissioner.

CHURCHES.—The church of Tioga, Pa., for twenty years or more under the pastoral care of Rev. S. J. McCullough, has recently liquidated a standing debt, and the society are now about to make extensive repairs upon their sanctuary, and at the same time have increased the pastor's salary.—The Mercer Street church, New York.—Dr. Booth's—has been well prospered in this spiritual and temporal the past Winter, having received an average of about a dozen on profession of their faith, at each of its communion seasons, and also a considerable number by letter. The young men of this church have organized an association, and are making their influence felt in various ways to its advantage.—The church of Hornellsville have just relieved themselves of a \$500 debt upon their church. The people then felt free to do the right thing by their pastor, (Rev. M. Waldo), and increased his salary to \$1500. The church and congregation, as one may judge, are in a flourishing condition.—The Rev. E. B. Sherwood organized a church of sixteen members at Breckinridge, Mo., on the 9th of February last, and since that time there have been two accessions and a number of others will soon unite with them. They have commenced the creation of a house of worship, and are expecting a minister (Rev. J. Odell, from New York.)

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. C. F. Beach, recently of Centralia, Ill., having supplied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, of Portage City, Wis., during the past six months, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate.—Rev. Robert Proctor's address is changed from Clarkson, Monroe