

American Presbyterian.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1867.

Among our Correspondence, on page 2nd, will be found a letter from Rev. J. Doolittle, author of "The Social Life of the Chinese," on the Opium Traffic in China; The Pay of the minister under a new aspect, &c. Page 3rd, Rural Economy and Scientific Articles; Page 6th, Family Miscellany; and Page 7th, Book notices, Reports of Sabbath meeting, Temperance meeting, and Ritualism in New York.

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. BUSH, Sec'y.

P. S. The Committee regret to say that they cannot engage to provide entertainment for any but Commissioners, Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, Secretaries, and such as are necessarily in attendance upon the business of the Assembly.

THE NEW MORNING STAR.

A beautiful colored lithograph of the new Missionary ship has been published in Boston. Price \$1.00. But Sabbath-schools contributing \$15.00 this year to Missionary Schools will, on application, receive the picture gratis.

Apply to CHARLES HUTCHINS, Missionary House, Boston.

Or to Rev. J. McLEOD, Dist. Sec. of American Board, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

SUMMARY.—One candidate for the ministry received, one licensure and one ordination are reported; also one minister received from the other branch and one dismissed to the same. Rev. J. H. McMonagle, said by the Congregationalist to have been dismissed in the same manner, is not on the roll of the last Assembly.

The Presbyteries of Wabash and Greencastle, Ind., and of Trumbull, O., speak of precious revivals enjoyed by their churches, in their semi-annual reports.

Rev. Frank S. Robbins was installed pastor of Oxford st. church, and Rev. J. Garland Hamner of Wharton St. church, in this city, last Sunday night. The services were deeply interesting and largely attended.

The Franklin Chapel is now complete, and some services have been held in it. It is the counterpart of the Oxford Chapel in size and appearance.

The contributions for Publication for February and March were \$1839.93. Madison Square Church, New York, contributes \$361.48.

The receipts of the American Board for March were \$37,207.65, and for the financial year thus far, \$212,813; a trifling loss compared with last year, although the expenses are greater.

The English Presbyterian Church numbers 112 congregations with a membership of 19,784. Average of contributions for all purposes, is about \$11.75 in gold, per member.

The friends of the Sabbath in Baltimore, after making no mean show at the polls, are now moving to test the legality of the running of the cars, under the charters granted by the city. The Mayor seems to view their effort with approval.

Four revivals of churches and over one hundred conversions are reported this week.

Liberality is increasing in a hopeful degree in our Western Churches. Alton Presbytery, with 1875 members, contributed \$1884.85 to Home Missions last year; and a lady in St. Louis contributed \$500 for the support of a Home Missionary during the current year.

DOGS.—We notice in the secular papers, the warning to owners to look out for their dogs, as the ordinance for the summer slaughter of the canines found at large and unmuzzled, is to be strictly enforced. The limiting of this restraint to the warm months was a very natural and reasonable provision, under the old notion that hydrophobia was a hot weather disease. But it is time that Councils should find out what science and facts have settled years ago, that this awful malady, even in spontaneous development, is under no ban of temperature, and may occur in any season of the year. Dogs are undoubtedly pleasant as pets, and sometimes useful, but summer or winter they should never be allowed any freedom which will expose any but those who choose to keep them and run the risk.

THE DIVINE JUDGMENT DEPRECATED.—The Young Men's Evangelical Association of Cincinnati, recommended the public observance in that city, of the 2d instant, as a day of fasting and prayer for the averting of the apprehended visit of the cholera the coming season. It was a timely proposal, and one which would be eminently proper on the larger scale of the whole country, especially as the impression is so general, that here, as in the East, this terrible scourge will take the round of the two seasons before departing. We suggest the subject as worthy of the attention of the great ecclesiastical meetings of the present month. The proclamation for a day of public humiliation and prayer, with reference to it, would also be a fitting expression from our national authorities.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

Presbytery of Albany.—Rev. Henry Darling, D.D.; Elder — Anable. Pres. of Catskill.—Rev. Alvin Cooper; Elder S. B. Speers.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

Pres. of St. Lawrence.—Rev. E. W. Plumb, D.D.; Elder Hon. H. L. Knowles. Pres. of Watertown.—Rev. S. M. Merrill; Elder — Botsford. Pres. of Utica.—Revs. A. Erdman, B. B. Wilmoughby; Elders Daniel Knowlton, E. D. Porter.

III. SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

Pres. of Onondaga.—Rev. S. B. Canfield, D.D.; Elder Hon. A. H. Jerome. Pres. of Cayuga.—Revs. Chas. Hawley, D.D., W. W. Howard; Elders Richard Steele, M.D., S. S. Benedict.

IV. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

Pres. of Chemung.—Rev. B. Russell; Elder Cyrus Sebring. Pres. of Lyons.—Rev. Wm. Young; Elder Reuben Sours.

V. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

Pres. of Shenango.—Rev. E. Curtis; Elder F. Edgerton.

VI. SYNOD OF GENESSEE.

Pres. of Buffalo.—Revs. Wm. L. Hyde, Joel F. Bingham; Elders N. H. Gardner, Byron Cochran. Pres. of Rochester.—Revs. A. M. Campbell, D.D., A. McA. Thorburn; Elders Frederick Starr, T. A. Newton. Pres. of Genesee.—Rev. C. C. Kimball; Elder Wm. Bradley.

Pres. of Niagara.—Rev. W. C. Wisner, D.D. Elder Asa Howard.

Pres. of Genesee Valley.—Rev. C. M. Livingston; Elder H. M. Mead.

VII. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

Third Pres. of New York.—Revs. D. M. Seward, D.D., Jas. Morton, Edward W. Hitchcock; Elders Joseph Ditto, Wm. A. Booth, John Anderson.

Fourth Pres. of New York.—Revs. William Adams, D.D., Erskine N. White; Elders Geo. W. Lane, John P. Crosby.

Pres. of Brooklyn.—Revs. C. S. Robinson, D.D., Theo. L. Cuyler, D.D.; Elder Fisher Howe, Nathan Lane.

VIII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Pres. of Wilmington.—Rev. Wm. Aikman; Elder J. Y. Foulk.

Third Pres. of Philadelphia.—Revs. W. W. Taylor, H. Aug. Smith; Elders H. P. M. Birkinbine, A. W. Thompson.

Fourth Pres. of Philadelphia.—Revs. Cornelius Earle, Jas. W. Wood; Elders John C. Farry, S. T. Bodine.

Pres. of Harrisburg.—Rev. H. G. Niles; Elder J. W. Kerr, M.D.

IX. SYNOD OF W. PENNSYLVANIA.

Pres. of Erie.—Rev. Geo. A. Lyon, D.D.; Elder Hiram Johnson.

Pres. of Meadville.—Rev. W. H. Taylor.

X. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Pres. of Monroe.—Rev. W. S. Taylor; Elder W. C. Van Horn.

Pres. of Kalamazoo.—Rev. J. Pierson; Elder A. J. Smith.

Pres. of Saginaw.—Rev. Thos. Wright; Elder H. L. Miller.

XI. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

Pres. of Cleveland and Portage.—Revs. H. L. Hitchcock, D.D., W. H. Goodrich, D.D.; Elders Truman P. Handy, C. S. Latimer.

Pres. of Trumbull.—Rev. Benj. F. Sharp; Elder Elias Lyman.

XII. SYNOD OF OHIO.

Pres. of Pataskala.—Rev. Geo. Little; Elder T. M. Rose.

Pres. of Franklin.—Rev. O. H. Newton; Elder Wm. Carter.

Pres. of Scioto.—Rev. John H. Young; Elder Wm. Hamilton.

XIII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

First Pres. of Cincinnati.—Revs. Wm. D. Roseter, O. A. Lyman; Elders L. A. Aldrich, L. A. Ford.

Pres. of Ripley.—Rev. D. Vandyke; Elder J. B. McClanahan.

Pres. of Dayton.—Rev. B. Graves; Elder P. Odlin.

Pres. of Hamilton.—Rev. John Noble; Elder Walter Brown.

XIV. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Pres. of Salem.—Rev. Irvin J. St. John; Elder E. H. Mann.

Pres. of Indianapolis.—Rev. A. T. Rankin; Elder W. N. Jackson.

Pres. of Greencastle.—Rev. H. L. Dickerson; Elder J. C. Ripley.

XV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

Pres. of St. Joseph.—Rev. J. E. Chapin; Elder Hon. Amos Davis.

Pres. of Logansport.—Rev. F. S. McCabe; Elder J. W. Coulton.

XVI. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Pres. of Galena and Belvidere.—Revs. Isaac E. Carey, E. D. Willis; Elders John Yourt, O. B. Munn.

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XVIII. SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

Pres. of Milwaukee.—Rev. Wm. J. Stoutenberg; Elder Harvey Curtis.

Pres. of Columbus.—Rev. Jas. A. Laurie; Elder John S. Cook.

XIX. SYNOD OF IOWA.

Pres. of Keokuk.—Rev. D. Norton Crittenden; Elder Luther Deane.

Pres. of Cedar Rapids.—Rev. James Knox; Elder John F. Ely.

XX. SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.

Pres. of Minnesota.—Rev. H. Ward; Elder W. G. Wilson.

XXI. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

Pres. of St. Louis.—Rev. H. A. Nelson, D.D.; Elder Henry S. Parker.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee of arrangements are as busy as they can be, trying to provide handsomely for the entertainment of the Assembly. They hope to give them a cordial welcome, and make them entirely comfortable during their stay among us. We learn, however, from the Committee that they are receiving a great many applications from those who are not members of the Assembly, which it may be difficult for them to accommodate. It has been found especially difficult, we are told, to find places for ladies; as most of the families prefer gentlemen guests.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The new President of Hamilton College, Samuel G. Brown, D.D., entered upon the duties of his office on the 25th of April, and is now giving instruction to the Senior class. His coming was cordially welcomed by faculty and students; he enters upon his duties under most favorable auspices; and the many warm friends of the institution will wish him the most abundant success in the administration of its affairs.

The Utica Herald makes the following summary of the graduates of Hamilton from the beginning: under Dr. Backus, 25 students, in three classes; under Dr. Davis, 267 students, in seventeen classes; under Dr. Dwight, 33 students, in two classes; under Dr. Penney, 44 students in three classes; under Dr. North, 509 students, in nineteen classes; under Dr. Fisher, 256 students, in nine classes.

It is thus seen, at a glance, who the Presidents were, how long each one was at the head of the institution, and what measure of prosperity attended his administration.

Dr. Goetner is constantly at work for the more ample endowment of the College. He was in our city a few days this week, and received some encouragement. In accordance with an arrangement made weeks ago, to prepare way for seeing individuals, he first preached on the Sabbath very acceptably and ably, both in Dr. Shaw's and Dr. Campbell's pulpits, on the relations of the College to the Church, or the importance of well sustaining the College for the sake of our Christianity.

MISSIONARIES IN PERIL.

In March we wrote something about a farewell meeting in Brooklyn for some beloved missionaries of the American Board, and of their embarkation on what was supposed to be "the good ship" Pennsylvania for Liverpool.

The following, from a London correspondent of the Boston Journal, shows how they did not reach that city as soon as they intended, and how they met a most unexpected reception upon the coast of Ireland. One of the party, Miss Seymour, it will be remembered, went from the Central church of this city, and leaves many friends in this region.

LONDON, April 5, 1867.

To the Editor of the Boston Journal:

"The Fenian excitement in Ireland has taken a new turn. The Rev. Mr. Trowbridge and wife, Miss Seymour, Miss Norcross, and Miss Warfield sailed from New York in the steamer Pennsylvania, under the auspices of the American Board of Missions, bound to Turkey. They were twenty-four days on their passage. A few days out, their coal failed. A gale came on; the screw broke, recourse was had to cotton, bacon and lard as fuel to get the ship to port. After incredible hardships, and the shifting of the cargo, the hold full of water, and the donkey giving out, of course, the ship made for Galway. "The four missionary ladies were put on board a sloop, and afterwards transferred to a boat, to land. The sight of a huge steam-ship in the distance and a boat coming to the shore, could suggest nothing but a landing of armed Fenians. The alarm was immediately spread, and exhausted and half-shipwrecked females were greeted by 200 policemen, attended by double the number of the populace. They were not allowed to land, but were kept two hours in gale and storm while the baggage was searched. A box of caps in one package and a pistol in another completed the consternation of the authorities.

"It took a great deal of persuasion and many telegrams to Liverpool, London and other places, before the party were allowed to proceed on their way. The prowess, by which 200 armed men kept guard over four females, speaks well for the vigilance of the Irish police. Friends will be glad to learn of the good health of these brave girls, who came very near being martyrs as well as missionaries."

Private letters from Mr. Trowbridge speak of remarkable prayer-meetings on the voyage, and of striking answers to prayer; and it would seem to have been due to prayer, and to the presence of such servants of our Lord, that there was no loss, save the damage to the ship. But next time the "Pennsylvania" goes to sea, we trust she will be better prepared for her trip, at least for the credit of her honorable name-sake, if not for her own comfort and safety.

REVIVALS.

Twenty-nine persons have recently united with the Presbyterian church of Holley, a part of the fruit of the recent quickening in that place under the faithful labors of Rev. Nathan Bosworth, their new pastor. The church, we are told, was never in a more prosperous condition. The congregation indeed, is so much increased of late, that the need of more room in their house of worship is beginning to be seriously felt, and they are talking of enlargement.

A revival of marked interest has suddenly sprung up in the Presbyterian church of Livonia, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. H. Parmelee. It is taking hold of some of the leading men of the congregation, and gives promise of spreading generally in the community. We shall hope to be able, ere long, to make further report of the blessed work.

CHANGES AND ITEMS.

Rev. Dwight Scovel has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Lakeville. He has been there six years, has labored with great fidelity and usefulness, but thinks now the time has come when he can do more good somewhere else. He is a brother beloved, and will be useful wherever he goes.

Rev. D. H. Blake, who has been the acting and successful pastor for two years of the Congregational church of Spencerport, has also given up his charge. His health is not good, and he is going to try to make it better.

Rev. M. E. Dunham of Westmoreland has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Whitesboro.

Rev. William S. Franklin is to be transferred in like manner from Camden to Marcellus.

Rev. P. F. Sanborne of West Bloomfield has felt constrained to decline a similar invitation to the Presbyterian church of Wilson.

Rev. Jas. C. Beecher, the youngest, we believe, of Dr. Lyman Beecher's seven ministerial sons, has been invited to the pulpit of the Congregational church of Owego, and was to commence his labors there on the last Sabbath.

Mr. Gideon P. Nichols, a graduate of Princeton, was ordained to the gospel ministry in this city, by the Rochester City Presbytery, (O. S.) on Wednesday last. Mr. Nichols was called, and is preaching very acceptably, to the church of our connection in Victor, and it has been their earnest desire that he might be ordained and installed as their pastor, but we understand he has some distrust of his health, and shrinks as yet from consummating that relation. We hope he may soon see his way clear to settle down with that people, who have already become attached to him.

Rev. Thos. Bellamy, a much esteemed minister of the other branch, who has been preaching for two years past to the small church of Charlotte, died on Wednesday last, aged 61 years. His end was peace.

At the meeting of Rochester City Presbytery, (O. S.) this week the pastoral relation between Rev. Dr. Yeomans and St. Peter's Church was, at his request, dissolved. He goes at once to take his new charge at Orange, New Jersey.

HAPPY VOICES.

We learn that the American Tract Society of New York, have already issued 200,000 copies of their new Sabbath-school Hymn-Book, "Happy Voices." The work is spoken of in terms of great praise by Superintendents and others, and seems destined to have a great run. Mr. Grosvenor is constantly filling orders for the Sunday-schools.

ROCHESTER, May 4, 1867.

News of Our Churches.

INSTALLATIONS IN PHILADELPHIA.—The new Oxford Street church is now ecclesiastically, as it has for some time past practically been, in full working condition. On last Sabbath evening, a committee of the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia installed Rev. Frank L. Robbins into the pastorate, Rev. Robert Adair presiding. Rev. A. Barnes preached one of his best sermons from the text, "My kingdom is not of this world," taking very explicitly the ground that, under the influences of Christianity, a tendency toward the final universal acceptance of the Christian faith, is steadily going forward, and showing what of the present elements of social and political life and material prosperity may be expected to remain, and what to pass away. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. T. J. Shepard, D. D., and that to the people by Rev. G. F. Wiswell, D. D. The services were throughout of high interest, and secured the earnest attention of an audience which filled—almost literally packed the house. The Oxford Street enterprise has hitherto known only prosperity, and, under the favor of God, large improvements in church and Sabbath School accommodation are speedily to go forward.—Rev. J. Garland Hamner was installed pastor of Wharton Street church, last Sabbath evening, by a Committee of the 4th Presbytery. Rev. W. T. Eva preached a sermon of great power on the functions and responsibilities of the Christian ministry. Rev. Chas. Boyter proposed the Constitutional Questions. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. John W. Mears, and that to the people by Rev. John McLeod. The house was crowded and the scene at the close, when nearly every one present pressed forward to give the pastor a cordial greeting, was most animating, and testified to the numbers and flourishing aspect of the congregation and their deep interest in their pastor.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Mo.—Rev. W. S. Post writes, under date of May 2d: Our church in Sulphur Springs is nearly ready for use. It is a beautiful Gothic. When finished, it will cost over \$4,000. Nothing has been received from abroad to aid us except two dollars from Philadelphia. Our loss by the falling of the rafters was about \$500. Four or five persons have mostly built the church. In Hanover, 33 miles south of St. Louis, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, I have commenced a Sabbath School enterprise, which is very promising. The congregations, when I preach, are large and attentive. I regard this point as a very hopeful field. The library for the Sabbath School, in Hanover, was sent to me from Rev. Arthur Mitchell's church, in Morristown, N. J.

Rev. J. D. Jenkins is laboring in Victoria and at the Tunnel Station;—both places are on the Iron Mountain Railroad. Several other points also are visited by him. He informs me that he is greatly encouraged in his missionary work. Rev. J. C. Downer, late of Carlinville, Ill., has recently located in De Soto and taken charge of our church in that place. This village is the largest in Jefferson county, and is a thriving enterprising place.

The loyal Old School brethren are in hearty sympathy with us. I was invited by my esteemed brother, Rev. D. A. Wilson, to preach the dedication sermon of his new church in Ironton, on the 10th of March last.

I wish to mention some of the advantages and encouragements of South-Eastern Missouri. The population is not increasing rapidly, but some intelligent men, who are conducting mining operations, and engaged in fruit growing and merchandizing, realize the importance of schools and churches. Though these gentlemen are scattered here and there, they are willing to assist in these matters. The climate is desirable. We neither have the deep snow and intense cold of the North, nor yet the scorching heat of the South. "Autumn extends till towards Christmas, while the strength of winter is spent on St. Valentine's Day." The country is very healthy. The common school law is giving a new impetus to the cause of education. The old settlers are taking hold of our improvements. We are slowly, but surely, recovering from the effects of the war.

CHURCH COURTS.

SALEM PRESBYTERY met in Leavenworth. Rev. L. R. Booth was dismissed to unite with Madison Presbytery. Ransom E. Hanley was received as a candidate for the ministry. Rev. Irvin J. St. John and Elder E. H. Mann were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. J. G. Atterbury, D. D., and G. Knight their alternates.

GREENCASCADE PRESBYTERY met at White Lick, on the 12th of April. Revs. Ward and Condit were received from other Presbyteries. Rev. H. L. Dickerson and Elder I. C. Ripley, of Baldwin church, were elected to the General Assembly. The churches of Clinton, Baldwin and Brazil have each experienced a season of refreshing.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL met in Warren, April 16th. Commissioners to the General Assembly—Rev. Benj. F. Sharp and Elder Elias Lyman as principals, and Rev. Henry B. Eldred and Elder Wm. S. Woodrow, as alternates. The reports from the churches were encouraging. From Newton Falls a precious and powerful revival. The Presbytery reluctantly dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Henry R. Hoisington and the church in Warren.

MINNESOTA PRESBYTERY met at Minneapolis, Minn., Tuesday, the 15th. Rev. H. Ward and Elder W. G. Wilson were chosen commissioners to General Assembly, with Rev. A. B. Goodale and Elder D. W. Ingersoll as alternates.

LOGANSPORT PRESBYTERY met at West Point, Ind., April 18. Mr. J. R. Mitchell, a member of the middle class in Lane Seminary was licensed to preach the gospel. Rev. F. S. McCabe, and Elder J. W. Coulton were elected delegates to the General Assembly and Rev. S. A. Carnahan and Elder Richard Brown were chosen alternates. Rev. H. C. McBride was, at his request, dismissed to the (O. S.) Presbytery of Zanesville.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CATSKILL met at Malden. The Rev. Alvin Cooper and Elder S. B. Speers of Greenville, were chosen as Commissioners to the General Assembly, with Rev. V. Le Roy Lockwood and Elder David Pond of Jewett, alternates. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. J. Buck and the church of Jewett, of some twenty-four years' standing, was dissolved on the request of the pastor and with the concurrence of the church.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, at its meeting in Wheatland, Iowa, on the 17th ult., elected Rev. James Knox and Elder John F. Ely, commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. George D. Young and Elder J. G. Irwin, alternates.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MILWAUKEE met in the church of Jefferson, on April 16th. Rev. Wm. J. Stoutenberg and Elder Harvey Curtis were chosen Commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Rev. P. S. Van Nest and Elder Samuel C. West, their alternates. Mr. E. Southworth, licentiate, late of Auburn, having for some months past labored very acceptably with the church of Jefferson, was ordained as an Evangelist. Sermon by Rev. H. A. Eddy of Milwaukee. Charge by Rev. B. G. Kelley of Lodi.

THE CHENANGO PRESBYTERY met at New Berlin, April 23d. Rev. L. M. Greenville was received from the North River Presbytery, and Rev. T. Thompson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Delaware. The commissioners to the General Assembly are Rev. E. Curtis, of Sherburne, and F. Edgerton of Nineveh, principals; and Rev. A. J. Buell and J. Miner, of Nineveh, alternates. Rev. J. L. Jones was of our Presbytery, and was chosen commissioner to Auburn Seminary for three years.

WARASH PRESBYTERY met in session at Shelbyville, April 12th. The meeting was especially attractive, in consequence of the interesting narratives of revivals of religion in the churches had been enjoyed in Danville, Tuscola and Neoga had been visited with seasons of special refreshing—while other places had shared somewhat in the Divine blessing. This Presbytery is evidently looking up.

WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY met at Fon du Lac,