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On the second page, Mr. Eva concludes the discussion on Millenarianism and Mr. Hammond speaks of the Sacred Rock in the Mosque of Omar; an original article on the Utilization of Sewage, on the third page; a short story of ministerial domestic life, begun on the sixth page; numerous book notices on the seventh page.

SUMMARY.—The General Assembly meets today in the Brick Church, Rochester. The Assembly of the other branch meets in Cincinnati. The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church met at New York yesterday. The U. P. General Assembly meets in Xenia, O., next Thursday.

Rev. Dr. Wiswell was installed pastor of Green Hill Church, May 9th. The Scotch and Irish Delegations go first to Cincinnati, afterwards to Rochester.

Our publication Committee have issued several admirable Sunday-school books lately. "Life by the Ganges" by Mrs. Mullens, revised by the Committee, and issued in excellent style, is worthy of the widest popularity, and we think will have it.

Three Churches not hitherto mentioned report over eighty accessions by profession.—The Churches of the Presbytery of Dist. Columbia have had 250 additions during the year and report general prosperity.—The Presbyteries of Hudson, Iowa City, Lexington Mo., and Madison, Ind., report in cheering terms of the work of God in their bounds.—In Marengo, Iowa, Church, the work has gone on steadily through the entire year.—The organization of nine new churches is reported in our columns, three or four of which however have been mentioned previously; one, the Larkin St., California, goes over to the other branch. Three candidates were licensed and one ordained minister received from the Congregationalists.

The Legislature of New York, with the Governor's concurrence, gave \$50,000 to the Elmira Female College, on condition that a like amount be secured by its friends; a condition which is nearly complied with. Madison Square Church, N. Y., gave nearly \$116,000 for all purposes last year, five-sixths for outside causes. Its membership is 1067. Colonize, colonize!

It is a matter of profound thankfulness that all our Committees report their financial condition as excellent and collections decidedly in advance of last year. The collections for Ministerial Relief for the last quarter were \$2476. Eight students have been graduated from Auburn Seminary and twenty-nine from New York Union.

INSTALLATION OF DR. WISWELL.

On Thursday evening, of last week, occurred the last of a rapid series of pastoral settlements in churches of our order in this city. The last year has been one of unusual exception to the generally stable character of Philadelphia's pastors, resulting, not from fickleness, but in general from Providential dispensations, colonization movements, &c. Two of the recent installations, (those of Messrs. McLeod and Hamner,) were only a giving of the ecclesiastical form to relations which have, for some years past, been a practical reality. Three vacancies yet remain—the Calvary, North Broad Street and Western churches—all of them as yet open fields. The installation of Rev. George F. Wiswell, D. D., over the Green Hill church, on Thursday evening, was surpassed in interest by none of the late scenes of the kind. Rev. John Crowl presided, Rev. Daniel March, D. D., preached the sermon; Rev. John McLeod gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Frank L. Robbins, late pastor, that to the congregation. The Green Hill congregation, notwithstanding its large contribution to the membership in Oxford street, is steadily gaining in numbers and vigor. Indeed this new phase in the history of the church is felt as the beginning of a new career of existence, and with the constantly progressing increase of the finest class of population around it, the probabilities of a good and healthy growth may be considered fairer than ever. The erection of a new and first class church edifice is now a fixed purpose, which there is every reason to suppose will soon ripen into an accomplished fact. The Sabbath school, under the superintendence of Mr. Peter B. Simons, is among the largest and most thoroughly worked in the city. The congregation is enthusiastically united in receiving Dr. Wiswell, and this fact, in connection with the well-known spirit and strength of his pastoral talent, indicates their full preparation, with the Divine blessing, to hold their proper place in the community around them.

We would call the attention to the advertisement of the Rev. W. W. McNair, General Agent of the Security Life Insurance Company of New York, 523 Walnut street. He offers special favors to ministers, and will insure in other Companies, if desired, upon the most reasonable terms. Mr. McNair was for sixteen years a successful and self-denying Missionary in the North West, and having on account of failure of health been compelled to abandon the work, is well deserving of patronage in the business in which he is now engaged.

PRESBYTERY OF TRAUMBULL, O.—Rev. Howard W. Stratton, a former licentiate of this body, who was ordained in January last, in Huntsburg, by a council, came with a request to be recognized as a member of Presbytery. On answering the constitutional questions his request was granted, and he took his seat as a member. His post-office address is Huntsburg, Ohio.

PRESBYTERY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The spring meeting of Presbytery was held in the Sixth Church, Washington, D. C., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. T. B. McFalls. At the close of the sermon, Presbytery was called to order and Rev. G. H. Smyth elected Moderator. From the statistics handed in, it is evident the past year has been one of great prosperity; over two hundred and fifty members have been added. The enterprises in the Sunday-schools, in missions and among the young people of the various congregations were never more encouraging and promising.

A strenuous effort is being made to provide the three vacant Churches in Maryland with regular and stated preaching; some of the members of the Presbytery have a strong purpose to establish another Church in a prominent place in this State.

Rev. G. H. Smyth pastor of the Sixth Church, Washington, was chosen Commissioner to General Assembly, with Rev. John C. Smith, D. D., alternate, and Elder Ammidon—of the First Constitutional Church, Baltimore, with Elder W. J. Redstrake, Assembly's Church, Washington, alternate.

The last evening of the session was spent in Missionary and devotional exercises. Two able addresses were delivered on Foreign and Home Missions, by Revs. T. B. McFalls and Stephen D. Noyes.

It is proposed to have, in future, just such a social and spirited meeting at the close of every session of Presbytery. Why not?

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

ANNIVERSARY AT AUBURN.

This has been a week of more than usual interest in connection with the Anniversary at Auburn. First came the sermon before the Missionary Association of the Seminary, by Rev. R. Booth, D. D., of New York. This is spoken of in terms of high praise by all who heard it. It is characterized as having breadth, strength, and true eloquence. And in connection with this sermon, Mr. Henry S. Barnum, of the graduating class, was ordained as a Missionary of the American Board. Rev. Dr. Hawley, pastor of the First Church, presided and made the ordaining prayer, and an excellent charge to the Missionary was given by Prof. Huntington. The audience was very large on this occasion, and deeply interested from the beginning to the end of the services. Mr. Barnum is soon to sail for Eastern Turkey.

On Tuesday evening a brilliant and beautiful address, on the Incidental and Subordinate Relations of the Pulpit to Education, to Literature, and to Civil Liberty, was delivered by Rev. Herrick Johnson, of Pittsburgh. What with his fervid writing, his clear, ringing voice, and his admirable elocution, he held his audience spell-bound for one short, delightful hour.

And as though this were not enough of "stars," Prof. Julius H. Seelye, of Amherst College, followed on Wednesday evening with a sermon of marked ability and power, on the subject of God's Progressive Plan of Truth, or, as we understood him really to mean, Man's Progressive Apprehension of Divine Truth. The sermon was well guarded. It did not smack at all of recent "development" theories. The truth is eternal; but with all our modern helps and faithful study we are getting better and better ideas of truth. The sermon gave great satisfaction to many thoughtful minds, and fully justified the reputation of the speaker as a sound thinker, as well as a ripe scholar.

CLASS OF '52.

One of the marked features of this year's Anniversary was the meeting of the class of 1852. It numbered twenty-one at graduation, of whom eighteen are supposed to be now living, some of whom have certainly honored the class in no small degree. We have already named two of them—Dr. Booth and Prof. Seelye. And beside these, Rev. Dr. Clark, the new Secretary of the American Board, Rev. Dr. Morris, of Columbus, Ohio, Rev. J. R. Herrick, the new Professor of Theology in Bangor Seminary, Rev. Milton Waldo, of Hornellsville, Rev. G. P. Folsom, of Geneseo, Rev. A. M. Stowe, of Canandaigua, and others were members. Those whom we have named were present at this class meeting, and letters were received from nine others. Dr. Morris was Chairman and Dr. Clark Secretary. The class spent four hours together, (were together, indeed, two or three times,) talking over Seminary days, drawing out one another's history, since the separation fifteen years ago, and renewing the sympathies and attachments then felt. All spoke of the meeting as one of tender and delightful interest. It closed with a regular prayer-meeting in the chapel.

In the remarks made a beautiful tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Lobdell, the Missionary, who died in Turkey, and Rev. Henry N. Peck, who finished his course in Detroit, both members of this class. Resolutions of respect for Drs. Mills and Hopkins, the only Professors in the Seminary who were such when this class graduated, were also passed, and subsequently the class called in person to show their regard to their former instructors. A beautiful and loving letter was also read in the meeting, from President Hickok, of Union College, who was the Professor of Theology when this class were pursuing

that noblest of studies. Very grateful and handsome mention was made of his admirable tact, his courtesy, his wisdom and ability as an instructor while they sat at his feet. He had evidently left his own impress on their minds, and they were as evidently thankful for it. And no one of them will ever forget this class meeting.

EXAMINATION, &c.

The examination of the classes commenced on Monday and closed on Wednesday. The report of the examining Committee, appointed by the Boards of Trustees and Commissioners, was highly satisfactory. The graduating class numbered eight, whose names and residences are as follows—Henry S. Barnum, Stratford, Ct.—George Bayless, Binghamton, N. Y.—William B. Hendryx, Tecumseh, Mich.—Isaac N. Lowry, Lima, N. Y.—D. Carter Sackett, Canandaigua, N. Y.—Joseph E. Scott, Millville, N. J.—Darius R. Shoop, Bruceville, Ill.—Sextus E. Smith, Springville, N. Y.

Six of these delivered addresses, before a large congregation, on Thursday evening. We give their names and themes—BARNUM, on the Influence of Immigration to this country upon the Conversion of the World; BAYLESS, on Christ's Position in the World; HENDRYX, on the Power of the Pulpit; LOWRY, on Romish and Protestant Theories of Missions; SACKETT, The Glory in the Cloud; SCOTT, The Relation of Christianity to Wealth. These orations were all good, and the speaking perhaps above the average.

We learned that most, if not all the class, already have their fields of labor in view. Two, Barnum and Lowry are to be missionaries, the latter probably in Syria. Bayless is to be pastor of the Presbyterian church in Phelps. Hendryx, Shoop and Smith go West as Home Missionaries. Scott is to settle over a Church of the other branch at Millville, N. J. Sackett will go for a year, at least, to the Presbyterian church of Rock Stream. We believe the Auburn boys generally are not long looking for places.

In the meeting of the Board of Commissioners proper notice was taken of the decease since last Anniversary of Rev. Miles P. Squier, D. D., whose name stands first recorded as a Commissioner of this Seminary. A suitable minute was also made on the death of Rev. Frederick Starr, Jr., so long the able and efficient Financial Agent of the institution. His services are highly appreciated by all the friends of the Seminary, and will not soon be forgotten.

Arrangements are made for board in common for such as prefer it, in the basement of the Seminary building, by which considerable expense may be saved to the students who resort there. Two new scholarships are now available, one from the natural increase of certain permanent funds, and another from the generous and voluntary donation of \$2,000, just made and paid over, by John Hobbie, Esq., an esteemed Elder in the Presbyterian church of Cozenovia. The Seminary would like a half dozen more such donations right away. It knows just how to use them, to gladden the hearts of just so many young men, who are struggling hard to get ready to preach the Gospel.

And this reminds us of another great and pressing want, which makes us shudder to think what might happen every time it occurs to us. The Seminary has a valuable library, to which important works are being added all the time. But these books are in the third story of one of the Seminary buildings. In case of fire, it would hardly be possible to save any of them. There is a standing offer from one of the noblest of our Christian men, Hon. William E. Dodge, of \$7,500 for a proper fire-proof library building, whenever a like sum is raised from other sources, to put with it. Where is this money to be found? Who will give for this noble object?

The Board of Commissioners, feeling the importance of meeting this offer at once, passed a vote authorizing the Executive Committee to employ Financial Agents to raise this amount. Rev. A. McDougall, an esteemed pastor at Dryden, has been requested to undertake the work; and it is hoped in this way to secure the amount before the 1st of September, and then get a fire-proof library building under way this year. We hope he will be cordially received by churches and individuals for this purpose. It is time something were done in this matter, before the noble offer of Mr. Dodge shall be withdrawn, as it might justly be if not met ere long.

ITEMS.—The revival of last year in Auburn, added eighty by profession and twenty-one by letter, to the First church. The whole number now in its connection is 590, a large and intelligent, able and influential church.

The Presbyterian church of Skaneateles are preparing to lay out some \$600, this Spring in repairing their house of worship.

The Presbyterian church at Carthage have engaged the ministerial services of Rev. E. Woodward Brown, who is expected to enter at once upon his labors in that place.

Rev. H. F. Dudley, of Paris, Oneida county, has been invited to the pastorate of the Congregational church of Morrisville, and was to commence service in that place last Sabbath.

The new church edifice of the Congregational Society of Pulaski was dedicated, with appropriate services, on Wednesday, the 24th ult.

ROCHESTER, MAY 11, 1867.

PRESBYTERY OF MAUMES met at Postoria, O., April 16th. Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. H. M. Bacon and Elder Harry Chase. Alternates, Rev. E. J. Alden and Elder J. W. Ross.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL OF CLINTON STREET CHURCH, celebrated their anniversary on Wednesday, of last week. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the children turned out in all their force, and their friends filling the body of the church. The behavior and singing of the children were admirable. Interesting addresses were delivered. The receipts of the Missionary Treasury were \$209 67; \$50 have been appropriated, each, to Kolapoor Mission, and to the new ship "Morning Star," \$25 to American S. S. Union for a Missionary in New Jersey, and \$64 for 4 libraries from the same source; to go West and South. Refreshments in great abundance were served and the children went home in excellent spirits.

BROCKPORT, N. Y.—We have had a glorious revival here recently. About two weeks since 52 were received into the Presbyterian church; 48 on examination of their faith in Christ; 21 were baptized. Sixteen of the 52 were heads of families. More are expected to unite next communion.

CHURCH COURTS.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA has appointed the Rev. John Kidd and Elder Merwin, its principal commissioners to the General Assembly; and the Rev. Alvah Day and Elder Amos Ebers, their alternates.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON have appointed Rev. C. G. Clark as primary, Rev. L. D. Chapin alternate, and Elder J. M. Holden, delegates to the General Assembly.

THE PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE have elected as commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. G. W. McMillen of Downsview, and Rev. Andrew Montgomery of Jefferson, his alternate. And Ruling Elder O. S. Penfield, Esq., of Delhi, and Ruling Elder John Goggs of Stamford, his alternate.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON, at its meeting at Denton, April 17th, appointed Rev. Thomas Nichols of Chester, and Elder J. Foot of Middletown; delegates to the General Assembly; and Rev. N. E. Pierson of Ridgebury, and Jesse Roe of Chester, alternates. The reports from the churches show a generally revived state of religion in the Presbytery.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON convened at Kansas City, Mo., on the 26th of April. Four new churches have been organized and received under the care of Presbytery since its last meeting in August last, viz.: One at Breckinridge Caldwell county; one at Holden, Johnson county; one at Harrisonville, Cass county; and one at Butler, Bates county. Two new church edifices have been completed since the meeting of the last Presbytery, and others are under contract, and will be completed as soon as possible. The Commissioners appointed to the General Assembly, were Rev. E. B. Sherwood, of Weston, and W. M. Sherwood, of St. Joseph. The reports from the different churches within the bounds of the Presbytery are very encouraging. The cause of religion, Sabbath-schools, and general education have received a new baptism, and give signs of more earnest work.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MADISON met at Vevay, on April 23d. Commissioners to the Assembly are: Principals, Rev. A. S. Reid and Elder J. T. Whitlock. Alternates, Rev. M. J. Drennan, and Elder P. L. Davis. At Columbus and St. Louis Crossing, there has been a cheering work of grace, especially reviving the courage of the latter, ready to fall. Presbytery Resolved, That we are warmly and strongly in favor of reunion, provided it can be effected so as to secure true permanent harmony. In order to this, the two bodies must sincerely recognize each other as standing on a perfect equality in contracting for union; both must be explicitly allowed full liberty in receiving our standards as at present; and the united body must be secured against the exercise of undue power by the General Assembly. A memorial on the subject of dancing, was prepared for the Assembly, requesting a more decided action than had been taken hitherto.

PRESBYTERY OF ATRENS, O., met at Middleport, examined and licensed William A. Bosworth, William J. Lee and Lester D. Wells, members of Lane Seminary. They also installed Rev. H. B. Scott as pastor over the church at Middleport, and appointed as Commissioners to the General Assembly Rev. H. B. Scott and Elder Marcus Bosworth, principals; Rev. C. Merwin and Elder A. J. Smith, alternates.

KANSAS.—The Presbytery of Kansas met in Ottawa, March 28th. Rev. A. J. Parsons and Elder W. P. Montgomery were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly, and F. E. Sheldon and Elder L. H. Canaan Alternates. A Church recently organized at Holton, county-seat of Jackson county, was received, also a Church organized at Clinton, Douglas county. An exploring missionary for Kansas is needed very much. On the subject of a reunion of the two great branches of the Presbyterian Church, delegates were instructed to favor any judicious movement in that direction.

HURON PRESBYTERY.—Commissioners: Rev. J. H. Walter, and Elder J. M. Drury, principals; Rev. D. E. Wells and Elder H. Lawrence, Alternates.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Table listing donations received from February 1st to April 30th, 1867, for the Ministerial Relief Fund. Includes names of churches and amounts.

Table listing donations for the Reception of the Scotch and Irish Delegation, including names of churches and amounts.

RECEPTION OF THE SCOTCH AND IRISH DELEGATION TO THE PRESBYTERIAN BODIES OF AMERICA.

The formal opening of correspondence between the leading Presbyterian bodies of Scotland and Ireland and those of this country, has been celebrated in this city in the most enthusiastic manner. Scarcely had the delegates landed on our shores, when they were taken in hand by that prince of American hospitality and everything requiring good management, George H. Stuart, Esq., and a demonstration of welcome was arranged, to which the Presbyterians and Christian people of our city responded with the utmost cordiality. The public reception took place on Tuesday evening, May 7th, in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church on Broad St., below Spruce, and notwithstanding the evening was one of the most inclement of the stormy season, the rain pouring in torrents, the large building, galleries and all, was crammed with people, many standing about the doors unable to find seats. Had the evening been fair, no room in the city would have been sufficient to contain the audience. As was but natural from the place and circumstances, the Scotch-Irish element largely predominated. Some among the audience had been parishioners, Sunday-school children in the parish of the representative from the Irish Church, and even been baptized by his hands. But every branch of the Presbyterian family in our city united in the welcome and was represented in the services of the evening.

The delegation itself was one of peculiar and interesting character. Principal Fairbairn of the Free Church College Glasgow, is a man of majestic appearance, standing like Saul, head and shoulders above the crowd, handsomely proportioned, and with a countenance beaming with intelligence, affability and Christian gentleness; a combination of strength and grace, such as one imagines was presented by our Saviour; closely approaching our ideal of Christ's manhood in its outward development. Dr. Dalgleish, whose parish is in sight of the walls of London, had just arrived in New York the day previous, and was in the city. He is a man of marked proportions, but of sturdy make and of high presence, keen and energetic, fitted for the perils of a struggle with Popery, which Presbytery is waging on that island. Mr. Wells of Glasgow is a younger man than his associates: a man of striking appearance, with keen eyes under dark overhanging brows, and with a mouth evidently made to be no less than that free and eloquent utterance in which he takes the lead with his party. If the majestic Dr. Fairbairn may be termed the Jupiter of the Scotch delegation, Mr. Wells must without doubt be honored as its Mercury. Each of the three represents to the reception in our city, its conflict with intellectual darkness, Dr. Fairbairn with Popery and Prelacy, Mr. Wells that with ungodliness in the masses, Irish.

At a quarter before eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by Matthew Newell, and upon those motion Geo. H. Stuart Esq. was called to the chair. A Psalm was given out by Rev. Dr. Wells. The Scriptures were read by Dr. Dales of the U. P. Church, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. March of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

Rev. Alexander Reed, D. D., of the Central Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) then, in the highest manner welcomed the delegation to the city of Philadelphia and to our whole country. He characterized each member of the delegation in well chosen terms, saying: "unitedly and cordially we bid you welcome to our western world and to this City of Brotherly Love!" He said, they were welcome individuals as men already known and honored of God and of his Church. You, Sir, (turning to Principal Fairbairn,) have taught us much in the wide field of Popery, and guided by your profound researches, we have found new and wondrous beauties in the "Book of the Book of God. And you, Sir, (Dr. Dalgleish,) having given to the world so able and exhaustive a "Plea for Presbytery" have placed every branch of the kirk, familiar with it, under lasting obligations. And you, Sir, (Mr. Wells,) by your self-denying God-honored toiling among the lowly, and the poor to the gospel field, having stirred the Master's cause, who is acquainted with your servants of Christ, you are most welcome here tonight.

The Dr. then proceeded to greet them on the higher grounds as Representatives from western faithful churches of God beyond the water—chairs of glorious histories, honored for all they had done and were still doing to rescue the race, and elect of God from every nation, kindred, people; and never more zealous, vigorous, and than at this very hour. That none could read record, could recall that sublime march from Andrews church to Tanfield Hall, through the lane of sobbing, shanting, ransomed people, church of God was free!—none could study blood-red annals of the church in Ireland, withhold his admiration from the churches of those saints of the Most High belonged to you, as Representatives—the noble sons of the sires,—they were doubtly welcome here tonight.