

placed the Committee in a position to labor with cheerful courage. As it was received, it was applied to the discharge of existing obligations, to bringing the Committee's work upon a cash basis, to the issue of new books and tracts, and during the past year to an enlargement of the accommodations at the Presbyterian House, rendered needful by the increasing business of the Committee.

Increased Publications.—Whilst the finances of the Committee have thus happily improved, their list of publications has as decidedly enlarged. Ten years ago, (when the present Secretary entered the service of the Committee,) the treasury of the Committee contained three thousand dollars of debt and some uncollected subscriptions; its catalogue four tracts, three books, and an Almanac. Now our publications number three hundred and fifty-seven. Of these one hundred and twenty-seven are leaflets, seventy-one tracts, and one hundred and sixty-six books. These publications combine the denominational with the evangelical, and make provision for the young and old, the family, the Sabbath-school, and the Church.

Improved Business Facilities.—This increase in our stock of publications has been accompanied by a not less important progress in our ability to give them circulation. At the outset, the Committee had no commercial character or connections. Hence, the issue of our early books did not command for them a sale. Purchasers do not go to small concerns for the supply of their demands. The trade will not draw much from a slender list. Now, "The Presbyterian Publication Committee" is known to "the trade," and recognized as a power by the writing and reading public. Whilst its list of publications has swelled, its sales have risen from \$715.05 for the year ending May, 1. 1858, \$45,190.73 for the year which now expires, indicating, at a glance, the increase of the Committee's business power and facilities.

Few as have been the years since the Committee possessed any facilities for production and distribution, those years have yielded results that may well encourage its friends. The tens of thousands of books of devotion and instruction of praise and worship, numbering millions of pages, that have been sown broadcast through our land, by sale and by gift, are seed that cannot fail of rich fruits. To refer to but one item who can tell the good effected by the 375,000 books and tracts sent from our Publication-house to the army and navy during the late war?

The Work Only Begun.—The Committee, in presenting to the churches this cheerful view of the progress made do not intend to convey the impression that the work may now be left to take care of itself; our satisfaction is, that a good foundation has now been laid upon which to build; a preparation made for wide-spread usefulness. The work is only fairly begun. The question is, whether the outlet thus provided for the THE PRESS shall be used—whether, through this organization, the Denominational will meet the immense demand that comes from our vast country for aid to enlighten the ignorant, to instruct the inquirer, to build up the Sabbath-school and strengthen the Church.

New Publications.—(The Committee here add a list of their new issues during the year just passed, including besides the Presbyterian Almanac, 5 tracts, 4 books in flexible and paper bindings, and twenty-five bound volumes;—16 of these last numbering in all 4,151 pp. In the preparation of these they have subsidized the pens of Revs. Dr. Nelson, Mr. Barnes, Dr. Gillett, Dr. Wm. Adams, Dr. Josiah Hopkins, Dr. March, Mr. R. Vincent, Chas. F. Beach, as well as Mrs. Mullens, Mrs. Hildeburn, Martha Farquharson, E. L. Lewellyn and many others not named. As these have already been noticed in our Editor's Table according to their merits, we will only take the liberty of again commending Dr. March's beautiful *Walks and Homes of Jesus*; Dr. Gillette's *England Two Hundred Years Ago*; Dr. Nelson's *Benefits of the Sabbath*.)

The Committee say: *The Social Hymn and Tune Book* continues to make its way into new Churches, and to give great satisfaction. Six editions, fifteen thousand copies in all, have been exhausted in its one year of life, and the seventh edition is now being sold. But as there were those who did not desire the Music, the Committee have issued the Hymns alone, with the same order and numbering, in a neat 16mo. volume, under the title of *Social Hymns*. In music, 75 cents. We may add that the *Church Psalmist* still maintains a firm hold upon the affections of the Churches, as is evinced by its introduction into new congregations, and the sale during the past year of nearly nine thousand copies.

The Presbyterian Monthly, the magazine recording the benevolent movements of the Assembly, first issued January, 1866, is now in its second volume. With the commencement of the present year, it was decided by the Committees represented in its pages, that it should be sent gratuitously to all the pastors and stated supplies of our body, with the understanding that they would promote its circulation in the Churches.

German Work.—It was resolved by the last General Assembly, "That a special committee of five be appointed, who shall prepare fresh tracts and books, or, if thought desirable, translations, to be published in the German language, in co-operation with the Assembly's Publication Committee." This Committee have conferred with the Publication Committee, and are maturing plans for this special work.

Grants.—The Committee have expended in the purely benevolent department, during the year, \$5,500.95. Of the grants made, some have gone to needy Sunday-schools, some to our ministers, some to theological students. Tracts have been furnished to Home Missionaries for distribution, and Hymn Books to the young churches that are springing up along our advancing frontier line. From the army and navy have come calls, and even from the distant shores of China, India, and Africa, where our American Presbyterian missionaries feel that they have a claim upon the Church, which they represent among the heathen. To make these donations is a grateful duty, and the only drawback to the satisfaction of the Committee, in this branch of the work, is, that the churches do not enable them to do it far more largely and liberally. They believe that the time is not far distant when the churches will see in a clear light their duty thus to assist the weak and needy. EXTRACTS from letters received by the Committee, which are given in the report, fully illustrate the truth that we have a missionary work to do through the Press which cannot with a good conscience be left undone.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31st, 1867:—

Balance on hand, April 1st, 1866.....	\$465 51
Cash received on account of.....	
Sales.....	\$37,165 10
Donations.....	8,128 49
Presbyterian House.....	2,755 62
Sales of Investments.....	21,303 05
Building loan account.....	25,000 00
Temporary loans 6,500.....	
Less discount in Bank 74 16.....	-6,425 84
over-payments returned.....	145 83
	100,923 93
	\$101,389 44
Orders paid by Treasurer, viz	
On account of Committee.....	\$52,587 26
On account of Store.....	9,128 09
On account Presbyterian House.....	2,405 00
On account of Building loan account.....	20,079 91
On account of United States Bonds purchased.....	5,387 50
On account of Temporary loans.....	6,500 00
	95,987 76
Balance on hand March 30th, 1867.....	\$5,401 68

The item of "cash received on account of sales" does not show the full amount of the sales made, but only of those which appear upon the Treasurer's book; the total sales of the year have been \$45,190.73, showing an advance upon every preceding year, and of twenty-five per cent. upon the sales of the year.

New Building.—The enlarging business of the Committee, and the increase of its stock, calling for an increase of accommodations, an extension of the Presbyterian House has been erected the past year. The addition made is upon the west-side of the lot, and in the rear of the former bookstore; it is twenty-two feet in width, one hundred and three feet in depth, and two stories in height, with a light and airy cellar below. There is room upon the lot for a still farther extension of the building, in the rear, with a forty-four feet front upon Sanspenn street, whenever the business of the Committee shall demand such an enlargement.

The contribution of \$30 at one time constitutes a corresponding member, and entitles to one dollar's worth of the Committee's publications yearly, for ten years. The contribution of \$100, at one time, constitutes an honorary member, and entitles to five dollars' worth of publications, yearly, for life. A beautifully engraved steel-plate certificate, executed for the Committee by the American Bank Note Company, is furnished to corresponding and honorary members. Up to April 1st, 1867, the persons thus complemented have been

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The Officers are—Rev. Albert Barnes, Chairman, Mr. William L. Hildeburn, Treasurer. Rev. John W. Dulles, Secretary, and Editor of the Committee's Publications.

LATEST BY TELEGRAM. ROCHESTER, May 20.—The General Assembly met again this morning, and after the usual devotional exercises, the resolution of fraternal greeting to the General Assembly of the other branch of the Church (Old School), now in session at Cincinnati, was taken up. After a few remarks from various members of the Assembly it was adopted without a dissenting voice, and immediately despatched by telegraph to Cincinnati.

Rev. E. J. Adams then addressed the assembly in behalf of his own race, our lately enfranchised citizens. He spoke well, and presented some extremely able arguments in favor of the colored population. His own labors in Charleston, S. C., have been successful in a high degree.

The question of systematic benevolence was discussed at length, but no definite action was agreed upon. The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report, which was considered and adopted. The judicial case of Silas Miller, from the Synod of Illinois, was heard. Dr. Denham, of the Irish deputation, preached before the assembly this evening.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RE-UNION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE PRESS.] The joint committee of the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, appointed for the purpose of conferring on the desirableness and practicability of uniting these two bodies, deeply impressed with the responsibilities of the work assigned us, and having earnestly sought Divine guidance, and patiently devoted ourselves to the investigation of the questions involved, agree in presenting the following for the consideration and, if they see fit, for the adoption of the two General Assemblies:

Believing that the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom would be promoted by healing our divisions; that practical union would greatly augment the efficiency of the whole Church, for the accomplishment of its divinely appointed work; that the main causes producing division have either wholly passed away, or become in a great degree inoperative, and that two bodies bearing the same name, adopting the same constitutions, and claiming the same corporate rights, cannot be justified by any but the most imperative reasons in maintaining separate, and, in some respects, rival organizations, and regarding it as both just and proper that a reunion should be effected by the Churches, as independent bodies on equal terms, we propose the following terms and recommendations, as suited to meet the demands of the case:

First. The reunion shall be effected on the doctrinal and ecclesiastical basis of our common standard. The Confession of Faith shall be sincerely received, adopted, and acted upon, "as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures," and its fair historical sense as it is accepted by the two bodies, in opposition to Antinomianism and Fatalism, on the one hand, and to Arminianism and Pelagianism on the other, shall be regarded as the sense in which it is received and adopted; and the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church of the United States shall continue to be approved as containing the principles and rules of our polity.

Second. All the ministers and churches embraced in the two bodies shall be admitted to the same standing in the united body which they may hold in their respective connections up to the consummation of the union; and all the churches connected with the united body, not thoroughly Presbyterian in their organization, as soon as is permitted by the highest interests to be consulted, shall be advised to perfect their organization. No other such churches shall be received, and such persons alone shall be chosen commissioners to the General Assembly as are eligible according to the constitution of the Church.

Third. The boundaries of the several Presbyteries and Synods shall be adjusted by the General Assembly of the United Church. Fourth. The official records of the two branches of the Church for the period of separation shall be preserved and held as making up the one history of the Church, and no rule or precedent, which does not stand approved by both the bodies, shall be of any authority until re-established in the united body. Fifth. Corporate rights now held by the two General Assemblies, and by their boards and committees, shall as far as practicable, be consolidated and applied for their several objects as defined by law.

Sixth. There shall be one committee on boards for home and foreign missions, and the other religious enterprises of the Church, which the churches shall be encouraged to sustain, though left free to cast their contributions into other channels if they desire to do so. Seventh. As soon as practicable after the union shall be effected, the General Assembly shall reconstruct and consolidate the several permanent committees and boards which now belong to the two

assemblies in such a manner as to represent, as far as possible, with impartiality, the views and wishes of the two bodies constituting the United Church.

Eighth. When it shall be ascertained that the requisite number of Presbyteries of the two bodies have approved the terms of union as hereinafter provided for, the two General Assemblies shall each appoint a committee of seven, none of them having an official relation to either the Board or Committee of Publication, who shall constitute a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to revise the catalogues of the existing publications of the two Churches, and to make out a list from them of such books and tracts as shall be issued by the United Church, and any catalogue thus made out, in order to its adoption, shall be approved by at least five members of each committee.

Ninth. If, at any time after the union has been effected, any of the Theological Seminaries, under the care and control of the General Assembly, should desire to put themselves under Synodical control, they shall be permitted to do so at the request of their Board of Directors, and those seminaries that are independent in their organization shall have the privilege of putting themselves under ecclesiastical control, to the end that, if practicable, a system of ecclesiastical supervision of such institutions may ultimately prevail through the entire United Church.

Tenth. It shall be regarded as the duty of all our judicatories, ministers, and people in the United Church, to study the things which make for peace, and to guard against all needless and offensive references to the causes that have divided us, and, in order to avoid the revival of past issues by the conduct of any usage in either branch of the Church that has grown out of former conflicts, it is earnestly recommended to the lower judicatories of the Church that they conform their practice in relation to all such usages, as far as consistent with their convictions of duty, to the general custom of the Church prior to the controversies that resulted in the separation.

Eleventh. The terms of re-union shall be of binding force if they shall be ratified by three-fourths of the Presbyteries connected with each branch of the Church, within one year after they shall have been submitted to them for approval.

Twelfth. The terms of the re-union shall be published by direction of the General Assemblies of 1867, for the deliberate examination of both branches of the Church, and the joint committees shall report to the General Assemblies of 1868 any modification of them they may deem desirable, in view of any new light that may have been received during the year.

Thirteenth. It is recommended that the Hon. Daniel Haines and the Hon. Henry W. Green, LL.D., of New Jersey; Daniel Lord, LL.D., and Theodore W. Dwight, LL.D., of New York; and the Hon. William Strong and the Hon. George Sharwood, LL.D., of Pennsylvania, be appointed by the General Assemblies a committee to investigate all questions of property, and of vested rights, as they may stand relative to the matter of re-union; and this committee shall report to the joint committee as early as the 1st of January, 1868.

FOURTEENTH. It is evident that in order to adapt our ecclesiastical system to necessities and circumstances of the United Church, as a greatly enlarged and widely extended body, some changes in the constitution will be required. The joint committee, therefore, request the two General Assemblies to instruct them in regard to the preparation of an additional article on the subject, to be reported to the Assemblies of 1868.

CHARLES C. BEATTY, Chairman. EDWIN F. HATFIELD, Secretary. NEW YORK, May 7, 1867.

MARRIED.

CONRAD-JAMISON.—At Hartsville, May 14th, 1867, by Rev. D. K. Turner, Mr. William H. Conroy, of Philadelphia, to Miss Julie K. Jamison, daughter of Mr. Geo. Jamison, of Warwick, Bucks county, Pa.

DIED.

YOUNG.—On the 31st of March last, at the house of her father T. B. Townsend, late of Danmore, Pa., now of Meridian, Cayuga county, N. Y., Mrs. Maria H. Young, wife of Mr. James Young, in the 66th and the hope of the Gospel.

Special Notices.

32—The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Convention will assemble in this city, May 29th, 1867. Arrangements have been made with all the principal Rail Roads in the State to carry delegates at half fare. It is expected that a large number of delegates will be present from all parts of the State.

The Convention will hold its sessions at the First Baptist Church, Broad and Arch Streets, commencing on the morning of 10 o'clock. In the evening by invitation of the committee, the delegates will be present at the Anniversary of the American Sunday School Union, to be held in the American Academy of Music.

WM. GETTY, A. MARTIN, HENRY C. FOLLOCK, GEORGE COOKMAN, Committee. PHILADELPHIA, May 21, 1867.

33—City Evangelization.—A Representative Union Meeting on behalf of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society, will be held in the First Baptist Church, Broad and Arch, on Sabbath evening, 26th inst., at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Rev. Messrs. Stark, Crowell, Hawes, Griffith, Clark, Nell, Harbough, Dyer, and others are expected to take part in the exercises. Tract Visitors and all friendly to the cause are cordially invited to attend.

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34—The Presbytery of Rochester will hold its Semi-Annual meeting in Sweden, on Tuesday the 11th day of June next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

C. E. FURMAN, Stated Clerk.

35—The Presbytery of Buffalo hold their stated meeting at Fredonia, on Tuesday the 11th day of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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