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INSTALLATION IN MILFORD, DEL.

The Presbytery of Wilmington met at Milford, Delaware, on Thursday, June 6th, for the purpose of installing Rev. John F. Severance pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that place. Rev. D. H. Emerson was appointed Moderator, Rev. Wm. Aikman acted as Clerk, and the services of the installation were as follows:—"The Lord is my Shepherd," by the choir. Reading of Scriptures and prayer, by Rev. A. Galick, of Bridgeville; sermon by Rev. S. R. Schofield, of Delaware City; constitutional questions and the formation of the pastoral relation, by the Moderator; charge to pastor by Rev. D. H. Emerson, of St. George's; charge to people by Rev. Wm. Aikman, of Wilmington; concluding prayer, by Rev. H. J. Gaylord, of Lincoln.

Among the noticeable matters was a very splendid pulpit Bible, the dying gift of a member of the church, the late wife of Col. H. B. Fiddeman.

There was a very excellent attendance upon these solemn exercises, the music was good, the prevailing feeling was tender, and the people seemed rejoiced to welcome Mr. Severance to his new pastoral work among them. D. H. E.

OUR ROCHESTER LETTER.

[These items were too late to be added to the letter on the inside page.]

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

The semi-annual meeting of this Presbytery was held in the 1st Presbyterian church of Phelps, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Rev. C. E. Stebbins, of Ovid, was chosen Moderator. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Wood, of Geneva, and communion sermon by the Moderator. But the chief interest of this meeting centered in the ordination and installation of Mr. George Bayless, of the last class of Auburn Seminary, over the church and congregation where the Presbytery held its sessions.

The exercises occurred in the presence of a large and deeply interested audience on Wednesday evening. The invocation and reading of the Scriptures was by Rev. C. Francisco; prayer by Rev. J. B. Richardson; sermon by Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn Seminary; ordaining prayer by Rev. A. T. Young; charge to the pastor by Rev. A. A. Wood, D. D., and charge to the people by Rev. C. E. Stebbins. The occasion was one of great interest to this people, and the young pastor commences his labors under very favorable auspices.

DEATH OF REV. DR. HENRY MILLS.

On the 10th instant, Rev. Dr. Henry Mills, who has been Professor of Biblical Literature in Auburn Seminary, we believe, ever since it was founded, peacefully departed this life, at 81 years of age, in hope of a glorious resurrection. He has been long laid aside from active duties, and yet has enjoyed a serene old age. He leaves three children,—one the wife of Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis; one the widow of Rev. F. Starr, Jr.; and one the wife of Rev. Claudius B. Lord. Some other hand will doubtless do ample justice to his memory.

ITEMS.

A revival of great interest is in progress in Westernville, under the pastoral labors of Rev. W. B. Parmelee.

Rev. E. M. Toof, formerly pastor at Holley, recently met with a severe loss. He was returning to his former residence from Champlain Presbytery. His household goods were on the Propeller Wisconsin, which was recently burned near Oswego, and all his effects were lost. We are sorry to add that he had no insurance, and the loss falls heavily upon a most worthy brother in the ministry.

The Erie County Bible Society held its Anniversary in Buffalo, last Sunday evening. Hon. John B. Skinner was re-elected President, and an agent was employed to canvass the County and supply Bibles to those who have them not.

Rev. Dr. Heacock preached last Sunday to the spirits in prison, or the convicts in the Penitentiary at Buffalo. He had an attentive audience. GENESEE.

ROCHESTER, June 15, 1867.

DR. HALL, of the Irish delegation, has been with us during the past week and occupied Dr. Blackwood's pulpit on Friday evening; Dr. Reed's on Sabbath morning; Dr. Boardman's in the afternoon; and Dr. Wylie's in the evening. We regret that no arrangements were made for Dr. Hall's being heard in a New School, or a U. P. pulpit where he would have been gladly heard. We believe, too, that our Kensington friends complain that the most Irish section of our city had so little opportunity of listening to one whom some regard as the greatest of Irish preachers.

Dr. Hall's style of preaching struck us as evincing great sincerity and earnestness rather than intellectual power; as more adapted to impress practical truth upon conscience, than to lead an audience to profounder and clearer views of doctrinal truth. His sermon on Sabbath evening was distinctively Princetonian.

FIRST CHURCH, MANAYUNK.

The new building for this congregation was dedicated last Sabbath. The sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. D. G. Mallery; in the afternoon by Dr. March; and in the evening by Rev. Ford of Norristown. Services were all very appropriate and the congregations large. The new building is of stone, plastered, and is somewhat larger than the old and accommodates about 600. The cost, over and above the old material, was \$8,000, the whole structure being worth \$15,000. Of this amount about \$3,000 remain to be raised.

Friends are invited to embrace the opportunity afforded on Monday afternoon, from Ninth and Green streets, at 3 o'clock, when many of our clergy and members will visit the celebrated pulpworks of Manayunk, and when the new church can be visited also.

LETTER FROM OUR NEW CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, June 14, 1867.

BROTHER MEARS: We have had the pleasure of welcoming to our city the delegations from the Free Church of Scotland, and from the Irish Presbyterian Church, to the Presbyterian Churches of America. The public reception of the former, Rev. Drs. Fairbairn and Wells, took place in the Second Church (Dr. Patterson's), where these distinguished brethren were welcomed by an address from Rev. Dr. Humphrey, in his felicitous manner, and responded in a manner which delighted all who had the pleasure of listening to them. On the evening following a social entertainment was given them at the residence of Wesley Munger, Esq., where a large company of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the opportunity of a personal interview with the distinguished strangers.

I am sorry to say that the reception Rev. Drs. Denham and Hall, and your own noble (Geo. H. Stuart, was not as creditable to our Presbyterian name. Owing to a great pressure on our leading pastors and people, and the brief notice had of their coming, the arrangements for their reception were committed to the members of the Y. M. Christian Association; and the public exercises were conducted in a Methodist church in the presence of a small and mixed audience. Having listened to the polished and powerful eloquence of these noble men at the Assembly at Rochester, I was both mortified at the entertainment accorded them, and pained that so very few of our own people should have had the high satisfaction of hearing their addresses. It is not often such a privilege is enjoyed or missed. Having had so large occasion for learning what the Roman Catholic Irish are, it were well could all our people behold in these representative men what style of Christian gentlemen and ministers of the Gospel an evangelical and Protestant faith can produce from the same material.

NORTH-WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

An adjourned meeting was held last week in this city to consider the subject of a theological seminary for the North-west, for our denomination. The attendance was small, but few being present from other States. The absolute necessity of such an institution was acknowledged by all. The fact that our young men are largely lost to us by their going East for their theological training is clearly apparent. Our Eastern churches are making the (to us) unfortunate discovery that the young men who have been born and educated at the West are precisely the style of men they want. We cannot spare these men to the East. We must educate and keep them here.

But while there was perfect unanimity on this point, it was felt that it was due to the negotiation for union with the Old School, who have a seminary at this point, that decisive action be postponed until the matter shall be determined. Nothing was therefore done beyond the appointment of a committee who should have an eye to the whole matter, and take such ultimate action as future developments shall make desirable.

REV. DR. PATTERSON.

The anniversary services of the previous week of which I gave you some account, were followed up in the Second Church on Sabbath last by a farewell sermon from the honored pastor, in which he took leave of his congregation for several months to come. Through the liberality of his people, he has the time and the means placed at his disposal for an extensive tour through Europe, Palestine, and Egypt. Seldom has a minister so well earned such a compliment at the hands of his congregation. During the entire twenty-five years of his pastorate, he has never been absent from them more than seven weeks at any one time. And to few men will the trip be so about taking prove at once so rich a treat, and so fruitful of valuable acquisitions.

The discourse on the occasion was founded on Phil. i. 27: "Only let your conversation be as cometh the Gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or ye be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel." In an earnest and affectionate manner, he exhorted them to conduct themselves as became citizens of the kingdom of God, whose fundamental law was found in the Gospel of Christ; and, in conclusion, commended them to God and the power of his word. There were many moistened eyes that morning in the Second Church. The parting with his ministerial brethren, next morning, at the weekly meeting, was

accompanied by resolutions on their part, expressive of their high regard and esteem for this greatly honored brother, and best wishes for his happiness and safe return, and a most kindly, fraternal, and modest reply on his. The next day he left, and is to sail on the 15th inst. for Liverpool.

As the Rev. Doctor will have left the country before this letter appears in print, I shall take the occasion to say a few words of the great services he has rendered to our Church in the North-west, and of the high appreciation in which he is held by his brethren. No other man has been so closely identified with all our denominational interests and enterprises, and no other has served them with a zeal so constant and intelligent. Sagacious beyond almost any other of our living clergy, shrewd and far-seeing as few of them are,—loyal to the core of his being, to our New School Presbyterian doctrine and polity, and ever on the alert to guard and to advance her interests, he has been a tower of strength to our cause in all this vast region for a quarter of a century. Unostentatious, and with nothing showy or sensational about him, he is an accurate scholar, an able theologian, a man of wide and varied information and of a power of brain not excelled in our ranks. No man did more to secure for us in the recent "Joint Committee" a basis of union such as we could accept, and it is a matter for regret that he is to be absent during the coming months of its discussion. He will be especially missed here where he is so well known and so highly appreciated. May he have a most prosperous journey and a safe return. Still in the prime of life, and with a head but lightly touched by the frosty hand of time, we may reasonably hope that he will be spared to render yet greater services to the Church and to the cause of his love. The Second Church has been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Dr. Torrey, late of Ann Arbor, during Dr. Patterson's absence.

FIRST CHURCH.

On the evening of last Sabbath week, the First Church and congregation, (Rev. Dr. Humphrey's) dedicated to its predestined uses the beautiful and commodious chapel they have for some months been engaged in erecting. The building stands upon Congress street and abuts upon the rear of the church, with which it also connects. It is 90 by 50 feet in size, with galleries across either end, 18 feet deep. Besides the main room, which is to be used as a lecture and Sabbath-school rooms, there are three Bible-class and an infant-school rooms, and a well-lighted apartment for the library of the Sabbath-school.

In the basement are to be found a refreshment saloon, 50 by 32 feet, pantry, china-closet, kitchen, for social purposes, and a complete suite of rooms for a sexton. The chapel will accommodate from 800 to 1000 members. It is furnished with an organ and with every appliance which can add to its attractiveness, or to fitness for its purposes. The cost of this most complete addition to their work as a church has been about \$18,000. It is proposed to devote the old lecture-room to the uses of a reading-room for the young men of the congregation. Thus, with their hardly less fine and complete Rail Road Mission Chapel, this oldest of our churches is equipped for such a work as few churches in the land can hope to do. How thoroughly she is doing and proposing to do this work, further statements will show.

DR. HUMPHREY'S ANNIVERSARY.

The pastor of this church preached his eighth anniversary sermon on Sabbath last. The year had been one of signal advance. They had now completed their chapel, and were prepared to prosecute more vigorously the work of their church Sabbath-school. The recent noble contribution of \$5000 for the Sabbath-school work for the coming year would enable them also to pursue their Rail Road Mission enterprise with increased exertions. They purposed at once to employ an ordained missionary in that field, with the hope of ultimately forming the mission into a Church. They had also organized an adult Bible-class of 200 members. They had raised during the year for erecting their chapel, finishing their church towers, and liquidating indebtedness, \$34,000, besides \$12,000 from the regular revenues of the church. During the eight years of his pastorate they had contributed for various objects of benevolence, home and foreign, \$193,000. He said:

The church edifice we now occupy was commenced in 1856. Let the amount raised by the church between 1856 and 1859 be added to the above, and we shall have a total during the last eleven years of over \$250,000. The present membership of the church is 513. The number of members at my installation in 1859 was about 300. Our increase has been during these eight years over 200, or an average of over 25 per year. The actual number received is much greater than this. In the fluctuations of Western society we are continually dismissing our members to other communions, and, by death, to the Church Triumphant. The whole number received into the church since its organization in 1833 is 1,967. Of this number, 794, were received on profession, and 1,173 by letter. Of these, quite a number are still in connection with various churches in this city, to many of whom this church has contributed a portion of its strength. But one of the original members of this church now remains with us—Mr. Lemuel Brown. Five of the members of this church have died during the year; two or three were taken suddenly by cholera.

Such a record speaks for itself. It tells of an able, faithful and popular pastorate, and of a peo-

ple earnest, liberal, united, enterprising, and thoroughly alive to its mission. Few churches East or West can show a better record, and few are favored with a leader more competent to his position. As an organizer and a pastor Dr. Humphrey especially excels.

In the afternoon of the same day the Sabbath-school of the Church assembled in the same place and held their Anniversary. Addresses and singing by the children, and by that "sweet singer of Israel," Mr. Phillips of Cincinnati, filled up a delightful hour. Although the Foster Mission-school, of some 500 members had been during the year surrendered to the care of another Church, the house was packed with the children and their friends. Everything indicated a highly prosperous condition of the schools.

NEW CHURCH.

A new O. S. Presbyterian church was opened for regular services on Sunday morning last, upon Twenty-eighth street, between Michigan and Wabash avenues. Thus you see we are striving to keep pace with the swift growth of this fast city.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The State Sabbath-school Association holds its Ninth Annual Convention this week, at Decatur. A very large number of delegates from all parts of the State is in attendance. A "wigwam," capable of holding 2000 persons, has been built by the good people of Decatur, for its accommodation, with other arrangements on a similar scale of hospitality. Everything promises a most interesting and profitable session.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Baptist Association was begun yesterday at Richmond, Michigan county. The attendance was numerous.

The recent fine weather has operated a most favorable change on the face of the country and the faces of the farmers. The transition from gloom and despondency to joyous hope and expectation has seldom been more sudden or complete. The prospects of a fine harvest all over the North-west were never brighter. May they not be blighted! A bad harvest this year would cause not only a business crash and general panic in financial circles, but wide-spread and severe suffering. The country is almost bare of all grains. But the future is now bright with promise. May the hearts of the people be filled with gratitude for the treasures of the field, to the great and bountiful Giver of all good.

NORTH-WEST.

News of Our Churches.

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The First Anniversary of the Sabbath-school of the Oxford Presbyterian Church was held on a recent Sabbath, and was an admirable affair. The order of exercises was printed, including hymns sung, in a neat schedule, embellished with a picture of the elegant stone chapel. The school numbers 472. The infant class of 138 were gathered on the platform. The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The ornamentation at the pulpit was very tasteful. A triple arch skillfully wrought with evergreens and inlaid with flowers, set forth both by lettering and by the added types of cross, anchor, and harp, the three words "Faith," "Hope," "Charity." Beneath the cross, was suspended from the central arch a crown, surmounted by the motto, "Glory to God in the Highest."

The singing was of the best, with a special charm imparted by the opening "Lay of Welcome," and the closing hymn "Angels, Hovering Round." A quartette and chorus by the infant class was also sweet. The reading of the Scriptures was in fine unison. The annual report set forth the remarkable prosperity of the school. The address to the pastor, Rev. Frank L. Robbins, by master Jerome B. Jardella, was apt and pleasing and the reply was eloquent. The remarks of the Superintendent, Mr. Rudolph S. Walton touched all hearts. The address of Mr. B. D. Stewart (in reply to the reception of a beautiful cross made of flowers,) though called forth without the least warning was of the very best.

Of all the exercises the one which was the most original and impressive consisted in a dialogue (setting forth Bible characters,) written by the pastor, in which most of the school took part.

It was felicitously constructed and executed, with variety of monologue, chorus and singing. It was calculated to fix in the memory of the scholars leading facts from the Bible, and at the same time impress upon the heart essential truth. The presentation of gifts from the pastor was eagerly observed. We cannot speak in too high praise of the success achieved by the officers and teachers of this school.

Mr. Walton ranks as one of the best Superintendents of the State, combining enthusiasm with the superior faculty of control, and Mr. Joseph Lennig, the assistant Superintendent, is one of those indefatigable workers, who in modest reticence yet with unfailing constancy, make things go.

Your correspondent from central New York, who has had some experience in Sabbath-schools, does not hesitate to pronounce this celebration unequalled by anything he has seen. H. F.

NORTH BROAD STREET CHURCH.—The Anniversary of the Sabbath-school took place on the last Sabbath in May and was a great success. The building was crowded. The singing was ad-

mirable, the choir aiding in the most effective manner. The average attendance was 350, contributions \$470. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Cookman, Perrins and others.

UNION MILLS, ERIE CO., PA.—Eleven were received to the Presbyterian church here on profession of faith last Sabbath, (May 12,) making twenty-seven thus received since Jan. 1. The additions have been almost entirely of adults, and to a large extent heads of families, thus greatly increasing the strength and influence of the Church, which numbered only sixty members at the beginning of the year. There have been no extra preaching services, except a few evenings in a school-house.

THE PRESBYTERY OF UNION, Tenn. at the last meeting, ordained Mr. Isaac Emory to the Gospel ministry.

CHURCHES.—The contributions of Madison Square Church for the past year for their regular mission and various benevolent objects, were \$96,697, independently of church expenses. Their pew assessment was \$19,000. Sixty-two united by profession, 62 by letter from other churches; infant baptisms, 42; present church membership, 1067; connected with the Church and Mission Sabbath schools, 1300.—The way being opened for the organization of a Presbyterian church in East Saginaw, Mich., the first sermon was preached on Sabbath, Feb. 24th; and just one month thereafter the first sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to an organized church of thirty-six members, nine of whom were admitted on profession of faith. But for a very stormy Sabbath there would have been over forty. Two elders were chosen and installed. Every week's labor in visiting discloses new families of Presbyterians, and there is hope of quite a large addition at our next communion.—Rev. Henry Little has been holding meetings at Anderson, Ind. On Sabbath, April 21st, he received sixteen members into the church, fourteen on profession; six husbands and their wives. The interest still continues.—On the 30 of April the North River Presbytery, installed Rev. C. H. Baldwin over the church at Peekskill, N. Y.

The Pastor and Trustees of the Church in Jefferson City, Mo., have published an appeal for funds to erect a Chapel for the use of their congregation. The Presbyterians are the only denomination having a stated ministry in this capital city who have no church edifice, the Old School church property having passed into the hands of the M. E. Church during the rebellion. Rev. J. A. Whitaker, as Chaplain of the House of Representatives and a resident for the last two winters of Jefferson City, is known personally to most of the members of the last two legislatures, and it is hoped they, knowing all the facts; will co-operate in this object. Remittances may be made to his Excellency, Gov. Fletcher, and the pastor and trustees at Jefferson City; or to Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and Hon. S. Ridgely, State Senator, St. Louis. The Episcopalians in Jefferson City have been aided by contributions from New York to the amount of least \$5000; and the pastor of the Methodist church is now in that city for the purpose of raising the same amount.—Five were added on profession to the Church, College Hill, O., at the last communion.—The Church of Verion, N. Y., are building a parsonage at a cost of nearly \$3000; and at the same time have generously remembered their pastor, Rev. G. L. Hamilton, by adding two hundred dollars to his salary.—Rev. B. Bosworth's post-office address is changed from Syracuse, to Phoenix, N. Y.

MARYSVILLE, CAL.—Rev. W. W. McComber, in his second annual sermon, sums up the results of the year as follows: "At the beginning we had about fifty members; now there are one hundred and twenty-seven. There have been added to the Church seventy-five members, only two by letter, thirty-six have been baptized, twenty-three of whom were adults. Our Sabbath-school numbers about one hundred and fifty members, with two noble Bible classes. For our means, our contributions have not been stinted. We have contributed for congregational expenditures \$3,395; miscellaneous, \$2,705; Sabbath-school, about \$125; American Bible Society, \$100; Assembly Church Brethren Fund; \$33; Mileage Fund \$10, making a total of \$6,868 during the year."

SECOND CHURCH CINCINNATI.—The Rev. J. L. Robertson was solemnly installed, Sabbath evening, June 1st, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. Wilbur McKaig, the charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. O. A. Hills, and that to the people by Rev. Joseph Chester.

THE CHURCH at Middle Smithfield, Pa., has been visited, during the past few weeks, with a precious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-five have been received on profession of their faith,—while others will unite with other churches—embracing in some cases almost entire families, and still many are inquiring.

ACCESSIONS.—The church in Wyoming, Iowa, on a recent Sabbath, received 19 to membership, 15 by profession.—The church in Pisgah, Ind., received 7 on a recent communion Sabbath, being more than fifty within a year. During a vacancy of two and a half years it has sustained Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings and is reaping the fruits.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. T. M. Dawson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lewisburgh, Pa., has received and accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian church New York city—late T. Ralston Smith's.—Rev. R. A. Clark's address is changed from Laurens, N. Y., to Otego, N. Y. He is now supplying the pulpit at both places.—Rev. H. Osborn's address is changed from Circleville, N. Y., to Decatur, Brown county, Ohio. He has charge of the Presbyterian church at the latter place.—Rev. E. Marsh having changed his relations from the church in Washington, Ill., to the Presbyterian church in Mt. Carroll, Ill., wishes his correspondents to address him at the latter place.—Rev. H. B. Gardner has removed from Bergen, Genesee county, N. Y., to Shenectady, and has been appointed District Secretary of the American Tract Society, for Central and Northern New York.—Rev. R. D. Van Deursen was installed over the Church of Gallipolis,