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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROFESSORSHIP IN MARYVILLE COLLEGE.

In the paper of last week, we published the appeal of the agents of Maryville College, East Tennessee, Rev. Samuel Sawyer, for the establishment of a Sunday school Professorship in that much needed institution. The cooperation of one hundred Sunday-schools only, out of the eighteen hundred in our body, is sought, from each of which the sum of \$250 is needed. This sum can be voted at once and paid in instalments if necessary. We earnestly ask the attention of our readers, especially of superintendents and teachers of Sunday-schools, to the circular, and append some remarks of Mr. Sawyer's explanation and endorsement of the appeal.

Mr. S. says: The incumbent of the S. S. Professorship will be the President of the College.

Rev. Lyman Beecher told me in his house in Cincinnati, 1851, that but for the heroic stand of the Synod of East Tennessee, he could have been deposed from the Abolition cry, they could rally every Southern Synod in favor of the new basis. But to their confusion and amazement, of our 48 ministers only three went Old School, and one of them (Harvey Dook) was crazy, and of our 79 churches but four favored the Extremist. Good judges have said, if the Synod of Tennessee had sided with the conservative Old School—the war would probably have lasted two years longer. How could Sherman have marched so well to Atlanta or Savannah, or Thomas have so completely annihilated Hood at Nashville; but for the cooperation of the East Tennessee masses in hearty sympathy with liberty and the Union?

With our 55 churches re-organized on a loyal basis, unless we have help, in our impoverished and broken-down condition, in bringing forward a Home Ministry, there is danger that the Synod of Tennessee, notwithstanding its noble record of half a century will be dropped from the Minutes of our General Assembly. One of our Presbyteries, Kingston, has but one acting minister to look after ten churches. We call in vain for more men. Some valuable men and some sobby drift-wood have found their way among us, but we have 30 vacant fields. How can we hold the ground and Columbus-like, throw our plus ultra banner towards the region beyond, unless our Christian young men are brought forward to fill our pulpits, to look after our Sabbath schools, and to push on the loyal Presbyterian column Southward and Westward? Of our twelve candidates for the ministry, three are colored young men of fair promise, and Maryville College will take them under her fostering care, because she sees no good reason why she should not, and because we need them in the field. A little judicious help now in the cause of Christian education, and with the blessing of the Lord, all that region may bloom and blossom in light and glory. Your brother in Christ, SAMUEL SAWYER.

UNIVERSALISTS IN WILMINGTON.

A correspondent in Wilmington under a recent date writes us a note in reference to the following paragraph contained in our paper of the 11th. The Methodist churches of our neighboring city, Wilmington, have, in a praiseworthy spirit of improvement, removed from poorer to better houses of worship; but if doing so they went to the very reprehensible resort of selling one of their old church edifices to the service of the destructive error of Universalism, &c.

On this the writer says: "The building which the Universalists purchased never was owned by or in any manner connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. It was built by a gentleman who was at one time a local Methodist preacher, (but of late years, in an credible informed, not connected with the church in any capacity) who, with a few others used it as a place of worship for a time, himself occupying the pulpit. It was afterwards turned into a tenement house, with small stores in the basement, and became indeed a place fit only for the owls and the bats to dwell in. This year it was sold, either by the party mentioned above or persons to whom he may have subsequently sold it, to the Universalist Society; and the Methodist churches here or anywhere else were never in any way or manner connected with its building, occupancy or sale, and I assure you, my dear sir, its present ownership and use are, regretted by none in this community more than by THE METHODISTS."

SMITH'S DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE.

The extraordinary merit of this work has led to its publication in various forms. In England, there is a three-volumed and a one-volumed edition, both of which have been imported and issued in this country, with the imprint of one of our most respectable firms. Another firm is issuing it in the form of a serial, with emendations by an American scholar of high repute. Still another house, that of S. S. Scovorton & Co., Hartford, publishers of "Women of the War," are now putting through the press the one-volumed edition, an exact reprint of the English one, which they are selling by subscription. It will make a compact volume, royal octavo, of 1100 pages, profusely illustrated and supplied with good maps. Price \$4.50 and \$5 according to style. The work is a standard in every respect.

is a result of the same exact and painstaking scholarship which has been applied by the compiler to the antiquities of Greece and Rome. It is perfectly intelligible and adapted to popular use; and we are sure, every friend of the Word of God will be gratified to know that the efforts of this firm and their numerous canvassers are about to carry to the doors of the people a work so well calculated to enlighten them as to the meaning of that word, and to interest them more deeply and intelligently in its study.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

COMMEMORATION AT HAMILTON COLLEGE. The series of literary exercises filling commencement week at this highly favored institution, were inaugurated on Sabbath morning by the Baccalaureate sermon of the new President. As this was the first appearance of Dr. Brown in this service, his sermon to the graduating class was looked for with peculiar interest. The village church was more than usually crowded on the occasion, every seat being occupied, with extra chairs and benches filling the aisles. From the reputation of the President for ripe scholarship, it was expected, of course, that the sermon would be all that art and culture could make it, but in simplicity, spirituality, and pungency, we judge, it far transcended the expectations of many of the hearers. It was founded upon the passage, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," and was a masterly argument for the true religion. The closing address to the graduating class was also filled with the noblest sentiments and the best of counsel.

On Sabbath evening Rev. Dr. Hancock, of Buffalo, gave an admirable address before the Society of Christian Research. His theme was the Reflex Influence of Missions; and it gave the Doctor one of his grandest opportunities for the play of his fine powers of illustration and oratory. All pronounce it one of his happiest efforts.

On Monday afternoon, occurred something new, a prize debate. Mr. Charles C. Kingsley, of Utica, among his numerous benefactions, has provided two prizes, one of \$70 and one of \$30, to be given to those who shall excel in extemporaneous debate. It was a severe ordeal for the young men; and the question was, "Has the power of oratory diminished in the progress of civilization?" There were four speakers who acquitted themselves well, and the Kingsley Prize Debate was regarded as a great success. It will henceforth be a marked feature of commencement week.

On Monday evening was the usual Prize Declaration. This, too, was founded by Mr. C. C. Kingsley. Four speakers from each of the three younger classes appear, and two prizes are awarded in each class. The speaking was good, showing the fine training which is given in this institution in this part of a proper collegiate education.

On Tuesday afternoon was held the annual meeting of the Society of the Alumni, Ex-Governor Hawley, of Connecticut, in the chair. The address was delivered by Henry G. Miller, Esq., of Chicago, (class of 1848). It was sound and able, would have answered well before a bench of judges, but hardly had inspiration enough for a popular assembly. But whatever weariness it left upon the audience, was happily relieved by the poem, by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, of Waterford, (class of 1857), which followed. The subject was "Nothing," but the rhymist managed to make something out of it. The versification was easy and graceful, whilst also it embraced so much of innocent mirth and humor as to call forth, from a delighted audience, frequent demonstrations of applause.

The letter of the Annalist, Hon. Edward A. Wetmore, of Utica, class of 1817, was read by Rev. Albert Erdman, of Clinton, and the Necrology by Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D., of Pittsburg. The death of fourteen of the former graduates of the College was reported for the year, including the names of Rev. Geo. A. Colburn, D.D., of the first class, graduated in 1814; Hon. Geo. Hastings, late of Mt. Morris, N.Y., class of 1826, once Judge of Livingston County Court, and for one term a member of Congress; and Rev. John Tomkins, for twenty-five years pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marcellus.

On Wednesday afternoon came the inauguration of the Rev. Samuel Gilman Brown, D.D., as the seventh President of Hamilton College, which was the great event of the week. Ex-President North presided on the occasion. Ex-President Fisher made the opening prayer. Hon. Hiram Denis, LL.D., one of the oldest Trustees of the College, made the address of induction, and gave to the new President the charter and keys of the College as symbols of his office; and then followed the inaugural address of Dr. Brown, which was acknowledged by all to be one of rare beauty and strength. His theme was, "The American College: its Aims and its Methods," and it presented one of the finest pleas ever made for the higher education; its importance to all the interests both of the Church and of the State, first, because of the discipline it gives, and secondly, because of the information it imparts. This address was followed by an original "Hymn of Welcome," sung with apparent heartiness by the undergraduates. We noticed, also, that when the President was announced for his inaugural he

was greeted with long continued applause by the students; and we hear on every hand, that he is received with the utmost cordiality to his new relations. This argues well for the future of the College. Long may he preside successfully over its interests!

On Wednesday evening there was another meeting of the Alumni, presided over by Dr. Herrick Johnson, with informal addresses from a large number of speakers. Dr. Nelson led off, and spoke in highly complimentary terms of the new President. Dr. Hancock made the most humorous and side-taking speech of fifteen minutes, which we have ever heard of from his lips. Drs. Henry Kendall, William C. Knox, Chas. E. Robinson, and Rev. A. M. Stowe, Ex-Governor Hawley, and E. H. Roberts, Esq., Editor of the Utica Herald, were also called out.

The latter can make a speech as well as edit a paper. He does both with signal ability, and is likely soon to have a chance to make some speeches in Congress, if he chooses, as we believe he is the only candidate talked of in his district, to fill the place in the House of Representatives made vacant by the elevation of Hon. Roscoe Conkling to the Senate. He is a graduate of Yale College, but spoke in the highest terms of Hamilton. He could speak with some peculiar advantage, he said, from an outsider, he could judge impartially, and he paid a very high tribute to the standard of scholarship in this institution, and to the character of the men it has sent out, for eminent service in the church in the army and in the State. He referred among others to Dr. Nelson, "who had done more than any other man to save Missouri to the Union and to liberty," to Dr. Kendall who is "sweeping the continent for Home Missions," to Rev. A. M. Stowe, who is attending to the same work in its more minute details, with the same high devotion and unswerving faithfulness.

This pleasant meeting of the Alumni closed with the adoption of a resolution, offered by Dr. Nelson, and seconded by Dr. Knox, asking for enlarged endowment, with special reference to the increase of the salaries of the Professors. It is full, time something were done in this direction for their salaries are all quite too low. We hope the friends of the College will speedily attend to making them much higher.

Thursday was Commencement proper. The graduating class numbered thirty-three, whose names and residences are as follows:

- Howard Allison, Chester; James B. Avery, Oneida Castle; Charles Edwin Babcock, Albion; Edwin Baldwin, Auburn; Frederick Eugene Barraud, Milford; Isaac Oliver Best, Ogdensburg; Amory Howe Bradford, Suspension Bridge; David Riddle Breed, Pittsburg, Pa.; Edwin Jerome Brown, Oneida; Frank Van Ness Bullard, Perry; Duane Conant, Middle Granville; Samuel Jackson Fisher, Utica; Rufus Smith Green, Butternuts; James Earl Hall, Argyle; Nicoll Halsey, Rhoda; Martin T. Hollister, Rhoda; George Wolcott Hubbell, Newark, N. J.; John Wilford Jacks, Batavia; Frederic Henry Kellogg, Rome; Elliott Pardee Kisper, Hazelton, Pa.; John Thomas Knox, Wilson; Chester Jennings Lyon, Lyons Falls; John Dudley Norton, Baldwinsville; Albert Pardon Potter, Utica; Charles Edmund Rice, Fairfield; Sydney Allyn Sherwin, Batavia; Alexander Goburn Soper, Rome; William Henry Stratton, Clinton; Hugh Toler, New York; Joseph Leonard Waugh, Canton; Theodore Benjamin Welling, Stacy's Basin; Samuel William Metzler, Utica; Elliott Strong-Williams, Clinton.

Twenty-six of these young men appeared in public on the stage, and here again we saw the marked effect of their rhetorical training. If Prof. Upson is not a master in this art, we know not where one is to be found.

Rev. Charles E. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, (O.S.) at Oneida, has received an earnest call to the Second Street Church, Troy, N. Y. late Dr. Kennedy's.

Rev. H. C. Riggs, after serving the Church at Potsdam for six years with great acceptance, has been dismissed from the pastorate, at his own request, on account of ill health.

The Church of Canton have added \$300 to the salary of their pastor, Rev. John Waugh, making it \$1000 and a parsonage.

Rev. Dr. Hawley, of Auburn, has just received a present of \$1000 from some of his people. As he was starting for his summer vacation, a few called apparently to wish him a pleasant time, and kindly presented this very substantial token of their high regard. Dr. Hawley has gone, as usual, to the Catskills for the summer. Dr. Condit and Dr. Nelson are to supply his pulpit in his absence.

E. T. Huntington, Esq., is out with his accustomed circular for the State Sunday-school Teachers' Association, to be held in Dr. Wisner's Church, in Lockport, for three days, commencing August 20th, to which we shall refer another time. GENESEE. ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 20, 1867.

The following Honorary Degrees were conferred by Hamilton College at its late Commencement: A. M. Lieut. Frank Place—Daniel P. Ellis, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Hiram Eddy, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. Chas. E. Robinson, Oneida, N. Y.; Andrew McMillan, Utica, N. Y.; George G. Treadwell, Syracuse, A. M. (ad eundem.) Daniel P. Baldwin, Logansport, Indiana.

D.D. Rev. J. Germain Porter, Waterloo, N. Y.; Rev. Alfred B. Goodrich, Utica, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. P. Bush, Rochester, N. Y.; H. L. D. Hon. Calvin T. Hulburd, Brasher Falls, N. Y.

News of Our Churches.

SOUTH W. CHURCH (Rev. R. A. Mallory, pastor). At the communion July 7th, six were received, all heads of families. A man and his wife, who were among the number, until three months ago, had not been inside of a church for more than fifteen years.

COMMUNION AT WHARTON STREET CHURCH, last Sabbath was a very interesting day in this Church. Several were added to its communion. The pastor and people have great encouragement to persevere in their labors of love and work of faith, in that part of the city. The devil and vice in its various forms suffer a powerful rebuke from this sanctuary of God in their midst. The Lord has greatly blessed his servant in preaching and laboring there, and this effort so very successful is a lesson of great encouragement to all Mission Churches. The Presbyterian church of this place has added \$200 to the pastor's salary. Two years ago the Church called the pastor with a salary of \$800, and with doubts expressed by some as to his ability to raise that amount. During the first year the salary rose to \$900, and at the close of the first year was definitely raised to \$1000. Now at the close of the second year it has been raised to \$1200.

At the same time the sexton's salary was, without solicitation, advanced fifty per cent. All this is very much due to the zeal and energy of the Treasurer.

More than half the present membership of the Church have been added during these two years. The very delightful Anniversary exercises of the Sunday-school have just passed, at which the congregation present gave \$110 for the use of the school, and the very gratifying announcement was made that no deaths had occurred among teachers or scholars during the year.

CRYSTAL WEDDING.—The good people of York, Pa., on the 26th of June, treated their pastor Rev. H. E. Niles, and lady, to a surprise, in the form of what among domestic festivals appears to be called a "crystal wedding." We suppose it makes very little difference what name is given to the transaction. The people would have made an opportunity to express their regard, if they had not found one. At all events, when Mr. and Mrs. Niles got back to the parsonage, they found it occupied and rapidly filling up with young and old. The parlor was decorated with great taste with a profusion of flowers and evergreens. On two tables in the back parlor was set out a glittering display of every article of glassware that could be used in the family. Among them was a jar labelled "mint drops" containing a peculiar sort of confectionery, which on examination was found to have been issued from the establishment opposite our office. Another bottle labelled "Family Medicine" was full of greenbacks. An address of congratulation was made and responded to, when the party adjourned to the dining room, and partook of a handsome supper, in the style of a true wedding feast. This very opportune supply enables the pastor to spend his vacation in the most comfortable manner, and in a way to enhance his value and prolong his usefulness among his people. They will find it a good investment.

The new chapel and S. S. building adjoining the church, is progressing finely, and when completed will be one of the finest in the State. We rejoice at the repeated tokens of beneficence and prosperity given by the York church during the pastorate of Mr. Niles.

THANKS FROM SULLY, SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—I wish to express my thanks, in behalf of brothers Shaw, Jenkins and myself, to the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn for the splendid donation of one hundred and fifty dollars worth (\$150) of Sabbath School books for our use in our work. In the second place, our thanks are due Rev. Dr. Kendall, for suggesting us as the recipients of this great favor.

Thirdly, we would not withhold our gratitude from the Publication Committee for the liberal allowance made to us, for the money sent them, through the hands of brother Duffels. Now will not all the churches in the East, that have been blessed of God and are strong and wealthy, feel and realize the great importance and value to us pioneer missionaries, of these Sabbath School books in our labors in the West? As important as is the work of the Home Mission Committee, and that of the Trustees of the Church, Brethren Fund, the work of the Publication Committee has no less claims upon the sympathies, and contributions of all the churches. Fraternally, July 8th, 1867. W. S. Post.

INSTALLATION.—Rev. Stephen W. Dana graduate of Union Theological Seminary, was installed pastor of the Belvidere Second Church, on Thursday July 11th, 1867. Rev. James W. Wood, presided and proposed the constitutional questions, Rev. J. J. Dana, of Mass., father of the pastor, preached the sermon, Rev. H. Barnes gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. H. S. Osburn, Professor in Lafayette College gave the charge to the people. The occasion was one of the deepest interest, and the people are cordially united in their new pastor. The prospects

of the Church were never more prosperous. Over forty persons have been added to the Church by profession, since Mr. Dana began his labors among them.

WINCHESTER, VA.—Rev. A. M. Heizer writes to the Register:

Since a little more than one year ago the Church, N. S., of this place has sold its own church house for \$850, and off the debt on the church house for \$510, bought a Parsonage for O. S. Church for \$510, made repairs amounting to \$160, got \$150 worth of books for our Sabbath School, raised for pastor's salary, \$500, contingent expenses, \$125, debt to N. S. Church, Brethren Fund \$160, and other collections amounting to \$280.50. We have sufficient funds either scribbled or on hand to carry us through till next November clear of debt. On the 28th day of February our people gave us a donation which footed up \$470. Since last May we have received into church fellowship 29 members, 16 on profession of faith. We have also organized a small church ten miles north-west from the village, and hope that they soon will have a minister. One thing to us now of special comfort is our young people's prayer meeting. Our Wednesday evening prayer meeting has an attendance of from 60 to 100, and is still on the increase.

CHURCHES.—The Church in Metropolis, Ill., has had an accession of 77 members, and now numbers 223. A new church was organized at Badley, Mo., March 31st. Another was organized at Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo., March 31st. At a late communion in Oak Springs, Mo., an elder was ordained; 4 children baptized, and 7 men added to the Church. The Glasson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, was organized July 8th, at 7 o'clock P. M., by the Presbytery of Brooklyn. It consists of fifty-two members. These, with the exception of two on profession of their faith, were received by letter from other churches. Three elders and three deacons were chosen and ordained. The congregation have procured lots and erected thereon a neat and substantial lecture-room, sufficient for present purposes. The prospects are excellent.

The exterior of the Central Presbyterian church, Wilmington, Del., is now being repainted, and thoroughly renovated, previous to the installation of its new pastor, Rev. G. D. Shaw.

ORDINATION OF A MISSIONARY.—The interesting service of ordaining one who expects to go long to make known the Gospel on missionary ground—Western Turkey—look place at the 14th street Church, on Sunday July 14th. The candidate, Mr. Charles C. Tracy, is a recent graduate of the Union Theological Seminary, and during his course he has been connected in membership, and in Sabbath-school labors with the church named. Much interest was therefore felt in the services, and a good audience was in attendance, notwithstanding the warm weather. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Booth, of the Mercantile Church, who is a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, under whose auspices Mr. Tracy goes out—and the sermon, a very appropriate one, founded upon the last clause of the 6th verse of the 9th chapter of Isaiah, was preached by the pastor of the 14th street Church, the Rev. E. W. Hitchcock. The moderator of the Third Presbytery, Dr. W. W. Newell, proposed the usual constitutional questions, and offered the ordaining prayer—Drs. Cox and Booth, and Revs. Wilson, Hitchcock, and one other clergyman uniting with the moderator in the imposition of hands. The venerable Dr. Cox then ascended the pulpit, and charged the candidate in a most fitting and impressive way. The services concluded with the apostolic benediction by Mr. Tracy. With another member of the 14th street Church, Mr. Samuel Hallock, nephew of the venerable Secretary of the American Tract Society, the Rev. Mr. Tracy expects to set sail for Turkey, together with Dr. Van Dyke and others, on the 20th of August next.—Evangelist.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD met April 19th. Three churches reported revivals of religion. Rev. G. H. Robertson was installed pastor of the Second Church of Springfield. It was resolved 1st. That it shall be a standing rule of Presbytery at each of its regular meetings to make the subject of Sabbath-schools a special order of the day at some hour during its session, and that at that time it shall consider the whole question of teaching, text-books, libraries, music, teachers, and all matters connected therewith.

2d. That the Presbytery shall have a public meeting for the children of the Sabbath-schools with prayer, music, addresses, &c.

THE PRESBYTERY OF KANSAS met at Ottawa, March 28th. A revival at Troy was reported, by which between sixty and seventy had been gathered in. All the churches reported favorable progress. Ottawa Church organized about a year ago has twenty-three members.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER met in Perry, April 19th. Delegates were received from and sent to the O. S. Presbytery of Schuyler. Seven churches reported revivals and large accessions, and two churches had been organized during the year.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. C. W. Wallace of Seymour has removed to Delphi, Ind., and become stated supply to the Church there.—Rev. John Hussey is supplying the pulpit of our Church in Seymour during the summer vacation of the Glendale Female College, in which he is a professor.—Rev. J. T. Willett has removed to St. Louis, Gratiot county, Mich.—Rev. P. R. Day, late of Troy, has accepted a call to the First Congregational church of Saratoga Springs.—Henry L. Brown, a recent graduate of Lane Seminary and a licentiate of Hamilton Presbytery, has received and accepted a call from the Church at Marion, Grant county, Ind.—The First Church of Orange, N. J., which was made vacant in December last, by the sudden death of its pastor, Rev. James Hoyt, have given a call to Rev. Eldridge Mix, of Burlington, Vt.—Rev. S. C. Hay Church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Crystal Lake, which is erecting a new house of worship.

India.—A new telegraph line is to be established between England and the East Indian possessions, and arrangements have been made with Russia, and Persia for the route through those countries. The Government of India will arrange for a line through the latter country.