

Religious Intelligence

REFORMED CHURCHES.

The McCune Case.—The First U. P. Presbytery of Ohio met on the 2d of July, in Cincinnati. The official record of the Assembly's action in the McCune case, which had been declared necessary before proceeding at the former meeting, was presented; and Mr. McCune having withdrawn from the denomination, no further proceedings in regard to him were thought necessary. In regard to the doctrine in dispute, the Presbytery declared: "Nothing can be more certain than that the doctrine that visible discipline is taught in her Catechism and Discipline, is the Scriptural condition of membership and fellowship in the Church of God, still, as it always has been, the doctrine of our Church. This is the great, immutable, supreme Scripture law of organic fellowship in Zion; and if any maintain that the decision of the last Assembly, virtually declaring the 16th article of the Testimony to be law, is inconsistent with this view, we answer, it does not seem to us 'now at all' But, consistent or inconsistent, this doctrine is the precious truth of God. It cannot be yielded; but must be steadfastly maintained. Any converse doctrine is carnal and serious error on the subject of church fellowship, and should be resisted by all who hold that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Judge, and King, and Lawgiver; and by all who have intelligently taken vows to receive and maintain our standards. And the views which your Committee have here expressed, we believe, will receive the approbation of a very large majority of ministers and people of our Church."

This affirms that the Assembly is presumed to have condemned, in affirming that the 16th article of the Testimony is the law of the Church. The controversy is thus reopened, as Presbytery overturns these principles to the Assembly.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Old Side) met in Allegheny, May 22d to 29th. This Church is composed of eight Presbyteries, sixty-six ministers, and ninety-one congregations, with a membership of 9,324. During the year, 530 members had been received on profession of their faith, and in all ways \$77,187.23. The contributions raised for the Home Missions, \$2,478,024; for the Freedmen, \$5,116,791; for Home Seminary endowment, \$2,548,741; for Church, erection, \$23,193,027; for Pastors' salaries, \$47,163,491; for miscellaneous purposes, \$33,336,432, making a total of \$123,097,331, or an average of between fifteen and sixteen dollars per member.

Rev. J. R. W. Sloane, of New York, was elected Moderator. The Committee to memorialize Congress for an amendment to the Constitution recognizing "the mediatorial headship of Christ" reported that such a memorial had been presented, and that a member from Ohio had promised to call it up, and have it referred to a Special Committee, or at least to have it printed in the Congressional Globe. The Theological Seminary reported sixteen students in attendance, and an endowment of \$28,150.05. It was reported that \$12,000 had been raised to establish a weekly paper, but that no editor had been secured as yet. In response to the proposal from the R. P. General Synod looking to reunion, it was resolved that, "however dark the prospects may be, we are firmly assured that the Church will eventually be visibly one; and we are fully persuaded that the truth, the whole truth, is the only proper basis of union." Rev. Samuel O. Wylic, of the Seventeenth Street Church, in this city, was elected Professor in the Allegheny Seminary, to succeed the late Dr. James M. Wilson. A proposal that the Synod should endow and control a Chair in Westminster College (U. P.) was declined. The Church has a very successful mission to the Freedmen in Washington, and a Foreign Mission in Syria.

A Hint.—The N. Y. Observer concludes its notice of our Philadelphia Farewell Meeting to the Irish delegation as follows:—"No one from all the delegations from the old country, that we have ever had, has made so favorable an impression as the Rev. Dr. Hall, of Dublin. His simplicity of character, and his genial manners; his warm-hearted piety, his rare talents, profound learning and glowing eloquence, have quite captivated the hearts of our people; and we are not surprised that he has received, more than one pressing invitation to return, and make his home among us. We should rejoice to welcome him to our shores, as a fellow laborer in the cause of Christ, and we are not without hope that we may have the opportunity."

Dr. Hamilton's Illness.—The numerous friends of the distinguished pastor of the Regent Square Presbyterian Church, London, Rev. James Hamilton, D. D., who has been deeply pained to learn that he has probably ceased from his earthly labors. A letter received in this city from one of his elders, says: "Our beloved friend and minister, Dr. Hamilton, has been seized with fever, and he is unable to do his duty; he has a strained vessel, unable to recognize even his dearest friends. We are all in profound sorrow, for he was dearly loved, and only the faintest hopes are given of his recovery."—N. Y. Observer.

Ordination of a Foreign Missionary.—An interesting meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions was held in Dr. Breed's Church, Seventh Street, and Spruce Street, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, O. S., on the evening of the 19th inst. In connection with the services, the Presbytery ordained Mr. Francis Heyly, Jr., to the work of the Gospel ministry, preparatory to his departure as a Missionary to the Foreign Board of that Church in Northern India.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces met at New Glasgow, June 27th. Five licenses and eight ordinations and inductations were reported. Reports on temperance from sixty-five congregations showed that but nine communicants are engaged in the Liqueur Traffic. There are eighteen in a subordinate position engaged in the business, as clerks, &c. Sixty-six regular hearers are in the traffic. 4,600 communicants in the 65 congregations are total abstainers. The Financial Report showed receipts of \$5,969.49 for Foreign and \$5,436 for Home Missions. Income for Education, \$5,103, being mainly interest on a fund of \$50,000. The mission to the New Hebrides, in the South Pacific, is sustained in connection with the R. P. Church in Scotland, and is liberally aided by the Presbyteries of America. It was unanimously resolved to establish a mission to the Cooks of Trinidad, W. L. U. P. Church of the United States having placed their mission premises in that island at Synod's disposal; and Rev. John Morton, of Bridgewater, having offered himself for the work. The Canada Synod's delegation were warmly received. Elder Coult said: "There is among us an earnest desire for closer union, communion and co-operation. Whatever the feeling with regard to Confederation, it is now a fact in history, and wisdom demands that we should promptly recognize our obligations and opportunities arising from the circumstances in which we find ourselves placed." Father Chiquiquy briefly addressed the Synod on the duty and necessity of union in these eventful times.

The Canada Presbyterian Synod met in Toronto, June 4th to 25th, ministers being in attendance, the largest meeting since the union. Presbytrial reports showed, during the year, 11 licenses,

25 ordinations, 23 installations, 4 ministers received, and one dead. The increase in the number of ministers has been 19, making the number on the roll 267, against 248 last year. There are 41,607 communicants, a gain of 5,106. 21,765 children are enjoying Sabbath School instruction, while 7,554 are found in the Bible Class, an aggregate of 29,319. Accommodation is provided for 405,000 hearers. The average stipend has now reached the sum of \$597.30, and the Committee suggested that six hundred dollars be made the minimum standard of ministerial support. For a period of eleven months, the sum required for all church purposes amounted to \$301,800.73, being an increase over last year of \$7,000. Leave was granted to receive 8 Ministers (one Congregational, one Wesleyan) and to receive 15 students. Synod was addressed by the Free Church delegates, led by Prof. C. E. Stovoe; Knox College, was reported as in a very satisfactory condition, and two additional lectureships, one of Apologetics, the other of Practical Theology, were created. The effort made to establish a college at Montreal has resulted in raising \$20,000, and Synod appointed one Professor, to begin with—Rev. G. F. Young, and elected a College Board and Senate. The receipts for Home Missions had been \$11,934.89, and the disbursements \$9,652.14 in addition to \$27,666 contributed locally; 135 preaching stations in 86 fields of labor had been aided, as also 47 weak congregations. The Irish Presbyterian Church was thanked for aid in this work to the amount of \$1,221. Father Chiquiquy's Kankakee (Ill.) work was entrusted to a committee of Synod, and recommended as a separate Church scheme to the congregations. Synod dismissed an appeal from suspension for marrying a deceased wife's sister, by a vote of 138 to 5. The organ question was sent down to the Presbyteries, and its use is forbidden in Synod's missions at Red River and in British Columbia, were reported as prospering. With a view to opening up a closer intercourse with the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces, a fraternal letter was drawn up, and Rev. C. Chiquiquy, of Kankakee, Ill., the Rev. Mr. McVicar, and Mr. James Court were appointed to go to the Synod of the Lower Provinces to prepare the way. This will probably lead to the union of all the British American Churches.

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Veterans.—A little more than sixty years ago, the Rev. John McWhorter, then licensed to preach the Gospel, visited the country of Great Britain, Virginia, bearing to some of its chief citizens a letter of commendation from the Rev. Samuel Brown, pastor of New Providence church, Rokebury, under whose instruction he had studied theology. On Sabbath, June 23d, he preached in his pulpit, in Lewisham, it being the commencement of the sixth year since he was installed pastor of that church. "Not one of those who were members of the congregation at his settlement is now living." The Rev. C. Kingsbury, D. D., the father of the United States Mission, was in attendance at the Indian Presbytery. "Though over eighty years old, he rode to the place of meeting (eighty miles) and back home on horseback." The venerable Rev. Dr. Gardner Spring of New York, who has been afflicted, many will be pleased to learn, for several months past, with blindness. He is eighty-four years of age, but still his faculties in full possession. He now resides at Saratoga Springs. Rev. Henry Cooke, D. D. LL. D., one of the oldest and best known of all the ministers in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, has been led from his great age and increasing infirmities to resign his pastoral charge of the May Street church, in Belfast, Ireland. He entered the ministry in 1808, and few men in that time have preached more sermons or addresses, and had a more active life in every thing that related to the cause of evangelical truth, and Presbyterianism especially, than perhaps any other man in the North of Ireland. In his earlier days he won his laurels as the antagonist of the late Dr. Montgomery, the Arian leader in the Synod of Ulster. In later times he has been the champion of Tory Conservatism, the "Nobis Domini," and "A Scripture Psalmody."

Churches.—The church at Port Richmond, in the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, received twenty persons to its communion on a late Sabbath, and has received eighty-two members during the last year. The church is full, and has become self-sustaining, assuming the support of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Jelly, without any further aid from the Board of Missions. The house of worship needs enlargement.—More than \$9,000 have been collected at the South and West, to aid in rebuilding the United Presbyterian church at Richmond, Virginia, which was burned at the time of the evacuation of that city.—A new Presbyterian church in New Jersey, on the 20th of June. The church is out of debt. Rev. Charles McMullen is the pastor.

Ministerial.—Rev. Dr. B. P. Humphrey, of Louisville, declines the Professorship in Duval Seminary, to which he was elected by the last General Assembly. The Rev. Wm. E. Hines, of Danville, Pa., has received a call from the Second O. S. Church, Germantown, Pa.—The Presbytery of Carlisle, have transferred the Rev. Mr. H. Hillman from Silver Spring congregation in the Scotch settlement in Louisa County, Virginia, to the congregation at Solomonsville, Pa., where he is called by the Rev. Solomon Cook, has taken charge of the church at Golconda, Ills. There is no Presbyterian minister within fifty miles of him.—Rev. Dr. J. Neway, who was re-elected to the office of Corresponding Secretary at the late annual meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions, announced his acceptance of the position, but gave notice that he would not serve in this office after the present year.—Rev. Charles Kellogg, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Del., has received and accepted a call to the Reformed Dutch Church, Northumberland, N. Y.—Rev. J. M. Carmichael, formerly in the Synod of the Presbytery of Albany, and stated supply of the church at West Galway, N. Y., has been ordained by the "Congregational Convention" of Wisconsin, and installed pastor of the Congregational church at Sparta, Wisconsin.—The Rev. John Lyle, now of Utica, N. Y., has accepted a call from the Church of the Sea and the Land, New York. This church is in the centre of a large mission field in the lower part of the city of New York, and Mr. Lyle is familiar with the kind of work.—The late Dr. MacMaster, says the North-Western Presbyterian, "not only considered reunion impracticable, but expressed himself strongly against it. The last thing he ever wrote was a letter of remonstrance to the editor of the Presbyterian against the agitation of the subject, as unwise and mischievous, which was left unfinished on his table when he went to his dying bed."—The Rev. W. C. Burns, missionary at Pekin, has published in the Mandarin colloquial dialect, the first part of the "Pilgrim's Progress," and has also completed the translation of the Psalms into Chinese.—Rev. Dr. John M. Krebs, pastor for many years of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, New York, is reported to be rapidly failing through softening of the brain.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS. Baptist.—Dr. Miller has resigned the charge of the First Church of Trenton, N. J., to take effect on the 1st of October, when he becomes pastor of the Broad St. Church of Elizabeth. In the four years of his labors in Trenton, more than 300 have been baptized.—Rev. W. G. Coulter, late a minister among the Free Will Baptists, has united with the Baptist Church at Harrisburg.—The church in Galesburg, Ill., is building a handsome house of worship, at an expense of about \$25,000. During the last year ninety-six have been added to the church by baptism.—The Church Extension Commission has purchased lots at the corner of Broad and Master Sts., and will immediately commence the erection of a commodious chapel.—The Evangelical sends from the far Pacific a wall which rescues

from San Francisco to Boston, on a sore subject. It says: "Beware of open communionism; we have seen its practical workings, and judge the tree by its fruits." The Second Baptist Church in San Francisco was once regularly organized, sound in the faith, and prosperous beyond all others, with a single exception; when, according to this authority, open communion doctrine was introduced, and a large portion of the membership was corrupted, and left beyond recovery, until a "mere wreck" is left behind.

Congregationalist.—Mr. Clay Macaulay, of the last year, in the Seminary at Chicago, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Morrison, Ill., on the 1st of July. Fifty-two persons were admitted to the church in West-Brookfield Conn.; fifty-one by profession and sixty by letter; the youngest eleven and the oldest seventy-eight of age. Thirty were heads of families, and six twenty-three. The church is in a happy and successful condition. Since January last there have been seventy-five accessions, sixty-two by profession. The Church has voted to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its organization, which occurs Oct. 16th, of the present year, the Church having been organized in 1717.—The Rev. Wm. Berrington, R. I., will continue to be added to the Rev. Mr. Horton's Church, lately of profession of their faith.—Seventy-six were admitted to the church in South Hadley, Mass., July 7th, all but three, on profession of their faith. Two of the friends of baptism, of their own persuasion, were admitted to the church at a recent revival. The church was visited by Rev. Mr. Horton on the 6th instant Sabbath, and as many more were introduced into the Church. The First Church in Middleboro', Mass., received thirty additions on the 7th of July; twenty-eight by profession, and two by letter.—The youngest eleven, the oldest eighty-six. Thus far this year eighty-two have been admitted.

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Special Notices. QUOND.—At the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. M. Meigs, Pottstown, Pa., on the 24th of July, Rev. William Ripley, D.D., in the 70th year of his age.

Wilmington Presbytery.—An annual meeting of the Wilmington Presbytery will be held at Oressel's Del., in the Drewry's Church, August 2d, 3d, 4th. A general attendance is desired. WILLIAM SHERMAN, Secy. Clerk.

The two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at their recent sessions (Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rochester, N. Y.), appointed a Committee of "learned gentlemen" to investigate all questions of property and of legal rights, and to report as early as the first of January next, to the Joint Committee of the two Assemblies. At an early date, of all possible information bearing upon their duties, to enable them to determine to what extent, if any, vested rights may be justified by the Constitution of the United States. All persons, therefore, who are interested in any property, real or personal, which any doubts may be entertained, as to title, in case of a change in the management of the Church, are respectfully requested to communicate, before the 30th day of August next ensuing, as definitely as possible, the facts of the particular case, to the Hon. DANIEL HALL, ESQ., of Chambers St., N. Y., in the Chairmanship of the Law Committee. CHARLES C. BEATTY, PHILADELPHIA, N. J., June 23, 1867. EDWIN F. HATFIELD.

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