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On the second page, find our special correspondents account of Fryburg, Baden Baden and Frankford on the Main; Interesting Personal Recollections of Medad Pomeroy by Paritan; &c., page third, Rural Economy and Scientific Items; page sixth, a great variety for the Family; Page seventh Literary Intelligence with list of Protestant German Periodicals and Subscription Price, in New York, in Gold; also an account of the reception and speeches of the Irish Delegates to the American churches, on their way home.

REV. I. G. BLISS acknowledges receipt of \$10 from E. S. for Bible House in Constantinople.

REV. A. J. SNYDER's address has been, since Sept. 1st., Wilmington, Del.

It will be observed that a North-western Presbytery of the other branch, whose Commission voted for Re-union at Cincinnati, voted against the Report of the Re-union committee at its recent meeting. We trust the Presbyter will exercise its well-known powers of explanation and extenuation upon the case.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.—We are requested to give notice that a Sunday School Teacher's Institute will be held in the West Arch St. Church, commencing Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th, and to continue through Wednesday and Thursday. It will be under the control of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, Rev. Alfred Taylor, Secretary, and will embrace various exercises designed to illustrate, explain, and enforce the duties of the Sabbath and Infant School teacher, singer and superintendent. Ralph Wells, Esq., of New York, Rev. Professor Osborn of Easton, Prof. Philip Phillips, the well known singer, Prof. John S. Hart, and many others, will take part. The children will have a gathering on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when Rev. Dr. Newton will deliver an address, and Prof. Phillips will teach the children a number of new hymns. There will be a Question Box, in which any person may deposit a question, the opening and answering of which have formed the most interesting features of other similar occasions. We trust the meeting will be largely attended.

OUR ISSUE of Aug. 22, contains an article, commending the African M. E. Church in West Philadelphia, who are building a new house of worship in Locust St., above 40th. It was reported to us, by mistake, that this congregation were meeting the entire expense from their own means; and that "there is to be no outside begging." We are now requested to say, that the members of the congregation are all working people, and have but little money at their command. They are therefore engaged in collecting all they can obtain from the public, in order to prosecute their enterprise, and we hope they will be encouraged in their labors.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana State University, Bloomington, Wednesday, Aug. 14th, the Faculty was reorganized as follows: Cyrus Nutt, D.D., President; Prof. T. A. Wylie, D.D., LL.D., transferred from the Latin and Greek chair to that of Natural Philosophy, a new chair; Dr. Owen, Professor of Natural Sciences; Prof. Dodd, transferred from Mathematical chair to that of Latin; Hon. John I. Morrison, Professor of Greek Language and Literature; Prof. Kirkwood, of Canonsburg, Penna., elected to the chair of Mathematics; and Barnabas C. Hobbs, elected to the charge of the Normal Department; Judge Bjorknell retained as Law Professor. At the same meeting, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. John W. Mears of Philadelphia.

COMING HOME.—The Concord (N. H.) Statesman of Aug. 30, says: "Rev. Ezra E. Adams, D.D., who has been spending a few months in Europe, has taken passage in the steamer Manhattan, for New York, and will sail from Liverpool next Tuesday, Sept. 3. It is gratifying to be able to announce that his health has materially improved, and he has so far recovered his voice that he spoke without difficulty, and was heard throughout the great hall, at a meeting in Edinburgh. The family of Dr. Adams are upon his farm in East Concord. He may be expected in town from the 12th to the 15th of September."

Our esteemed correspondent "G. W. M." brother to the Editor, arrived from Europe Sept. 8th.

THE MINUTES BY MAIL.

MR. EDITOR: I am sorry that arrangements are not made for distributing the Minutes by mail. I am a member of Schuyler Presbytery. The Minutes are, I suppose, sent to Quincy, Ill., by express at a cost of about ten cents per copy. Were I to attend the October meeting, I should find my copy waiting me. My position renders it desirable for the church at large that I should see the Minutes, but I have not seen a copy for a later year than 1864. I know not whether I shall ever see another. I wrote for those of both branches last year, and obtained that of the Old School, but not our own. I still hope that in some future year, funds will be found to prepay the Minutes and send them by a cheaper, swifter and surer conveyance than at present.

Yours, M. W. G. L. L. Malden, Mass.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION in California last week, though exceedingly mal-apropos, cannot be fairly construed as an endorsement of the policy of Andrew Johnson, on the part of the majority of the people. They are rather a protest against corrupt party management and a proof that Republicans cannot be rallied in support of bad men, under the plea of party necessity. The Republican ticket in California is described by those who know it as thoroughly and notoriously bad, one that richly deserved the letting alone by the party, and the beating, it has received. On the other hand, the personal qualities of the Governor-elect are everything that could be wished in the incumbent of that high office. For our part, we rejoice that the Republican party of the Golden State, a region where disorder and corruption once held sway, has preferred to accept defeat rather than suffer itself to be used as the tool of the corrupt party managers whom it could not otherwise throw off. In such a defeat, too, there is victory.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has issued his long threatened amnesty proclamation. As Congress, by express enactment, took away from him the control of this, as well as all other matters connected with reconstruction, we cannot see what now remains to hinder the most summary process of impeachment. It is high time that the most monstrous insult to justice and liberty in the annals of our country should cease.

READERS OF THE EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE furnished to the columns of the Press, by its Editor, recently returned from his transatlantic tour, have surely been edified by the profound interest shown by the writer, in the evangelization of the poor of our great cities. One would think him one of the most zealous supporters and frequenters of the Church, a distinguished philanthropist, and a friend of city missions and of every good work. Indeed, he assumes the air of one wronged, and, in some sort, of a martyr to the cause of the unevangelized poor, in a certain conversation which he reports that he held with an unnamed English dissenter, to whom he recounted the persecutions he had undergone from the stupid, unappreciative clergy and Christian people of Philadelphia. We have tried in vain, to imagine the saint-like pathos which must have pervaded that protest. Let not the reader be surprised when we tell him that the grand means for evangelizing the masses of our cities which he proposes, is the running of the City Passenger cars on Sunday!

Mr. Forney, as Clerk of the Senate, spends his winters in Washington City, where the cars run regularly on Sunday. How many times have they carried him to church?

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

This is one of the subjects now up. It demands attention. It must be discussed. We know troops of faithful ones, who are regarding some of the developments of the times with solicitude and apprehension. Whither are we tending? Are worldly amusements, frivolity and nonsense to run riot with the members of our churches, and find endorsement and approval among the shepherds of the flocks? The sentiments of the leader of last week's PRESBYTERIAN will find an echo in many pious hearts of this region. The Editor's just and discriminating words on this subject are timely and pertinent.

We have also been much interested in a published sermon upon the same subject by Rev. S. R. Dimmock, of Syracuse. Excepting, perhaps, a little too much of sarcasm in the first part of it, the sermon is admirable in sentiment, arguments, spirit and language. It is well calculated to answer some of the frivolous pleas for amusement, which have been put forth, as we think, without sufficient reflection. And Mr. Dimmock is quite competent to assail the weak points of a weak argument not only with wit and railery, but with solid reasoning and weighty consideration. We are glad to see him battling so bravely for the good old-fashioned piety, that "forsakes the world with all its vanities and lusts."

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are indebted to Louis Chapin, Esq., of our city, for the following statistics. The whole number of Protestant Sabbath Schools in Monroe county, including the city of Rochester and nineteen towns, is 183: Teachers, 2,792; scholars, 24,300; additions to the churches from the Sabbath Schools in the past year, 836; increase in the number of the schools, 6; in the number of teachers, 200; in the number of scholars, 1,316. The gain in the last ten years of 860 teachers, and 6,112 scholars. The additions to the churches from the Sabbath Schools in the past ten years is 5,189. The largest number was 1,001—that being in 1863, the year of Mr. Hammond's labors in our city. The next largest (876) was in 1866, when several were very general in this region.

We are quite sure that these facts will compare favorably with the statistics of any other part of the State or country. We doubt if there is another region better cultivated in this regard. We have in our city and county a host of earnest Sunday School workers; and we are confident that they are not merely in earnest, but well skilled also, and competent to work to the best advantage. They study the best methods. They are trying to make Sabbath School teaching a science, and to pursue it, as such; or possibly we should better call it a sacred art, and in this art we are sure some have made great proficiency in the past few years.

INAUGURATION AT AUBURN.

Rev. James E. Pierce, who has served as Adjunct Professor of Hebrew, in Auburn Seminary, for the past two years, was duly inaugurated as full Professor in that department, on Wednesday evening, 4th inst., by the Board of Commissioners. The services were held in the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. B. Richardson presided. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayer offered by Rev. F. S. Howe of Watkins. In the absence of Rev. Dr. Knox of Rome, the charge to the Professor was given by Rev. Samuel W. Boardman of Auburn. His points were, the duty of the Professor to have an accurate acquaintance with the language to be taught; a right interpretation of the word of God; guidance constantly sought from that Spirit by whom the word was indited; to instill into the students a love for the study of the Bible in the original language; teaching them also to make that the foundation of their theology.

The Professor's Inaugural Address followed—subject, the "Relation of Rationalism to the Old Testament." First, defining the Old Testament, its nature and importance, he proceeded to show how Rationalism, discarding the true import of the term, has departed from all reason and truth. Instead of seeking to know what the facts are, it first assumes what history should be, and then perverts its records to conform to its own idle fancies. Claiming intuition and reason as the proper sources of knowledge, it demonstrates that both are unreliable and unsatisfactory. What is called Liberal Christianity is most illiberal and un-Christian.

The discourse was regarded as truly able and highly satisfactory. We may also add that Prof. Pierce, has already won the highest confidence and regard, both as a man and an instructor. He is very popular with the students, and bids fair to make just the teacher which is so much needed in his department.

We learn, also, that the Seminary opens with fine prospects this fall. Seventeen new students have already presented themselves for admission, and several more are known to be coming. At this rate, the number will be considerably larger than it was last year.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 7, 1867.

FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR PRESBYTERIAN:—Among the living, enterprising and effective organizations of this eminently stirring and active city, there is none more noteworthy than its Young Men's Christian Association. In all respects it is a model Association. The amount of good it is accomplishing is incalculable. The noble structure just erected for its use, and already in part occupied by it, will long stand among our most conspicuous public buildings as a monument of the zeal, the liberality, the far-reaching plans of Christian benevolence of this earnest band of workers for Christ.

On another occasion I shall give you a more detailed account of this remarkable enterprise. At present it is proposed to speak only of the opening on Monday last of the Prayer Rooms. The Daily Noon Prayer Meeting, which, under the auspices of the Association, has long been an established institution here, was on that day removed from its temporary place of gathering to its future permanent location in this "House of Ages." The rooms appropriated to this purpose are, in all, sixty feet square, and are, in all respects, admirably adapted to their use. Precisely at twelve o'clock, the meeting was opened—Mr. D. L. Moody, President of the Association, in the Chair. Several of the city pastors, with the leaders of the Association, and many well known laymen of our city, took part in the exercises, which were deeply interesting and devotional in spirit.

In the evening a still larger meeting was held in the same place. The President, Mr. Moody, said that they had come there to discuss the very important question, What can be done to save the young men of Chicago? These rooms were now to be opened every evening to them, and an entertainment was to be provided each evening. Of what sort should these entertainments be? Free readings, recitations, lectures, concerts, social gatherings, were some of the proposed methods of attracting hither those whom it is designed to benefit. Suggestions were invited, and several were offered. It was inquired whether the Association as yet possessed the nucleus of a library fund. The reply was that it had, to the extent of \$3,000. Whereupon Rev. Mr. Marquis said that he was authorized to announce that a gentleman now sitting at his side, George Armour, Esq., would contribute to that fund \$2,000, with an annual donation of the same amount for the next five years. (Tremendous applause.) Mr.

Armour is a member of the Second (Dr. Patterson's) church. About \$500 was then raised by collection to defray the expense of furnishing the rooms, and the audience dispersed after an earnest appeal from Mr. Moody to all present to go forth into the streets, the saloons and dens of iniquity, and endeavor to save the young men who were fast going to ruin. Thus happily was the new era of the Association inaugurated. The magnificent Hall will soon be ready for use, and be formally dedicated by appropriate ceremonies, when a more particular description of the building and its uses may be given. And here it is in place to remark that the Association have sent forth a circular, in which they invite the several Associations of the North-west to assemble on Wednesday, the 2d of October, in their new Hall. The following list of topics proposed for discussion will exhibit the object of the Convention:—

- 1. What should be the primary aim and object of the efforts put forth by our Associations?
2. How can we best reach that class of young men in our towns and cities, to all appearances outside of religious influences?
3. Association Bible-classes, and how to conduct them?
4. What should the members of the Association do for the young men coming to their rooms as strangers?
5. What are the best means to induce employers to consider and perform their duties to those whom they employ?
6. What can be done to stimulate a greater effort among the laymen of our churches?
Christian men from places where no such Associations exist, are especially invited to be present. Several eminent Christian workers from abroad are expected, among them, Newman Hall, of London. Delegates, clergymen, and others, who will attend the Convention, are requested to send in their names within twenty-five days from date, to F. M. Rockwell, Y. M. C. A. Building.

JEW'S HOSPITAL.

Upon the same day was laid the corner-stone of the Jew's Hospital, thus adding another to the humane enterprises for which Chicago is beginning to claim distinction. Although built and supported by our Hebrew fellow-citizens, it is intended to confine the benefits of this charity to no one class of sufferers. Its doors will be open to all, irrespective of creed, or nation, or color, whose misfortunes make them the objects of a philanthropy broad as the world. Among the appropriate exercises were speeches by the Mayor of the city and others. The enterprise speaks well for this large and generally prosperous class of our citizens. When will the "veil" which now obscures their vision be "taken away?"

ITEMS.—The vacancy in the pulpit of the church of Hyde Park, caused by the decease of its late pastor, has now been filled by the choice of Rev. Mr. Johnson, recently of Waverly, N. Y.—The Rev. Mr. Morton resigns the pastorate of the church in Waukegan, to take effect two weeks hence, and the Rev. Mr. McLoish that of the church in Lacon, Ill.—Twelve members were added to the Second Presbyterian church of Dubuque on the last Lord's day, making a total of fifty-eight (58) since its present able and popular pastor, Rev. S. G. Spees, D. D., took charge of the church, about a year since. May a like success continue to attend his labors.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6, 1867.

News of Our Churches.

REV. DANIEL MARCH, D.D., will preach three sermons on consecutive Sabbath evenings, commencing next Sabbath, the subjects being suggested by three recent books of note: Ecce Homo, Ecce Deus and Deus Homo. The subjects will be: The Humanity of Christ, The Divinity of Christ and the Union of the two Natures in Christ. Reference will be made to the volumes named, in the discourses.

REV. IRVING L. BEMAN has resigned the charge of Logan Square Church in this city, on account of ill-health.

UNION-PRESBYTERY, TENN.—Report of the Committee on the Re-union of the Old and New School branches of the Presbyterian church:

- 1. That this Presbytery is highly pleased that there are so many indications favorable toward the Re-union of the Old and New School branches of the Presbyterian church in the United States.
2. That we can discover nothing in the terms of Re-union, as proposed by the Joint Committee of the two Assemblies, which we cannot most heartily accept.
3. That, all our ministers and elders endeavor to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the proposed terms of Re-union, and that they strive to have all the members of their several churches made acquainted with this whole subject.
4. We would earnestly request all the members of the churches under our care to study the things that make for peace, and to pray that all the followers of Christ might be one in Him.

The following resolution was also passed: Resolved, That it is the sense of this Presbytery, that the session of every Church under the care of Presbytery, absolutely refusing to raise contributions for any of the objects recommended by the General Assembly, is justly censurable.

The Presbytery ordained Mr. Darius R. Shoop to the holy office of the gospel ministry. It was resolved to observe the week beginning with the first Sabbath of January as a week of prayer for the conversion of the world; also, the day of prayer for colleges and seminaries of learning.

RESIGNATION OF REV. S. M. SPARKS.—At a congregational meeting of the Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Unity churches of which the Rev. S. M. Sparks is the pastor, the following paper was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, In the course of Divine Providence, there seems to be necessity for our pastor to relinquish the charge of these churches.

Therefore, Resolved, That we, the people of his charge, are sincerely attached to him as our pastor, that no root of bitterness has sprung up to trouble us, that he has our confidence and sympathy, and our prayers, and that his relations to us are of such a character, as to cause us, while we accede to his request, to do so, with reluctance and regret.

Resolved, That he is greatly beloved as a Christian minister by all in the community. And that we do sincerely recommend him as a citizen and Christian minister to the people amongst whom his lot may be cast.

J. MCCONAUGHEY, Pres.

* Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Sept. 2, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Sparks is understood to have taken charge of the Church at Mionersville, near Pittsburg, for sometime nearly extinct, but now revived and hopeful of a vigorous existence.

MINISTERIAL.—The pastoral relation of Rev. Eldridge Mix to the Congregational church in Burlington, by advice of a council August 20th, was to close Sabbath before last. He goes to the (N. S.) Church of Burlington, Vt., with the hope that the climate will prove more favorable to his health.—Rev. Geo. A. Little's health is better than formerly during the last eighteen months. He intends after the meeting of the American Board, to return to Warsaw, Ind., to work where he is most needed.—Rev. A. B. Goodale has removed from Bell Plain to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in order to take charge of "Parsons Seminary."—Rev. John H. Finch has accepted a unanimous call from the congregation of the Presbyterian church at Hempstead, L. I.—Rev. J. O. Bittinger has resigned his pastorate at St. Albans, Vt., on account of ill-health.—The Newark Daily Advertiser says: "Rev. Isaac Riley, of Pottsville, Pa., son-in-law of Rev. Dr. Parker, we learn has accepted the call to become the associate pastor of Park Church."—Rev. T. L. Cuyler will not be able to accept any invitations to take part in any courses of lectures this season.—The Church at La Grange, Mo., have called Mr. A. S. Powell, of Canton, Mo.—The Church in Canton, Mo., have unanimously called Rev. Chas. R. French.—Rev. Wm. R. Adams of Upper Alton, Ill., has accepted a call to the Church in Brighton, Ill.—Rev. Chas. F. Halsey, lately of Collinsville, Ill., has accepted a call to Tamaroa and Old Duquoin, Ill.—Rev. H. P. Roberts, lately of Cairo, Ill., has taken charge of a Church in Peru, Ill.—The London Christian World mentions Rev. Dr. R. W. Patterson, as present at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in Amsterdam, Holland, also Rev. Chas. C. Kimball, of Le Roy, N. Y.

CHURCHES.—The Sixth Church, Cincinnati, in the eastern part of the city, enjoys continued prosperity. Their house of worship having been closed a few weeks for repairs, was re-opened Sept. 8. The repairs are quite extensive, and give to the house an entirely new appearance.—The Church at Noblesville, has put on a new dress, inside and out, has been re-organized, and has a live Sabbath-school. They lately received five additional members, and are full of hope for the future.—W. A. Bosworth, of Lane Seminary has supplied the Church in Gallipolis, O., very acceptably this summer, but has left to return to the Seminary. They have invited the Rev. G. B. Bell, of the Third Presbytery of New York, to visit them with a view to settlement.—Our Church in Peru Ind., is still without a pastor, though Mr. E. B. Thomson, of Crawfordsville, has been preaching there. He goes East to spend a few months in the Seminary at New York. The congregation under his ministry increased all the time he was there, the church was filled, prayer-meetings well attended and considerable interest manifested.

NEW CHURCH.—A new Church was organized at Edwardsville, Ill., in the Alton Presbytery on Sabbath, the 11th of August, with 11 members and one elder. This new church is the result of the labors of Rev. A. D. Jack, lately of Niconza, Ind., and several years ago a missionary of the American Board. He has been for some weeks laboring at Edwardsville, Marine and Troy. At Marine five lately united with the Church.

BRECKENRIDGE, MO.—The corner-stone of the Presbyterian church was laid July 16, with imposing ceremonies, by J. D. Vinick, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri. After which the Rev. B. B. Parsons, D.D., of St. Joseph, gave an address on the importance and usefulness of houses of worship of the one living and True God, and was followed by the Rev. E. B. Sherwood, of Weston, who made some statements of the progress of the work, and asked for further donations, which was responded to in the sum of \$125, and a festival at night brought up the proceeds of the day to about \$200. The building is under contract, and they expect to see a neat church, of thirty by forty-two, completed at Breckenridge by the 1st of December. This is the first church that our denomination have attempted to build between Palmyra and St. Joseph.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y.—The Congregationalist says of the recent disaster: "The Presbyterian church in Plattsburg, N. Y., (Rev. Mr. Bulkeley's), the library and rooms of the Young Men's Association, and nearly the whole business portion of the town, were destroyed by fire on the 21st ult. Total loss about \$750,000. The inside of the church was remodeled about a year since, and the outside was barely completed at the time of the fire. The origin of the Young Men's Association was due, in great part, to the influence of Mr. Bulkeley, to whom the town is greatly indebted for earnest and successful effort, in various directions."

ILLINOIS.—The Church in Quincy, Ill., having lost Dr. King, has been supplied by Rev. W. W. Atterbury.—Rev. L. W. Dunlap, who has been laboring for two years at La Grange and Canton, Mo., has become settled supply at Camp