

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

The First Gun.—The O.S. Presbytery of Winnebago, Wis., whose delegates in the Assembly voted with the majority, at its meeting, on the 27th ult. adopted the following: "Whereas, The General Assembly, without expressing approbation or disapprobation of the terms of re-union presented by the Committee on re-union, has submitted its report to the consideration of the churches and Presbyteries, and this Presbytery has considered the same. "Resolved, 1st. That we sincerely and heartily rejoice in the increase of fraternal feeling and sympathy between the two great branches of the Presbyterian Church in this country, and hope that we may be drawn still closer in fellowship and in the unity of the Spirit.

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City.—The corner-stone of the new church [O. S.] at the Falls of Schuylkill, Pa., was to be laid on Saturday afternoon, 7th inst. This church is struggling to establish itself in a place where it is needed, and where there is every prospect that it will grow into strength. At the recent Commencement of Lafayette College, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. A. G. McAuley, pastor of the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Dr. McAuley is among our most successful pastors. A few years after his settlement in his present charge, the church building had to be enlarged, and again having outgrown this improvement, his congregation have just secured one of the most eligible sites on the Frankford Road, and are about to commence the erection of a new church, with still more enlarged accommodations.—Presbyterian.

Churches and Pastors.—Rev. J. V. Dodge, pastor of the Second Church of Washington, Pa., has received a fracture of one of the small bones below the knee, when crossing a fence on his way to visit some parishioners.—Rev. J. R. Reasoner has been dismissed by the U. P. Presbytery of Monmouth to connect with the Old School Church.—Rev. D. G. Bradford, former pastor of the Third U. P. Church of Allegheny, has been released from the pastorate of the First U. P. Church of Monmouth, Ill., to accept a call to the First U. P. Church of Chicago.—Rev. J. A. P. McGaw, late pastor of the South Henderson congregation, in Illinois, has resigned the Vice-Presidency of Monmouth College, to which he was vice-time since elected. He goes to Chicago to edit the *United Presbyterian*.—The U. P. Churches at Barnes, Vt., and Indiana, Ind., have had accessions of twenty-five and seventeen, respectively.—Rev. J. C. Herron, who emigrated with a colony a few months since from Western Pennsylvania to Lawrence, Kansas, organized there a United Presbyterian church in June, with thirty-one members, and on the 27th ult., seven more were added, one by baptism. Mr. Herron has been called to become the pastor. The prospects are very encouraging.

Revs. T. P. Stevenson, of Philadelphia, and McAllister, of Pittsburgh, are to be the editors of *The Christian Statesman, and Advocate of National Reform*, which is a private enterprise and not an official organ. Taylor, Lewis, Schuyler Colfax, Rev. J. R. W. Sloane are to contribute.—Rev. H. D. Northrop, now temporarily supplying the College Church, New Haven, has accepted the call tendered to him by the Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church, of New York, (late Dr. Clarke's) in July last. He will commence his labors the 1st of October. The church and congregation were entirely unanimous, not to say enthusiastic, in their choice for him. Mr. Northrop has won considerable reputation as an Evangelist and spent some years in London, where his preaching was attended by crowds and was followed with remarkable results.—The Rev. Richard Wylie was installed pastor over the First Presbyterian church, Napa, Cal., on Sunday, the 21st of July.

Growing Southward.—One of the missionaries of the O. S. General Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, writes from Lexington, North Carolina: "Our church here is progressing as rapidly as could be expected. The colored people here have bought land, and have a church in process of erection, and seem to be working harmoniously. The church was organized with forty-four members; since that time it has increased to sixty-four.—A correspondent of the *Banner* writes:—"A few Sabbaths ago, I administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to our church at Lexington, N. C. I found here an earnest band of Christians, numbering about forty-five, under the care of our licentiate, Mr. James Chesfield, formerly of Lincoln University. During the meeting we had good evidence of the blessing of God on the faithful labors of Mr. Chesfield. Thirteen persons, mostly young and very intelligent of their class, were examined and received to communion. The examinations were unusually satisfactory, though some of the applicants were not over twelve or fourteen years of age. The meeting was characterized by good order and decorum, and a very marked earnestness pervaded the congregation. The people are poor, like all others coming out of the house of bondage, but they are making heroic efforts to purchase a lot and secure a church."

The Rev. W. B. Rankin, who visited the East and North last winter, soliciting aid in the resuscitation of educational institutions in East Tennessee, writes in the following hopeful manner: "The buildings of Tusculum College are pretty well repaired now. The next annual term will open September 4th. The prospects are good. The same is true of Washington Female College; only more so. We cannot accommodate all the young ladies that apply for admission. Oh! for \$100,000 to feed the hungry intellect of East Tennessee. I would put it right into Tusculum and Washington Colleges."

Churches in Minnesota.—A correspondent of the *Presbyterian* says that in the present year the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota has doubled its ministerial force, increased the membership of its churches one-third, occupied seven new and important fields, and is now earnestly looking and praying for men to enter in and take possession of other new and growing missionary fields, already white to the harvest. Several churches have become self-sustaining. The churches of Winona and Lake City, Eyota and Plainview, are still vacant.

Another Protesting U. P. Presbytery.—The U. P. Presbytery of Calhoun, at its meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., adopted the following: "Resolved, 1. That the action of our commissioners to the last General Assembly and particularly in the judicial case on the Second Synod of the West [the McCane case] be approved; and that it is the judgment of this Presbytery that in issuing a case of so much importance which was not regularly before it, and in condemning the accused unheard, the General Assembly made itself liable to the charge of ecclesiastical tyranny, and that if this decision is to be considered binding liberty of conscience and speech in the U. P. Church are at an end.

Resolved, 2. That this Presbytery ask the Synod of New York to memorialize the next General Assembly to strike out the Sixteenth Article in the Testimony, and to insert in the Directory of Worship a rule conforming to the practice of the Church in the

teachings of the sacred Scriptures on the subject of Communion.

Church Extension in St. Louis.—About two years ago, Rev. H. C. McCook hired a hall, third story, over a beer saloon, in a part of the city where there were no Protestant religious influences. He commenced preaching to such as chose to come, and also opened a Sabbath School. His congregation increased—Sabbath School grew in numbers and interest—a church was at length organized. Last spring Mr. McCook determined to raise the funds to erect a house of worship. He has succeeded, and now the congregation are in a comfortable house of their own, the cost of which was \$11,000, and which is about free of debt. Gen. Fish, of the army, made the dedicatory address. During the services, the house was crowded. The collections taken up amounted to \$700. On the following Sabbath the house was well filled—and as for the Sabbath School, there was scarcely room for the crowds of children and youth.—*Western Presbyterian*.

Presbyterian Movements in England.—The English Presbyterian Church is busy filling up the new charges which she has recently organized. At Camberwell, in our own vicinity, the London Presbytery met yesterday (Thursday) to moderate in a call. The congregation have given a call to an eminent clergyman of the Free Church of Scotland. At Manchester a new congregation has been formed at Withington; and they have asked the Leicester Presbytery to moderate in a call to the Rev. James M. Naughton, one of the Free Church ministers of Glasgow. They will offer a stipend of 350*l*. They are taking steps to erect a church, and hope that they will open it free of debt.

Coming to the Eastern counties we find that Dr. McGilvray, of Aberdeen, a Free Church clergyman, formally opened the large public hall which the congregation at Norwich have purchased, and presided over a meeting of the congregation, at which it was agreed to elect Mr. W. A. Macallan a licentiate of the Free Church, to be their minister. They offer a stipend of 250*l*.; and his ordination will take place in a few days. Mr. M. has been officiating there for some time.

The congregation at Preston have given a call to the Rev. Alexander Bell, one of the ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Belfast. The matter came before the Presbytery last week; and the call was translated to Preston. The congregation promise a stipend of 300*l*.

The United Presbyterian Church are also taking steps to fill up some vacancies in their congregations in the North of England, at South Shields, and Bishop-Auckland. The former congregation have given a call to Mr. James. An ordination of a more than usually interesting character took place at Millwall, near London, last Saturday night. Mr. J. C. Whitmore, who was a reader in a Bible printing establishment, has been laboring as a missionary amongst the working population at Millwall with much acceptance; and the London Presbytery of the English Presbyterian Church resolved to appoint him to the pastorate there. The ordination took place in a large dining hall of the Millwall Iron Company's works; and there would be from 700 to 800 persons present, the place being crowded to the door.—*The London Christian World*, Aug. 16.

This church has made very decided progress. In 1841 there were 39 congregations; in 1851 there were 77; in 1861 there were 93, and now, in 1867, there are 112. In 1851 the estimated attendance on public worship was 22,000; the returns now submitted give 28,700.

British Items.—The Students' Missionary Association in connection with the Scottish United Presbyterian Theological Hall at Edinburgh has this year been the means of raising about £668; and this sum they intend to hand over to the London Missionary Society for their mission in Madagascar.—The Rev. Dr. John Nelson, of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation of New York, has been elected to the pastoral oversight of the congregation of the Reformed Presbyterians in Manchester.

The new United Presbyterian Church at Comrie, Scotland, has been opened for public worship by the Rev. Dr. George Johnstone, of Edinburgh. The church is seated for 500 persons. The cost of building, &c., amounts to £1,100; and the members of the congregation, aided by a number of liberal friends, have the pleasure of entering their new place entirely free of debt.—At the meeting of the Commission of the Free Church of Scotland, Dr. Buchanan, in reference to the proposal to increase to £200 the dividend to the ministers from the general Sustentation Fund, reported that the whole of the seventy-one Presbyteries of the Church, with the exception of four or five had been exceedingly encouraging. Nothing like opposition to the scheme had shown itself; and there was a general feeling that the time had more than come when a movement should be set on foot on a great scale for increasing the revenue of the Sustentation Fund.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS. Episcopalians.—Assistant Bishop Armitage has recently delivered an address to the Milwaukee Female College in the Plymouth Congregational church of that city; and some Episcopalians have already complained of the irregularity.—Another case of intrusion has recently occurred in New Jersey, the facts of which have been laid before the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York for their action. It appears that the Rev. Robert Murdy, D. D., lately of the Diocese of Kentucky, officiated by reading prayers and preaching, in the parish of St. Barnabas, Roseville, Newark, in spite of the protest of the rector, the Rev. Wm. J. Lynd. He has accordingly been presented by the rector and the Rev. Dr. Matson Meier-Smith, Rector of Trinity Church, Newark, for violating the Canons of the Church.—A new church of vast proportions is being erected by the parish of St. Ann's, Brooklyn, the Rev. Dr. Schenck, Rector. It is located on the corner of Union and Livingston streets, adjoining the chapel recently built, and is intended to afford seating room for twenty-four hundred persons. The style will be that known as the middle-pointed Gothic, and the estimated cost is \$400,000.—The new church building belonging to Grace Church, College Hill, Cincinnati, was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, on Thursday, August 11th. Bishop McVivaine conducted the services, assisted by the rector and others of the clergy. Grace church has been erected at a cost of \$15,000, and is paid for.—The journal of the Convention of New Jersey reports 110 parishes, 114 clergymen, 8,846 communicants, and 260,457 contributed last year.—There were 44 parishes, 41 clergymen, 1,804 communicants, and \$41,794 contributed in Louisiana the past year.—In the Diocesan Convention of Western New York, in session in Elmira last week, the report of the Committee of Fifteen on the Division of the Diocese, came up for long and exhausting discussion, which after a long and exhausting discussion, was adopted. The dividing line follows the Eastern boundaries of Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.—*The American Churchman* says: "It may be news to many of our readers, that the Church has planted her foot in the 'City of the Latter Day Saints,' the centre and strength of Mormonism. We celebrated the first service of the Church ever held in this city, on May 5th, the second Sunday after Easter." The *N. Y. Observer* adds: "The *American Churchman* is laboring under a slight mistake. The services of the Church have been maintained at Salt Lake for one or two years by Rev. Norman McLeod, a clergyman of the Congregational Church, who has been a faithful and faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ."

The *London Church Times* (Ritualist) remarks: "The truth is, the catholic party are not satisfied with the prayer-book, or any thing like it; only

they do not care to trouble Camarina. But if the matter is to be stirred, then they will put in a claim to have restored to them every thing of value that was lost at the Reformation, and they will never cease the agitation which their indiscreet opponents have begun till they have gained what they wish. Amongst these things are the inventories, the antiphons to the Psalter—at least on the greater holidays; a revised lectionary, fuller and more varied process, improved occasional prayers and thanksgivings, rules for the occurrences and concurrences of holidays, more precise rules as to vestments, the ancient introits, the ninefold *Kyrie*, the old graduals, tracts and sequences; the restoration of the canon to something like its ancient form, the omission of the second part of the words of administration, the restoration of the *Agnus Dei* weekly celebration and a set of votive masses, to say nothing of a great number of matters of detail."

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Special Notices.

Synod of Onondaga.—The next annual meeting will be held at Baldwinsville, N. Y., on Tuesday October 8, at 7 o'clock P. M. Opening services by Rev. Lewis H. Reid. Wednesday afternoon-Communion, followed by address on Home Missions, by Rev. G. N. Boardman, D.D., of Bangor, Me. Address by Rev. E. Huntington, of Auburn, on Education, followed by Rev. Henry Fowler, of Auburn, on Church Extension. Thursday evening-Prayer-meeting for Elders. Thursday afternoon-Meeting in behalf of the American Board of Foreign Missions. Addresses by Rev. O. P. Bush, D.D., District Secretary, and Rev. G. W. Weston, from Elmira, N. Y. Cars leave Syracuse at 6:30 A.M.; 1:45 P.M., and 5:50 P.M. Leave Baldwinsville at 10 A.M.; 2:25 P.M., and 7:25 P.M. L. H. REID, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Geneva will meet in the Presbyterian Church in Corey, Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 3 P.M. C. F. MUSSEY, Stated Clerk.

The Synod of Geneva will meet in Geneva on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 P. M. B. M. GOLDSWORTHY, Stated Clerk.

The Synod of Minnesota will hold its next annual meeting at Minnetonka, commencing on the last Thursday of September, 1867, at 7 o'clock, P. M. G. L. PUGH, Stated Clerk.

The Synod of Wisconsin will meet in the First Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee on Thursday, the 18th day of September, at 7 o'clock, P. M. B. G. LILLY, Stated Clerk.

The semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of Allegheny and Bedford will be held in Leora, commencing Tuesday, September 17th, at 7:30 P. M. S. B. HAYES, Stated Clerk.

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