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Our special correspondent in Europe corrects some of the misstatements of Bishop Wood about Calvin and Geneva; our correspondent in Pittsburgh shows how the acclimatization process is going on with some, and how badly it is needed by other immigrant Presbyterians; Two columns of Book Notices—all on Page second; Scientific and Rural Economy, Page third; Family Miscellany, Page sixth; and a powerful and deeply important address upon the relations of a cultivated pulpit to the masses, by Prof. Phelps of Andover, Page seventh.

We have copied from the October number of the *Little Corporal*, an admirable domestic story, the conclusion of which will be found on our family page (sixth) this week. The paper is published monthly by Alfred Sewell, Chicago, at \$1 per annum, and is certain to become a favorite wherever known.

Under our scientific head will be found an original article upon the whisky tax, the collection of which the writer regards as hopeless, and the imposition of it as accomplishing almost nothing besides the frustration of all attempts honestly to carry on any manufactures requiring extensive use of alcohol, and the encouragement of a degree of rascality and fraud which is utterly unfathomable and unmanageable. Our correspondent proposes that the tax be abolished, or reduced to a nominal sum, and that a heavy license be imposed in its stead. Being concerned himself with the manufacture of chemicals on the largest scale, and having suffered greatly in the faithful attempt to be in no way a party to frauds on the Government, a man of strict piety and temperance principles, his views should be heard with deference. His communication brings home to us the grave question whether the liquor interest is or not the ruling power in this country, whether it is to be allowed to profane our Sabbaths, corrupt our Mayors, debauch our public press, dictate our political arrangements and nominations, mob and murder such of our revenue officers as it cannot bribe, and defy the whole power of the government to control it for the ends of revenue. In a word, is there any policy short of prohibition that will reduce it to subjection or neutralize its boundless power of evil?

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

THE SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

The annual meeting of this Synod was held at Baldwinsville, in connection with Rev. J. F. Kendall's Church. The opening sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. L. H. Reid, of Syracuse, was preached on Tuesday evening—subject, the preaching of the cross the true antidote to rationalism; an able and excellent discourse. Prof. Huntington, of Auburn Seminary, was elected Moderator.

On Wednesday afternoon, beside the administration of the Lord's Supper, there was by appointment, an admirable address from Rev. Dr. Boardman, of Binghamton, on *Home Missions*. He put the cause on high and noble ground. With weighty words he urged the importance of increased efforts in this direction, and enlarged benevolence. He would have both pastors and churches give much more to this and kindred causes. By all right means he would "compel" the people to exercise a larger liberality, both for Home and Foreign Missions.

This admirable address was followed by an earnest discussion, in which Rev. Dr. Canfield, of Syracuse, and Rev. Solon Cobb, of Oswego, took a leading part. We are sure much good was done by address and discussion.

Wednesday evening was devoted to a public meeting in behalf of several of the causes of benevolence. The house was full. Profs. Huntington and Hopkins, of Auburn, spoke for Education; Rev. Henry Fowler, of Auburn, for Church Extension; and Rev. J. F. Kendall, of Baldwinsville, for Publication. We need hardly add, that these causes were well represented by these advocates.

A pleasant episode, however, occurred to the meeting on Wednesday evening. The Synod of Albany (O. S.) was in session in Syracuse, only twelve miles away. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of Onondaga had sent one of its number to convey its fraternal salutations to that body. At 7 o'clock the same evening, Rev. B. W. Condit, D.D., of Oswego, came into the meeting of the Synod of Onondaga to return the those friendly greetings.

Curiously enough, Prof. Huntington, the moderator, had formerly belonged to the Synod of Albany, (O. S.) and Dr. Condit had once been a member of the Synod of Onondaga, (N. S.) They had changed their relations, but not their theologies. In response to the salutations of the delegate from the Synod of Albany, the Moderator very gracefully alluded to these things; together with the fact that we have a brother of Dr. Condit of Oswego, educated like himself at Princeton, now, as he has long been, an honored Professor in Auburn Seminary, as evidence that we are still one—why should we be divided? The first thing on Thursday morning was an

Elders' Prayer Meeting, after the manner of those in connection with our General Assembly. The venerable Dr. Steele, of Auburn, was in the chair, assisted by Dr. Ford, of Cazenovia, two most worthy Elders. The meeting was continued for an hour and a half, after which Rev. C. P. Bush was heard for half an hour on the subject of Foreign Missions. He urged the present need of enlargement in this work; the grand opening now presented for Missions in China; the inviting fields of labor in many other countries; and the fact that if we do not now move forward in this work, the result must be most disastrous on many lands now half enlightened. It is simply cruel, after having given them light enough to disturb their faith in their old superstitions, now to refuse what more they need to bring them to the full knowledge of Christ and his salvation. It is pulling the drowning man half way out of the water, and then deliberately letting go our hold, and leaving him to perish. Millions are asking for the gospel, and now is the time to give it.

The following resolutions were also passed by this Synod, in accordance with similar action taken by our General Assembly, to which we would invite special attention.

1. Resolved that the chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees (on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, &c.) be enjoined to secure, by correspondence, or otherwise, an annual collection for the causes which they represent, in all the churches of the several Presbyteries—giving special attention to churches that are feeble, or that are without pastors; or where changes or other causes may lead to an oversight of these objects.

2. That all our churches be enjoined to adopt some regular systematic plan in making their annual contributions to objects of benevolence.

3. That we recommend the appointment of collectors in each congregation to gather up contributions for the objects presented, so far as is possible, from every person in the congregation.

4. That we recommend that all the families of our churches become subscribers for the Presbyterian Monthly, and also for the Missionary Herald, and that they read with special attention the communications therein presented.

The Synod is to meet next year in Binghamton, one week later than this year, i. e., on the third Tuesday of October.

SYNOD OF UTAH.—[DEFERRED.]

ENLARGEMENT.

The church of Clinton is talking of enlarging its house of worship by the addition of thirty or forty feet to its length. This is a grand move, and we hope it will be speedily carried into effect. More room is greatly needed for the present congregation; the village is also growing, and the church should be prepared to receive its share of the increase; while for Commencement purposes in the summer, the enlargement of that house would be a great public benefit. Happily also, the building would be architecturally improved by an addition to its length. It is now decidedly too short for the width. Every sincere friend of the church, or of Hamilton College, will earnestly hope that that project may be at once carried through to a successful completion.

OTHER MATTERS.

The new house for the President of Hamilton College was not so far along as we had hoped to find it. But a beginning has been made, and something more is plainly to be done at once.

The basement of the new Library Building is up; the materials, for which there was considerable serious delay, are now on the ground, and workmen are busy carrying the walls still higher. The plans indicate that it is to be one of the finest structures for library purposes in the country.

The improvement in the old chapel, to which we have before alluded, is very great. The new seats, the clean paint, the nice upholstery, make such a complete renovation, that we need to be told that it is the same place. Who can doubt but that its influence upon those who occupy it from day to day will be far more improving by reason of the pleasant change?

Over twenty students have united this year with Auburn Seminary; and something over fifty with Hamilton College.

Rev. H. P. Bogue, Tutor in Hamilton College, has received an invitation to preach for a year to the Presbyterian church of Potsdam; and Rev. S. L. Merrill, of Theresa, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Lysander.

GENESEE.

ROCHESTER, Oct. 12, 1867.

EXCLUSIVISM AND BIGOTRY JOINING HANDS.

An illustration of the above is found in the paragraphs which we take from the last number of the *Presbyterian* (O. S.)

The *Watchman and Reflector* (Baptist) adverts to the increasing opposition which is manifested in our Church against the terms of union between the New and Old School branches of the Church, and quotes a very emphatic announcement of the increase of this opposition from the *Northwestern Presbyterian*, after which it says:

"We are pleased to note the above, since the mission of the Old School Church as a conservator of a sound scriptural theology will not thus be dispensed with. The New School has, doubtless, been improving for years past, and getting nearer Bible standards. Let the improvement go still further before a fusion of the two Assemblies is attempted."

DR. ALFRED TREAT, son of Rev. Selah B. Treat, for many years one of the Secretaries of the American Board, has been appointed missionary physician at Pekin, China, and has sailed for China, via San Francisco.

FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11th, 1867.

DEAR AMERICAN.—Rev. D. S. Johnson, late of Waverly, N. Y., was, on Monday evening last, installed over the Hyde Park church. Sermon by Rev. D. Swing; charge to the pastor by Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, D. D., charge to the people by Rev. A. Swasey, all of this city. Hyde Park is a suburb of Chicago, and Bro. Johnson receives a warm welcome to the circle of our city clergy. He has a pleasant and highly promising field of effort.

NO MORE APOLOGIES WANTED.

Not a few among us are wearying of the apologetic and defensive tone of some of our New School papers in replying to the charges brought against our orthodoxy and Presbyterianism. When such a man as Charles Hodge grossly calumniates our body, it may be well enough to point out the falseness of his assertions. But when these things are alleged as reasons why a union should not take place between the Old and New School bodies, a dignified silence much better becomes us. Let it be always and every where pointed out and insisted upon, that the overture for union proceeded not from us, but from them; that with a willingness to be organically united with our brethren of the other side, whenever this can be done without a sacrifice of principles or a loss of liberty, we are not to be put upon trial of our faith, or defence of our position, past or present. If the O. S. party are at variance among themselves as to our soundness on doctrinal points, let them settle it among themselves to their own satisfaction, and then act accordingly.

Especially let us give over the attempt to show that as a body we hold to the theology of Princeton. Who does not know that this is not so? Individuals among us may and perhaps do; but certainly as a denomination we do not and why not put Dr. Hodge and others upon their defense in matters of difference? Only, as I apprehend, because the question to be asked and answered is not whether we agree upon all points and shades of doctrine, not whether Hodge or Barnes best represents our theology, but whether a basis broad enough for both Hodge and Barnes and all who follow with either can be found, on which we can agree to stand as those harmonizing in *fundamentals*, and content to differ upon points not essential. If such a basis is not presented for substance in the proposed plan of union, and cannot be found, all that New School men can have to ask is that it be clearly and everywhere known that the one sole reason of our continued separation is the refusal of the O. S. body to meet us on terms of equality. With whom the advantage will remain from such a conclusion we need not fear to ask. At any rate let us spare the humiliation of any further attempts to prove our orthodoxy. What would be thought of a woman who, after her hand had been solicited in marriage should consent to be put upon proof of her virtue?

NORTH-WEST.

News of Our Churches.

PHILADELPHIA FOURTH PRESBYTERY.—Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery met in Norristown Central Church, Tuesday evening, October 1st, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. James W. Wood, of Allentown.

The Rev. Richard H. Allen was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Earle and Hamilton, temporary clerks.

During the sessions of Presbytery there were present 28 ministers and fifteen elders. The principal items of business were the following:

I. Reception of Rev. Charles B. Dye from the Presbytery of Geneva.

II. Examination of Mr. William H. Little, (colored) and his reception as a candidate for the ministry.

III. Examination of Mr. William Hutton, licentiate, with a view to his ordination *sine titulo* and the taking order for his ordination at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

IV. Discussion of the Plan of Re-union as embodied in the Minutes of Assembly and the reference of the whole subject to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Adair, Shepherd, Helfenstein, Richards and Eva, and Messrs. Bodine and Perkins, Elders, with instructions to report to an adjourned meeting the action expedient for Presbytery to take.

V. Election of Rev. Messrs. Allen and Eva and Messrs. Farr and Locke, Elders, as delegates to represent Presbytery in the Convention called to meet in the city of Philadelphia on the 7th of November next, to promote the union of the various bodies of the Presbyterian church.

VI. Minute in relation to Rev. Albert Barnes as follows:

Resolved, That Presbytery has learned with deep concern and sorrow of the renewed affliction of our venerable and beloved co-Presbyter, Rev. Albert Barnes, and that we hereby tender him the expression of our sincerest sympathies under this dispensation, and the assurance of our most earnest desires and prayers for his speedy restoration, if God will, to accustomed labor and usefulness, hoping indeed, that he may be long continued not only in his relations to this body but also in the sphere in the church of God and the world, he has, for so many years, filled and adorned.

T. J. SHEPHERD, Stated Clerk.

GREENHILL CHURCH.—The annual meeting of the congregation was held last week. The financial report then presented showed greater pros-

perity than at any previous period in the history of the Church. There has been considerable gain in new rents within the year. The attendance at the regular services has increased and a very hopeful feeling prevails. Initiatory steps were taken towards the erection of a new and more commodious edifice.

NESHAMINY CHURCH, HARTSVILLE has been recently repaired and painted anew within and without, the walls and ceiling have been renovated; and the house furnished with new carpets, window shades, lamps, and stoves. Many of the congregation say, that this venerable church, which by successive alterations and improvements has become a very neat and tasteful sanctuary, never presented as satisfactory an appearance as it does now. In this respect it has no superior in the county.

MINISTERIAL.—In the last Minutes of our Assembly, Rev. S. Hawley is set down without a charge. This is a mistake. He has, for the last two years, had charge of one of our suburban churches. And the church, we are happy to say, has during the time had an accession of some sixty members, mostly by profession. Besides, their house of worship has been thoroughly remodeled, and the grounds finely improved and beautified.—*Cincinnati Herald*.—A. S. Powell, was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel, at the late meeting of the N. Missouri Presbytery. —Mr. Hall, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Lisbon, O. S.; is preaching in the bounds of the Presbytery of Trumbull, O. Rev. Wm. O. Stratton was also received from the Presbytery of New Lisbon into that of Trumbull.—The Rev. B. W. Chidlaw and wife celebrated their silver wedding on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at their residence, Berea, O.—Rev. W. S. Harker, recently of Pittsburg, Ind., has accepted the call from the new church of Larwill in Northern Indiana.—Henry L. Brown was ordained as an evangelist by Fort Wayne Presbytery, Sept. 25th.—The *Congregationalist* of Oct. 10th, says: Rev. Joel F. Bingham, of Buffalo, is to commence his duties next Sabbath as pastor of the South Parish in Augusta.—Rev. J. B. Morse has resigned the charge of the Presbyterian church at Clinton, Iowa, and accepted the appointment of the Synod of Iowa, as Principal of the Lyons Female College at Lyons, Iowa. He has already entered upon his duties, and the school opened favorably October 1st, 1867.—Rev. H. L. Stanley has resigned the charge of the Presbyterian church at Lyons, Iowa, which he has held for five years, and accepted the appointment of the Synod of Iowa, as Financial Agent for Lyons Female College. Rev. Geo. R. Moore has sold his in-stitation with three costly buildings and eight acres of ground which are valued at \$40,000 to the Synod, for \$15,000, including furniture and everything necessary to continue the school. The Synod has authorized the Agent to appeal to friends of education and of the Presbyterian church for aid.

CHURCH COURTS.

SYNOD OF MINNESOTA met at Mankato, Sept. 19th, and continued in session until the 23rd. The attendance both of ministers and elders was quite large.

A report of the chairman of a joint committee appointed by the Synods of the Old and New School churches at Stillwater last year was then received. It endorsed the plan of union adopted by the joint committee of the two assemblies, recommending a hearty concurrence in their action as a basis of equitable union.

The report was adopted unanimously after discussion. The O. S. Synod of St. Paul has voted unanimously against the joint committee's report.

The communion was administered on Sabbath. In the evening there was a popular meeting presided over by D. W. Ingersoll, Esq. After the preliminary religious exercises, the narrative of religion in the Synod was given by Rev. Lyman Marshall. Ten minute speeches were then in order on the various benevolent enterprises of the Church. At 6 o'clock, Monday morning, there was a missionary prayer-meeting devoted especially to the interest of the missionaries among the Indians. Some of the Indian missionaries made some very impressive statements concerning them. During the business session a deeply interesting and eloquent report was given by an energetic German minister, Rev. Christian Wisner, of the work among his countrymen, and strong resolutions were passed favoring active Christian labor among the Germans. Rev. Q. Joth followed on the same subject. A series of resolutions was then introduced memorializing General Assembly to petition Congress to extend the restraints and protection of the United States laws to the Indians in the same manner as to the freedmen and to foreigners. The Indian missionaries were very urgent for the passage of the resolutions and finally after a long and animated discussion, they were adopted.

The Presbytery of DACOTAH was divided into two Presbyteries, the Presbytery occupying most of the old ground to be called the Presbytery of Mankato, while the Presbytery of Dacotah lies mostly outside of the State and includes the Indian churches. A resolution was passed endorsing and recommending street preaching. The evening was devoted to farewell services. Rev. John Mattocks, the moderator, made a general, sharp speech, in which he complimented the people of Mankato very highly, and alluded to the fact of the three principal hotels having no bars, which was only an index of the high position the people had taken on all moral, educational and religious questions. Rev. Thomas Marshall, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Mankato, and in whose church the Synod met, then made a most eloquent and touching farewell speech. The Synod then adjourned to meet next year at Minneapolis, and after singing and prayer the audience dispersed. The Synod enjoyed the presence of Secretary Kendall, who made one of his powerful addresses on Home Missions.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CATSKILL met at West Durham. The Rev. W. S. Drysdale was received by letter from the Presbytery of West Jersey (O. S.) The Presbytery is quite reduced in ministerial force, some of the pulpits being vacant, and more supplied by men not members of the body, and of the four settled pastors, but one was in attendance.

ACTION ON RE-UNION.—The Synod of West Pennsylvania, meeting at North East, October 1st, unanimously adopted a paper on union re-

ported by the committee of which Rev. Herriek Johnson, D.D., was chairman, from which we quote the concluding paragraph:

"A basis of confidence is vital to a basis of union. We accept the report of the Joint Committee of the two General Assemblies as a gratifying indication of the presence of this confidence. We hail it with great joy for what it evidences of healed divisions and buried prejudices. Yet the grave responsibilities of the position demand the utmost frankness. The very magnitude of the interests involved should make us cautious to guard against all misunderstandings. Each body has a right to know what the other means. Substantial differences should not be covered up by vague and general terms. If a definite, specific statement would reveal a real issue, otherwise kept out of sight, by all means let the statement be made. Any other than thoroughly open dealing will imperil the whole movement, and threaten disaster to the most precious interests of the Church.

As a Synod we would therefore unanimously suggest: 1. Such a modification of the article on the doctrinal basis, as shall indicate that the 'system of doctrine' is meant the Reformed or Calvinistic system in its essential features. 2. A definite expression that shall settle the question in dispute concerning the legislative power of the General Assembly. 3. A clear and emphatic renunciation of usages that have grown out of former conflicts."

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Secretary Ellinwood writes to the *Presbyterian Reporter*: The Trustees of the Church Extension Fund long since appropriated all the funds received from the last year's collections, and cannot make further grants until the result of the effort to be made on the 2d Sabbath in December shall be known. In regard to the common complaint that our churches are not receiving as large grants toward church building as those of other denominations, it is only necessary to say a correct investigation of facts has shown that we are in this respect exceeding either of the denominations with which we have been more commonly compared. It is to be hoped that all the western churches will act through this Board in the contributions which they make to local calls. Their funds may be applied wherever they desire; and if special contributions are made for special cases over and above their fair contributions to the general fund, the grants of the Board will be supplemented accordingly. This secures all the advantages of a local appeal, and yet exerts a moral influence in favor of the whole work. If meagre funds are reported from the West that fact reacts disastrously upon the contributions of the East.

MISSOURI.—Rev. S. G. Clark writes from Greenwood: This is one of the finest regions in the world; and the people are coming, and it should be occupied. Can you not send at once two or three good, prudent, live men? I can do more in three months with church edifices than in an entire year without them. WE MUST HAVE THEM.

CHURCHES.—Our church at Holton, Kansas, formed since the 1st of January, under the missionary labors of the Rev. Charles Parker, are now erecting the first church in the county. It will be a very neat and commodious house of worship, and with the aid of \$500 from our Church Extension Committee, it will be completed at a cost of some \$2,500, free from debt, and ready for occupancy before the first of December.—The new church building at Power Hill, Ill., is completed, in accordance with the pledge they made to the Presbytery last spring.—The new church at Vandala, was dedicated September 1st. A correspondent of the *Presbyterian Reporter* says: We now have our church free from debt, having raised on the day of dedication \$2200, which was sufficient to meet all demands against us. Our church has cost us \$12,000. We have received outside our own community only about \$300, which was for the bell. Nine thousand dollars of the whole amount was paid by the members of our own church.—The Church of Stone Bank (one of the *Convention* churches) has just applied for a letter of dismission, to place itself under the care of the Presbytery of Milwaukee.—Within the past two years our Church at Neoga, Ill., has grown from a membership of fifty-four to one hundred and fifty-four, a gain of two hundred per cent. It is now self-supporting.—Vevay, Indiana, Church received eleven persons—one by letter and ten by examination. They were all heads of families except two.—The Church of Columbus, Wis., was dedicated September 10th. The whole cost of the edifice was about \$5,000. A remaining debt of \$300 was extinguished on the occasion. The building is a frame, 38 by 54, with a vestibule 8 by 22, and a pulpit-recess, and will seat three hundred. It stands a monument to the wisdom and worth of our Church Extension scheme.

WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE is to give its president (Dr. Henry L. Hitchcock) a much needed respite. His strength has been seriously impaired by continued overwork, and he is now advised by his physicians to relinquish his duties altogether for some months to come. He will probably spend the winter in Southern France or Italy, where it is hoped the climate may favor his complete recovery. The College, under his earnest and judicious management, has advanced greatly in public favor. Its graduates are taking a great rank in influence; and its new class of the present year is larger than any that has entered, with perhaps a single exception.

The Scottish Churches.—There are 2,600 Presbyterian churches in Scotland. Of these 1,000 or more belong to the Established Church, 1,000 to the Free Church, and nearly 600 to the United Presbyterian body, as appears from the report made at the late annual meetings of these respective bodies. From these it would also seem that the division which took place in 1843 between the Established and Free Churches, has been overruled for good to both Churches. The Established Church, for example, which never raised above from £40,000 to £50,000 a year for all its schemes of Home and Foreign Missions, as well as Education, this year reports £130,000 as the amount raised, while the Free Church, for all her purposes, reports £400,000 as the voluntary offerings of her people. The Established Church has raised by special efforts £400,000 in ten years for Church Extension and endowments to Chapels of Ease. The Free Church has raised over £5,000,000 since the disruption, for the building of churches, schools, manses and for education. The United Presbyterian Church has also profited by the disruption, for it has provoked her