

commend their example to some others. Much may be done at such meetings to forward the interests of Christ's kingdom...

CONTINENTAL SABBATH.

A week ago last Sunday we had in our quiet city, a slight illustration of the way in which they keep holy time in France, Italy, Spain and other countries.

The explanation was a procession of Roman Catholics parading the streets, headed by a band, on their way to the depot.

The quiet of that peaceful village was even more disturbed than our own city. Three or four thousand persons were gathered there...

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COL. STAUNTON'S DEATH.

We made mention last July of a scientific expedition to South America, of which Col Phineas Staunton, of LeRoy was one.

This is a heavy blow to LeRoy, and to Ingham University with which he has long identified himself. Mr. Stanton was in every sense a Christian gentleman...

DR. DAGGETT DISMISSED.

At an ecclesiastical council, which met in Canandaigua on Wednesday last for the purpose, Rev. Dr. Daggett was dismissed from his pastoral charge...

Rev. Oliver Elsworth Daggett, son of the famous Judge Daggett of New Haven, honorably born and honorably named, was settled in Canandaigua, in January 1845.

A CALL.

Rev. E. R. Davis of Avon Springs has received and accepted an invitation to Chillicothe, Illinois, and goes at once to his new field of labor.

Rochester, Oct. 19th, 1867.

A State Christian Convention of pastors and laymen, is called to meet at Peoria, on the 29th inst., for prayer and a free exchange of views upon the various questions of practical Christian effort.

- I.—How can we best reach and influence those who habitually neglect public worship?
II.—How shall the whole church be interested and engaged in efforts for those who neglect the Gospel?
III.—What can the laity of our churches do for Christ?
IV.—How can the unity of Christ's followers be better manifested to the world?
V.—How can the Gospel be carried to neighborhoods remote from the churches?
VI.—How can our devotional meetings be made more interesting and profitable to the unconverted?

The growing frequency of conventions of this kind indicates a general and happy awaking of Christians to the spiritual needs of the multitudes living in negligence of religion...

FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR AMERICAN:—The Synod of Peoria convened in annual session on the evening of the 15th inst., at the Eighth Church in this city, and was opened by a sermon from the retiring moderator, Rev. Wm. S. Curtis, President of Knox College.

Rev. E. A. Pierce, of the Calvary Church, Chicago, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. S. Wyckoff, of Knoxville, Scribe. Rev. Mr. Dunn, of New York, Secretary of the National Temperance Union, being present, was heard in exposition of the aims and methods of that organization.

In closing he urged upon the members of Synod the duty of the churches to enter earnestly and unitedly into the work of arresting the evil of intemperance, desiring them to take such action in the matter as should be deemed best.

A special committee appointed a year ago to devise a plan by which to render meetings of Synod more interesting and useful, reported the following, which was accepted and adopted: There shall be a prayer-meeting of one hour in length, each morning, before opening the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, missionary from Turkey, was heard with great interest on the missionary work in that country. In contrast to the general conception of a foreign missionary and his work, he presented a vivid picture of the reality.

In the evening of Wednesday, a public meeting was attended at the Second Church, where addresses from Dr. Kendall, of New York, and several others, were listened to on the subjects of Home Missions, Church Erection, and Education.

The reports from the churches were generally highly favorable, showing a decided advance during the past year in pecuniary contributions, and, in some instances, a very prosperous spiritual condition. As a whole, our denominational interests are steadily advancing, and our home missionary churches fast approximating a condition of independence of pecuniary aid.

A most excellent sermon on "Intercessory Prayer," from Rev. C. A. Williams, of Rockford, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper, filled up delightfully the evening of Thursday.

Nearly the whole of Friday was occupied with a tangled case of appeal from the Presbytery of Bloomington. Prof. J. W. Bailey, of Blackburn Seminary, was heard concerning that institution, showing it to be in a prosperous condition, and capable of being made of great efficiency to the interests of the denomination.

NARRATIVE.

Rev. E. H. Avery, Chairman of the Committee on the Narrative, submitted the following, which was accepted and adopted:

In briefly reviewing the history of the past year, we would first call attention to the material preparation which has been made for carrying on the work of the Lord. From all parts of the field embraced within the bounds of this Synod, there come reports of building for God. Some of our churches have been laid under the necessity of providing ample accommodation for growing audiences.

The great work of publishing the Gospel has not been neglected. With few exceptions, the churches connected with us have been supplied during the year with the stated ministrations of the word and Christian ordinances. And not only have regular and formal duties been discharged, but in many places vigorous efforts have been made to reach

outlying and destitute neighborhoods with the means of grace. In this way seed has been sown, some of which we may hope will spring up and bear fruit to God's eternal glory.

The interest of the young are receiving increased attention. This is manifested not only in the earnestness with which pastors and private Christians are laboring in the Sabbath Schools belonging to the several churches, but also in the reports that come up of mission schools established or carried on with new zeal.

Our benevolent contributions, though not fully up to the Gospel standard, are nevertheless such as to afford cheering evidence of a growing spirit of liberality. It is particularly gratifying to observe the almost universal expression of a purpose to remember in the way of contribution all those causes which are recommended by the General Assembly.

But it is a special privilege to narrate that God has not left us to labor in our own strength or by our own wisdom. He has been continually manifesting Himself as the Lord of the vineyard and Shepherd of the sheep. On every part of our field there have been gentle distillations of Heavenly grace, while some places have rejoiced in the great rain of God's saving power.

On the whole we have every reason to be thankful in view of the blessings received, and to be earnest and hopeful as we look forward. However great the work before us, however violent the opposition we must encounter, yet in the name of our God we may set up our banners, and on God's promise aid we may rely with full assurance while we press on in our glorious mission of winning and saving immortal souls.

Synod adjourned at a late hour on Friday evening, after an unusually long and good session. The tone of feeling at the devotional meetings was earnest and elevated, and gave promise of a year of spiritual prosperity to come.

Adjourned to meet next year at Sandwich, Chicago, Oct. 19, 1867.

PRESBYTERIAN. The Other Branch.

The Vote on Re-union.—The Presbyterian of last week counts eleven Presbyteries as voting for re-union on the basis of the Joint Committee, and thirty-nine against it. To this list there should be added one Presbytery voting in the negative, one in the affirmative, and two—Miami and Columbus—which may be classed as rather favoring the plan but seeking some modifications.

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