

American Presbyterian.

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A rejoinder from our Travelling Correspondent to Mr. Duffield's criticism, is in the hands of the printers.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.—The inauguration of Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and of Rev. G. R. Bowen, professor of Theology, will take place at Oxford, January 21.

A TRIFLE HIBERNIAN.—Is the itemizer of the Church Union of the race generally accused of perpetrating "bulls"? In the great sixteen page issue of that remarkable and successful paper, he says, very funnily: "Beg pardon of American Presbyterian for calling our attention to a mistake in credit."

This is a novel illustration of the doctrine of vicarious substitution, to which the attention of Princeton is respectfully asked.

As to the matter of the article in question, the Church Union says: "The report spoken of is a good one, save this: In an allusion to Bishop Cox, he is made to desire union only on Episcopal ground. We know of the bishop saying in a sermon recently preached, that so far from desiring union on that ground, he no more desired all men to become Episcopalians than he desired all men to become Presbyterians. These are not his words, but his meaning."

ANOTHER HARP IN SILENCE.—There are few teachers or scholars of Sabbath-schools in this country, who will not be saddened by the intelligence of the death of William B. Bradbury, the compiler of the Golden Chain, and several other Sabbath-school music books, and the composer of a large portion of their contents. He died on the 7th inst., at his late residence in Montclair, N. J. His last work, Fresh Laurels, came upon the public when the feeling of a surfeit of this class of books was beginning to be expressed; but against this reluctant welcome, it almost instantly secured for itself a popularity excelled by no one of its predecessors. The best explanation of this is found in the fact, that it was his gift from the confines of the shining shore. He prepared it while feeling his mortal frame in the grasp of death, and with heaven near, he filled it with the breathings of heaven. A large portion of its new matter, such for example as we find on pages 6, 73, 112, 117 befit the last hours of a Christian, wasting as he was under slow but sure consumption. He was a martyr in the service of sacred song, his decline having been brought on by too severe application. We speak of his harp in silence, but we mean it only for this earth. It is unspeakably pleasant to think, in connection with the translation of those who render such service to the Church, of the "song of Moses and the Lamb"—pleasant to indulge the assurance that now, "They sing the everlasting song, With those who have gone before."

MOORE FRATERNIZATION.

The Clergy at York, Pa., are making happy progress in accordance with the Signs of the Times. They have resolved as far as possible, to sink minor differences, and spend the Week of Prayer in a series of Union services.

On Sabbath evening, Jan. 5, the Presbyterian church was crowded to its utmost capacity, large numbers also being unable to gain so much as a standing place in the aisles or lobbies. The Pastor, Rev. H. E. Niles, was assisted by clergymen of the Methodist, Lutheran, Moravian, and Baptist Denominations; and the sermon was preached by Rev. W. P. Orrick of the Episcopal Church.

Subject.—The Time is short for Repentance, for Prayer, for Suffering, and for Christian Labor. Jno., i: 4. 1st Cor., vii: 29-31. Rom., xiii: 11-14.

On Monday evening, a similar service for Conference and Prayer, was held in the Episcopal Church—clergymen of different denominations occupying the chancel and taking part with the Rector in the Devotional exercises. The address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Niles, of the Presbyterian church. Subject.—Union among Christians of different denominations,—different Churches,—the same Church. Need of mutual charity, confidence and co-operation.—Jno. 17: 20-26. Eph. 4: 1.

Other meetings for the week were to be held successively in the various Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist and Evangelical churches—the Order concluding on Sabbath evening, Jan. 12th, by a sermon from Rev. Mr. Vaughan, of the German Reformed church, in the largest Lutheran church (Rev. Dr. Lochman's).

PRESBYTERIAN NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION.—The minutes of the Convention, and a full phonographic report of the debate will be published and ready for delivery by the 20th inst. Persons wishing copies will please send their names and orders promptly to Professor B. Kendall, 1230 Locust street, Philadelphia. Price, fifty cents per copy. The money should accompany the order.

Other Presbyterian papers will please copy the above notice.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL AT GENESEE.

Rev. George Folsom, the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian church of our connection in Genesee, preached a very interesting and valuable historical discourse to his people, last Sunday evening. It was the fiftieth anniversary since the dedication of the house of worship in which they still hold their Sabbath services. The church was organized eight years earlier; in 1810; but their sanctuary was finished and dedicated on the first Sabbath of 1818. Rev. Dr. Fitch, previously the President of Williams College, and then pastor of the church in West Bloomfield, grand-father of the Rev. Mr. Folsom, preached the dedicatory sermon.

The pastors of this church have been Revs. Norris Bull, D. D., 10 years; J. C. Lord, D. D., 1 year; J. N. Lewis, 3 years; B. B. Stockton, 5 years; F. De W. Ward, D. D., 7 years; and the present incumbent, who now enters upon his tenth year, strong in the confidence and affection of his people.

The church edifice, as first built, was only 45x55 feet, with fifty pews; but has since been much enlarged and improved. In 1825, ninety-one persons were received at one time into the fellowship of the church, the fruit of a powerful revival, under Mr. Bull's ministry. The church now numbers 152 members, and is every way in a pleasant and prosperous condition.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary of the Sabbath Schools of the Central church of this city, was celebrated last Sunday evening. The church school numbers 660 scholars; the West Avenue Mission School, 400; a German Mission School, 200. About 600 scholars from these schools were in the church on Sunday evening, occupying the gallery. The house was crowded, above and below. Addresses and reports were made by Geo. W. Parsons, Esq., who has now been for twenty-five years the popular and efficient Superintendent of the church school; by Henry Churchill, Esq., the Superintendent of the West Avenue School; and by Thos. Dransfield, Esq., the Superintendent of the German School.

Some facts of great interest were stated in regard to the Central school. Of its 660 scholars, 537 were present last Sunday; 477 are over 15 years of age; one girl was present who has not failed to be in her class on the Sabbath a single Sunday for seven years; and this, even though a part of the time she lived two miles from the church.

The Central School supports two Home Missions, at \$250 each; one City-Missionary at \$600, and four girls in connection with the Female Seminary in Beirut, Syria, \$80, each in gold. We can only add that 421 persons have been received to the church in the past year, on profession, from the Sunday School.

MEMORIAL VISITATION.

Wednesday of the present week was also a day of extraordinary interest in the Central church. By previous arrangement, twelve Committees were appointed, to go out in pairs, and visit every family in the congregation on that day. Notice was given on the Sabbath, and families were prepared to receive their visitors. In the evening a great congregation assembled in the ample Lecture Room of the church, to hear the reports of these Committees.

Some of them were young men, some comparatively recent converts, and quite inexperienced in such matters. Some started out with fear and trembling. And yet it was delightful to see with what remarkable uniformity they testified, that whether they had accomplished any good or not, to others, their own souls had been greatly blessed.

One said, "It has been a good day to me. It has made me feel my own need of more consecration." Another said, "It has been one of the best days of my life; a feast of fat things." Another wished, that instead of one such visitation in a year, they might have half a dozen; another desired it once a month. Another was astonished and delighted by the reception, which the Committee everywhere met; and still another was "repaid an hundred fold for all the labor of the day."

How it reminded us of the words of the seventy sent out by our Saviour, when they returned saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name." This is the true help of the pastor's work; better than colportage; better than city missions; the very work which the church itself needs for its own good. How strange that we do not have much more of it in all our churches; and how much better and happier their members would be.

IN MEMORIAM.

A beautiful volume, commemorating the life and services of Col. Phineas Stanton, A. M., and of Miss Marietta Ingham, both so long identified with the Ingham University of LeRoy, has been published by E. Darrow and Kempshall of this city. It contains an admirable "Biographical sketch" of Col. Stanton, from the graceful and discriminating pen of Rev. Dr. Parsons, of the same institution; and a sermon by the same author on the death of Miss Ingham; together with an account of the proceedings of a public memorial service for Col. Stanton, held in LeRoy in October, and the addresses of Dr. Burdard, Rev. Jos. R. Page and others, on that occasion.

Miss Ingham, it will be remembered, was, with her sister, the founder of Ingham University for young ladies, a woman of rare qualifications for such a work, and of wonderful consecration to it. She died last June. Col. Stanton gave instructions in painting, and was an artist of acknowledged ability and standing. He died in Quito, South America, where he had gone in connection with a scientific exhibition, on the 6th of September. He was a man universally respected and beloved. This volume well commemorates the virtues of two characters of more than ordinary force and excellence.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The catalogue of this excellent institution is before us, and contains the names of 183 students; 41 seniors, 54 juniors, 48 sophomores, and 37 Freshmen. The catalogue is admirably printed, from the press of the Utica Herald, and is full

of all matters pertaining to the College. We notice that there are fourteen scholarships of \$1000 each, for the benefit of students needing such aid; also that something handsome is realized by the competent and diligent in the way of prizes; over twenty such rewards of industry being distributed each year. The "Negrology," carefully prepared by Prof. North, contains brief notices of fifteen alumni of the college, deceased in the past year. The address of President Brown, at his inauguration last summer, is also published, in a separate pamphlet by the Trustees, together with the proceedings of the alumni meeting in the evening of the same day. Those who heard that noble address, will be glad to possess it in this permanent form. It is a remarkably clear and comprehensive statement of the proper sphere and work of the American College.

APPROPRIATED.

The good people of Horse-Heads seem to know how to show their appreciation of their minister, Rev. C. C. Carr, who has now served them in great faithfulness for about twenty years. They first took hold of the parsonage, and made it as good as new; new roof, new piazza, new paint and paper; all making it much more comfortable and attractive to the occupants. This being done they took possession of the house for a social evening, filling every nook and corner with a cheerful presence and, departing, left the pastor much richer for all the good things said and signified as well as for the \$200, more or less, of "legal tender" left behind. GENESEE, Rochester, Jan 11th, 1868.

FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR AMERICAN.—It is scarcely five months since I had occasion to chronicle the completion and dedication of this destined edifice, by the Y. M. C. A. of this city, of the noble edifice erected by the Christian enterprise and liberality of the Association and its friends. It is with sadness that I have now to tell of its almost entire destruction by fire. Of the whole vast structure only the wing facing on Madison St., a comparatively small portion of the edifice, now stands, and this much injured by water. "Farwell Hall" is only a brief bright memory. The fire broke out about nine o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, from what cause is unexplained, and in little more than a single hour its towering walls fell in with mighty crash, and the danger of a wide-spread conflagration was over. Immense quantities of combustible materials were however, stored on the ground floor, which being precipitated into the basement it became a vast crater of fire, upon which the steamers' live scarcely ceased playing as yet. Although occurring by day-light the spectacle of the burning building was one of very unusual grandeur, and the flames were distinctly seen from twelve to fifteen miles out on the prairie. The total amount of insurance \$102,000, which is \$50,000 less than the estimated loss upon the edifice, while the Association lost in addition to this, in books and furniture about \$15,000. From the moment it was perceived that the edifice was doomed, the determination that it should rise again from its ashes in more than its former perfection was formed in many thousand stricken hearts. That determination will take on visible form in the coming months, and Farwell Hall shall long be a memory only. It was a most fortunate circumstance that the fire occurred precisely as it did. A few hours earlier or a few hours later, and many valuable lives inevitably would have been lost. As it was, the calamity has not added horror of human life destroyed.

But what shall be said of the feelings of those most nearly interested in the sad event,—of the young men whose zeal and labors and unflinching faith and energy so recently completed this "House of Ag," as they fondly hoped it would prove, and of the Christian public whose sympathies, affection and pride were all invested in the magnificent edifice now no more? There were thousands of sinned, burdened hearts, as men, and women too, thought of all the bright hopes and expectation laid low in an hour. The building was of too recent construction to have gathered about it very many associations. And still there were not wanting even these. The history of the "Great Hall" though brief was deeply interesting, and the frequenters of the daily prayer-meeting had become pleasantly familiar with its ample and attractive "prayer-room." On Sabbath evenings Mr. Moody was wont to hold forth in Farwell Hall to thousands of hearers, not often less in other places of religious service. In fact it was already realizing the hopes of its friends as a strong center of religious influence, and a means of blessing and salvation to multitudes, especially of young men.

THE NOODAY PRAYER-MEETING.

While the fires were at their height the "hour of prayer" drew on. And lo! up and down among the gathered thousands who filled the contiguous streets, hand-bills freely scattered announced that the daily meeting would be held in the old place, the Methodist church block! Promptly at noon, Mr. Moody, the honored President of the Association, took the chair, and the meeting was opened.

You may be sure it was a meeting of no common interest. Only a square away, the devouring element was completing its work of destruction on their holy and beautiful house. The dense pall of smoke which overhung the spot was a fitting emblem of the dark cloud which seemed to settle down on their prospects. In the very midst of the Week of Prayer their house of prayer was laid in ashes.

But while all who took part in the exercises gave utterance to the feelings naturally excited by the disaster which had befallen the Association, there was also running through all the remarks and prayers a strain of confident hope and trust in God, a conviction, that even this severe blow would also work out higher and grander spiritual results than would have been in any other manner attained, by leading all to a higher personal consecration and a more entire dependence on God than ever before. Mr. Moody expressed the opinion that though the edifice were never to be re-built, it had already effected good enough to amply repay its cost, and narrated facts in evidence of this assertion.

The trustees are already taking the steps necessary to re-building. A collection in behalf of

the Association will be taken in our churches next Sabbath.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

is being generally observed in our churches with interest, though not as yet with any very marked results. The weather has been quite unfavorable to meetings and has now turned exceedingly cold.

ITEMS.

The New England Church, Rev. Dr. Gulliver's, inaugurated the New Year by the liquidation of an impending debt of \$41,500. They have also abolished their choir, and are guided only by the organ, a single voice and such others as voluntarily choose to congregate around this leader in the center of the church. It is greatly to be hoped that this experiment will prove so successful, as to be generally followed by the abolition of the costly and undevotional methods in vogue in this important part of public worship.

Rev. E. P. Goodwin, late of Columbus, Ohio, has entered upon his duties as successor to Dr. W. W. Patton, in the pastorate of the First Congregational Church.

Rev. A. M. Ballantyne, from Canada, was recently installed pastor of the Presbyterian church, (N. S.) at Brooklyn, Iowa.

Marshalltown, Iowa, calls to Rev. Joshua Cook, of Lewistown, N. Y., and is heard in spite of distance and the great Cataract, Lyons, of the same State, invites Rev. Mr. Keigwin, of Fulton, Ill., and probably not in vain. So our vacant pulpits in that State are being filled.

NORTH-WEST.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10, 1868.

News of Our Churches.

WILSON ST. CHURCH, W. P., contributed \$500 towards Church Erection last Sabbath.

CITY CHURCHES.—The Week of Prayer, commencing with the General Assembly's appointment for the first Monday in the year, as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world, was observed with the most encouraging indications of interest. The great union meetings were thronged, so that often standing-room was obtained with difficulty. At Dr. Cookman's church (M. E.) some twenty rose for prayer. In Manhattan the churches united for similar services. At Green Hill, Olive, and Coates Street Churches, services were held every evening, in the former they are continued every other evening, and in the last two every evening this week. The indication for a season of blessing in these, and in Old Pine Street Church, are very encouraging. Green Hill Church, Dr. Wiswell, pastor, received twenty-one members last Sabbath, twelve on profession.

FIRST CHURCH KENSINGTON.—To this thriving and populous and now mother Church, comes as pastor, Rev. J. Hervey Beale, who served as a faithful chaplain in the 1st Pa. Calvary for nearly the whole war, and who has been signally owned and blessed in his pastoral work since. The church at Christians, Del., to which he has ministered, experienced last winter one of the most remarkable revivals in the whole history of the Church in that section, the result of which was to raise it from the position of an almost extinct or moribund church, to comparative vigor and efficiency, the numerous additions (51) consisting almost exclusively of men, either young or in the prime of life. The First Church, notwithstanding her generous contribution of near two hundred members to "Bethesda," shows a Sabbath congregation apparently as numerous and animated as ever. The floor and galleries of the ample and beautiful audience chamber, last Sabbath were full. The report of the Sabbath-school contributions showed an aggregate of \$611 for the year; a large part of which, we understand, will go to the Treasury of our Home Missionary Committee.

FESTIVAL AT THE OLIVET CHAPEL, WILMINGTON, DEL.—The teachers of the Olivet Mission Sabbath-school, connected with the Hanover St. Presbyterian church, gave a very pleasant entertainment to the children on New Year's eve. The house was well filled, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The room was decorated with a handsome Christmas tree, and a number of beautiful flags; and besides the tables were burdened with confectioneries, adding beauty to the scene.

After some interesting religious exercises, the distribution of the good things took place to the satisfaction of all present. The occasion was one of much interest and pleasure to all, both children and adults.

About the close of the exercises of the evening, the pastor and his wife were very pleasantly surprised by the presentation of a large and handsome cake, besides other very valuable testimonials of friendship and kindness given by the "Young Men's Christian Association" of the Hanover St. Presbyterian church.

NEW CHURCH AT FAIRVIEW, N. J.—A Church was organized at this place, Dec. 11th, of nine members. Two Elders, Messrs. Hunt and Cooper, and a Deacon were elected. A lot has been donated by Mr. Denning, and the foundations of the building are laid. The plan contemplates a home to cost \$1500. This town is on the Camden turnpike about one mile above Bridgboro.

CHURCHES DEDICATED.—December 15th, a new church was dedicated in West Utica, accommodating between three and four hundred. It is the result of mission labors of the First Church of that city. December 22nd, the First Church of Joliet, Ill., dedicated their new house. It is of stone, 56 by 36, and cost \$5,500. This

Church is but a little more than a year old. It was organized in August, 1866, being formed in part by members of what was then the First Congregational Church. Centre Church (Crawfordville, Ind.,) has been enlarged by the addition of thirty pews. This has been rendered necessary by the revival of last Winter, bringing several new families into the congregation, and adding considerably to the regular audience.

A new Church was dedicated at Amesville, O., December 8th, with capacity for 250 people, costing \$4000.—The edifice of the Church at Minneapolis, has recently become too straitened for the growing congregation; and the building has been greatly enlarged, and otherwise improved and beautified, until now it is one of the most pleasant houses of worship in the city. Its completion was celebrated December 17, by its dedication anew to the service of the Master, and by the installation of the Rev. E. H. Carrier as pastor.—Herald.

RENAISSANCE.—At Prairie Bird, Ills. special services were held last month. The Herald says: Twenty-four persons were awakened and seemed deeply concerned for the salvation of their souls. Fourteen have been connected by profession of their faith, and we expect a number more at our communion season next Sabbath. Surely God has been with us and blessed us.—Newtown, Ind. A recent revival in this place was introduced by the following curious circumstance, related in the Evening Post: "Only a little while previous to the public meetings, several young men who had been regarded as somewhat wild, invited the pastor, Rev. Samuel B. King, to meet with them alone, for the purpose of special conference on topics in which they were interested, and bearing directly on their religious welfare. The request the pastor was obliged to decline, on account of other engagements. Very soon after the meetings began several of these young men were converted, and united with the church. Already seven—nearly all young men, have publicly professed their faith in Christ, and several more are waiting to do the same at the first opportunity.

At the mission station in connection with the Asable Grove Presbyterian church, between Keokuk and Plainfield, Ill., some twenty to thirty are the subjects of 'renewing' grace, and the meetings are still in progress. The probability is that a goodly number will be added to the membership of this church in that neighborhood at their communion season in January. The meeting is the fruit of effort to establish Gospel institutions in a neglected yet populous and wealthy neighborhood, undertaken by this church last Spring, and will evidently prepare the way for a separate church organization in a short time. A new Church was to have been organized last month.—Revivals are mentioned in the Herald at Buchanan, Mich., and Putnamville, Ind.: Of the former a correspondent writes: We have a revival in progress in Buchanan connected with the union meeting of the Methodists, United Brethren, and the Presbyterians. A large number have declared their purpose to serve God. It is now the fourth week that the meetings have been in progress, every night, with increasing interest.—The Evangelist also reports a revival at Mt. Lebanon Church, (seven miles from Jonesboro, Tenn.) A meeting was held from the 13th to 25th of December, under the preaching of Rev. James G. Mason, who supplies the pulpit one Sabbath in each month. God's Spirit was poured out, and the Church received twenty additions to its little membership.

MINISTERS.—The First Church of Peru, Ind., has extended a unanimous call to Rev. E. B. Thomson, late of Lane Seminary, to become their pastor. He has signified his acceptance of the same; expects to be with the Church on the first of February.—Rev. E. P. Gardner was installed as pastor of the First Church of Hoboken, by the Third Presbytery of New York, on the evening of December 5th. The sermon was preached by Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, D. D., the charge delivered to the pastor by Rev. J. D. Wilson, and the charge to the people by Rev. E. W. Hitchcock.—Rev. S. Murdoch, late of Cranville, N. J., having received a call to take charge of the Felton Church, Kent county, Del., and accepted the same, has removed to that place.

WAITING FOR RE-UNION.—A correspondent writes to the Herald from Coshocton, O.: "On last Sabbath an arrangement was made by which our Presbyterian churches will worship and work together for another year from July 1st, 1868, thus allowing time enough, as they suppose, for the General Assemblies to consummate their union. The Old School brethren are building a very handsome church, the finest in this region, and in a month or two the united congregations will take possession of it. We at present use the New School Church."

RESUSCITATION.—The Rainapo Works Church, N. Y., celebrated last December its first communion in perhaps nearly thirty years. The old organization has been revived and a pastor secured. Two persons made profession of their faith, and a number joined by certificate.

MARRIED.

PECK—STERLING.—In Lima, N. Y., on the 8th inst., at the house of the bride's father, by Rev. A. L. Benton, Union Park, West Bloomfield, by Elizabeth M., daughter of John C. Sterling, Esq., of the former place.

KENNEDY—SPRENG.—In Philadelphia, Jan. 9, by Rev. J. Ford Satter, John B. Kennedy, of Amoske, N. J., and Miss Chester G. Spengler, of the former place.

CAMPBELL—HITZER.—At Swanton, Montgomery Co., Pa., Dec. 19, 1867, by Rev. Thos. Yocum, Benjamin Campbell, of this town, Pa.; to Pele P., daughter of the late Geo. W. Hitzer, Esq., of Carlisle.

DIED.

TUNIS.—On the 6th inst., Thos. R. Tunis, Esq., brother-in-law of the Rev. E. B. Brewster.

Special Notices.

At the Presbyterian of Cheesman will hold its 42nd meeting at Big Flats, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Wednesday, 29th, at 2 P. M., the new Presbyterian church is to be dedicated. Sermon by Rev. T. M. Dawson, of New York city. C. C. CARL, Stated Clerk.

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At Philadelphia, Fourth Presbyterian stands adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian House, Monday, 20th January, 3 o'clock, P. M. T. J. SHEPHERD, Stated Clerk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 9, 1868.