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New York Tribune and the Infidels, Presbyterian Services on the Continent, The Sympathetic Cough, Missionary Life on the Border, page 21; Literary Intelligence, page 3d; Tennyson's Victim, and a good Miscellany for the Family, page 6th; Combination Dwellings, The Pennsylvania Germans IV, page 7th.

DR. ALLEN'S LECTURE.—In our last issue, we gave notice that Dr. Allen of "Old Pine Street Church," would deliver a lecture at Musical Fund Hall in the course of a week or two. We now have the pleasure of stating that the lecture will be given, at that place, on Tuesday evening, March 31st, at 8 o'clock. The subject of the Doctor's lecture will be: "Observations and Experiences in the Southwest." The Doctor's residence in that section, before, during and after the rebellion has fitted him to speak on the subject with authority. The proceeds of the lecture are for the benefit of one of our feeble churches. Due notice will be given of where tickets may be had.

Contributions for the Presbyterian Chapel at Interlachen may be sent to Alexander Whilldin, Esq., S. E. corner of Fourth and Walnut streets.

CHRISTIAN CONVENTION. The opening services will be held in Dr. Crowell's Church, Broad St. above Chestnut, on Monday evening next. A prayer-meeting will begin the service at 7 1/2 o'clock, after which addresses of welcome will be made by Rev. Dr. Newton, and Judge Strong, followed by Rev. John Hall D.D., of New York, on some practical theme, having special reference to Christian work.

The entire exercises of the Convention will be so conducted as to give practical information on Christian effort for the salvation of men. The Church needs voluntary workers. One of the main objects of this Convention is to promote this kind of work in all the churches.

Those purchasing garden seeds, are referred to Landreth's advertisement.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.—The American and Foreign Christian Union, which has for its speciality the evangelizing work among Roman Catholics of both continents, has hitherto received but little practical sympathy from the Methodist congregations or Conferences. This is more surprising in view of the fact that some of their leading clergy, from both the episcopate and eldership, have long been active members of its Board of Directors, and that for several years, the chapel of the Union in Paris, was served by an eloquent and influential minister of that Church. An effort is to be made the present season, to secure for the Union a distinct recognition by the Conferences about to assemble, as a channel for the contributions of the M. E. Church in that direction; and the Board has appointed Rev. Dr. Hiram Mattison its representative to forward this object, by personal attendance upon the meetings of the Conferences. The leading influences in the denomination are supposed to favor the object in view, which, if accomplished, will help to concentrate the evangelizing force of vital Christianity as opposed to Romish congregations.

THURBER'S KALIGRAPH, OR WRITING MACHINE.

We have been using for about a year, this marvelous combination of mechanical appliances for the relief of overtaxed fingers or eyes in writing. The Hon. Charles Thurber, a graduate of Brown University in the first class graduated under President Wayland, and at one time a member of the Massachusetts State Senate, now a resident of Brooklyn, was led, under the pressure of personal necessity, that fruitful "mother of invention," to contrive a machine by which the exhausted muscles of the fingers might be relieved of the duty of grasping the pen, and by which the whole work of guiding its motions might be transferred from the hand and fingers to the arm. We cannot here describe the machine, which is the admiration of all mechanics, but can only say that it is not only perfectly adapted to the particular necessity originally contemplated, viz:—weakness of the hand and fingers, but also serves quite as good a purpose for persons who, from weakness of the eyesight, dare not look narrowly at the characters they write. We know of the case of a prominent clergyman in this city, who would be compelled, by the critical condition of his eyesight, to lay aside the pen, if it were not for the relief afforded by Mr. Thurber's machine.

Although the price of the machine is high, (\$100) it has brought no emolument, but rather loss to the inventor; and those whose profession requires them to write a great deal, and who are more or less disabled in hand or eye, will find it worth all it costs, many times over.

It is not adapted to entries in books, but to continuous writing, sermon making, and literary labours generally. Printers have no difficulty in reading copy thus written. And while practice makes the writing look much handsomer than that done by hand alone, there is no more difficulty in learning to write legibly, than in learning to paint an address upon a dry-goods box.

We insert this notice believing that it may reach the eye of some one suffering for want of just such a mechanical contrivance, and hitherto in ignorance of its existence. Any inquiries from such persons will be cheerfully answered, and the machines may be ordered through this office.

MORE REVIVALS.

In the churches of the other Branch, the outpouring of the Spirit has been continued in many quarters; and with abundant results. The Pres. Banner says that Industry Church in Alleghany City, a new organization, has had eleven accessions; in Remersburg, Pa., sixty-six accessions; and in the joint charge of Middle Creek, eighteen, including one deaf and dumb man; in Athens, O., nine accessions; in Greencastle, Pa., where a new church edifice was recently dedicated, fifteen accessions and others inquiring; in Harlem, O., forty accessions, thirty-three on profession of faith, among whom were several heads of families, and a number of students in the College; in the joint charges of Marysville and Milford, Centre, O., forty-seven received to communion; in the First Church of Newcastle, Pa., about twenty have experienced change of heart; in Glarinda, Iowa, eighteen have been added; in Farmington, Ill., over one hundred have been converted in the Congregational and O. S. churches, one-half of which have united with the latter; in about 100 in the Presbyterian reports religious interest in the Fifth Church, Cin., where thirty have been recently received, seventeen on profession; in Jeffersonville, Ind., where twenty or more have professed faith in Christ. The North Western Presbyterian reports revivals in Virginia, Ill., where about fifty profess to have found peace, and others are still inquiring; in Carthage, Ill., where seventeen have made open profession, and others rejoicing in hope; in the Scotch Church, Chicago, in connection with the Church of Canada, where the Lord is giving Dr. Burns many souls to his ministry; in St. Louis, where in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, over fifty hopeful conversions are reported, and in Dr. Brock's Church, large accessions. Dr. Nichols of that city writes of the interest in his church: "So far there have been over one hundred and twenty inquirers, and over eighty of them have expressed a hope."

The Congregationalist and Recorder reports among the Churches of that order, revivals in North Brookfield, Mass., where quite a number have turned to the Lord; at Sandwich, thirty or forty were converted; in Raymond, N. H., a general and powerful revival; at Keene, thirty-one received since the Church was organized in October; at Springfield, Vt., thirty-one received March 1, twenty-six on profession, including five entire families; at Wells River, Vt., twenty added at the same date, nine of them heads of families, more than as many men have declared for Christ; at Chelsea, Vt., same date, fourteen received; at Westminister, West., (same date), twenty added, while twenty-five were gathered into four neighboring churches; at Bloomfield, Conn., fifteen accessions, twelve on profession; at Groton and Newington, in the same State, powerful revivals have been experienced.

Among the Baptist churches, the Examiner and Chronicle of last week, records revivals at Amsterdam, N. Y., when Rev. J. E. Cheshire baptized twenty-one on a recent Sunday, and twenty more are seeking Christ; at Olean, N. Y., where fifteen were immersed recently, and others will soon be; at Pittsboro, N. J., where over seventy profess conversions, and forty-one have been immersed; at Columbus, N. J., where Rev. W. D. Seigfried has baptized fifty-four this season; at Sharon, Pa., where twenty have been received and others are expected; at Meadville, where 41 (including 31 heads of families) have been gathered in.

For a goodly list of revivals in our own branch, see Correspondence and Church News.

NEW CASTLE UNION CONVENTION.

NOTE FROM THE CORRESPONDENT. Pittsburgh, Mar. 10, 1868.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN:—Allow me to correct an unintentional error in my report of the Presbyterian Union Convention at New Castle, in your last issue. In the hurry and bustle of the close of the Convention, in order to reach the cars, I was unable to see the official record as to the negative votes, and thought I was correct in the names reported. I rejoice to find that several of the brethren named finally concluded not to record their names. Possibly, indeed, I was equally mistaken in thinking they had any intention to do so. I find, by the official record in the United Presbyterian, that instead of Rev. Mr. Torrence, Dr. D. X. Jankin, and Rev. Mr. Riggs, and others, there were but the latter named; also, Rev. N. M. Edgar, and Elder Day. Of these, Bro. Riggs is heartily in favor of union, but cannot give up the hymns. Brother Edgar is not now in the active duties of the ministry, but from poor health is now engaged in business, and since the meeting came to me and stated he was in favor of union.

I have conversed with a large number of U. P. and O. S. brethren since the meeting. The U. P.'s, without one exception, say they will go heartily and earnestly for union on this basis, but that they cannot farther. A number of the O. S. and some of the N. S. also, will do the same under protest, however, in regard to the interference with their liberty. Others scout the idea of giving up the hymns. They will have none of it.

Let it all be frankly, manfully, kindly spoken out in the spirit of love. If we cannot come together confidingly, let us stay apart. Some laugh at me as dull and short-sighted for trusting the U. P.'s. Perhaps they are right. For one, I am willing to trust those true-hearted, earnest workers in the cause of the Master, and whose record on the Slavery question is so creditable to their heads and their hearts. Let us have more New Castle Conventions. Love earnestly out. J. S. T.

We learn that in Dr. Robinson's church, Brooklyn, the handsome amount of \$1,335 was collected on the plates, for Church Erection, after an appeal by the Secretary, Dr. Ellenwood, last Sabbath.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

REVIVALS.—The meetings in Victor have continued ever since the week of prayer. The young pastor has had no assistance from abroad. There have been fifty or sixty conversions, among whom are fifteen or twenty young heads of families. Twenty six were received to the church on the first Sabbath of February, and thirty five more are expected to come forward at a later day.

The great work of grace in Susquehanna, where about one hundred are converted, has some features of peculiar interest. The immense repair shops of the Erie Railway are located there, employing a great number of hands. The Company have not been unmindful of their interests. The chief engineer especially, Mr. Gregg, has manifested a noble regard for their intellectual, social and moral welfare. In the building of the ample depot, the second story was finished off as a chapel, with seats, platform and desk, all admirably arranged for lectures, concerts, or religious meetings. In this place, the most commodious and convenient in the village, a Union Sabbath School Concert is held every month.

Mr. Gregg has also encouraged the employees of the Road to form Literary Societies for mutual improvement. The engineers have their club room, the Machinists theirs; and a fine Reading Room and Library are established for all. Mr. Gregg himself is a member of the Presbyterian Church, (Rev. S. H. Moon, pastor), and an earnest intelligent worker in the Master's service. It is by such labors, with God's blessing, that such spiritual results are realized.

A glorious revival has visited the church in Trumansburg. It followed the week of prayer. For fifty consecutive nights there was preaching by the pastor, Rev. Wm. N. Page, followed by prayer and conference meeting. There has been a great quickening among the members of the church, and a large number of persons are hopefully converted, some not over twelve years of age, and some as far advanced as seventy-five. The heart of the young and faithful pastor is greatly cheered. About seventy-five persons have been added to the church since he took the oversight of it only one year and a half ago.

Thirty four persons were received last Sabbath to the Presbyterian Church in Deposit, a part of the fruit of the recent quickening in that place.

ITEMS.

Rev. Dr. Curtis, of Elmira, has received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, that to which Dr. Nelson has ministered so well for the last ten years. Dr. Curtis is one of our strongest men, much needed and liked in Elmira; but if St. Louis can make out a stronger claim, we suppose she will get him.

The Presbyterian Church of Wolcott is supplied with a new organ of fourteen stops, made at Westfield, Mass.

Rev. A. B. Lamberon, of this city, has given \$1,000 to Hamilton College to found a scholarship.

St. Peter's Church of this city, (O. S.), failing to get Rev. S. S. Mitchell, have now given a call to Rev. M. H. Hutton of Mt. Vernon, near New York. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Hutton of New York; is now in the Dutch Church; but St. Peter hopes to remove him to this city, with a slight change of his ecclesiastical relations.

SOCIAL.—The parish of Rev. Dr. Knox, of Rome, rallied in forenoon at the house of the pastor for a social reunion. In spite of the great storm prevailing every nook and corner of the parsonage was filled, and the evening passed pleasantly away.

The good people of Lima have been kindly remembering their esteemed pastor, Rev. A. L. Benton, in their annual gathering at the parsonage. There was a house full of them; an evening well spent; and some \$300 left behind for the benefit of the pastor and his family. The ladies of this church are also moving for a new Lecture Room, intending by their own exertions to raise \$2,000 as soon as possible for this purpose.

THE AUBURN LIBRARY fund has now reached the sum of \$6,000, and bids fair to be a complete success. Edward C. Selover, one of the young men of the city gives \$500.

THE LADIES OF UTICA are making great exertions to aid in rebuilding the Female Seminary, which was destroyed by an incendiary fire two years ago. For this purpose they are soliciting funds, and preparing for a grand Bazaar in June next. We notice that with characteristic generosity, T. L. Kingsley & Son, the eminent clothing merchants of that city, recently gave to the Ladies Seminary Association, the profits of one day's sales in their extensive wholesale and retail establishment. It comes easy to them to do just such things.

OBITUARIES.—The death of Geo. L. Dickinson, Esq., of Utica, is announced in the papers of that city. For twenty-five years he has been known as a most upright and enterprising business man, at the head of a large and prosperous business house. He was also an esteemed and useful member in the Westminster Church, where his counsels and labors will be greatly missed.

The mongrel church, which was formed some two years since in connection with the Water Cure establishment at Danville, has been dissolved. Dr. Jackson, (M.D.) who is at the head of the cure, and who is a famous talker on a great variety of subjects, politics, moral reforms, bloomers and the like, and who was ordained as pastor of this church, throws up his commission, resigns his charge, disbands the organization, and lets things go back to their original chaos. It is quite as well so. It is not much of a church, anyway, and did not gather to itself much of the confidence of the surrounding region.

We are also pained to hear this day of the death of HON. HENRY WELLES, the oldest of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State. He died on Saturday the 7th instant, in Penn Yan. He was about seventy-five years of age, and has served upon the bench for a little over twenty years, every inch a judge; not rapid or brilliant, but careful and sure; an able, patient, incorruptible man. And better still, he was a thorough Christian, an elder in the Presbyterian Church; deeply interested in all religious matters, and always doing what he could for the spread of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad. He will be much missed, both in his judicial and church relations.

The funeral of Judge Welles was attended at the Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan on Tuesday the 10th. His associates on the bench, Judges Johnson, E. D. Smith, and James C. Smith, and

many other distinguished citizens, from near and from far, were present. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. David Magie, pastor of the Church in which Judge Welles had so long been an elder. It contained a high and deserved eulogium upon the character of the deceased, the just Judge, the patriotic citizen, the consistent Christian, the loving husband, father and friend. He died in the fullness of his honors and his faculties, respected and beloved by all.

DEATH OF MRS. BARNARD.—The venerable Dr. Barnard, so long time the honored pastor of the church in Lima, has recently been called to mourn the death of his excellent wife, with whom he had walked in the pilgrimage of life almost fifty years. She was a help meet for a clergyman; useful, honored and beloved in the parish. She has been for some time failing, and at last passed gently away to the rewards of the best.

ROCHESTER, March 14, 1868.

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR AMERICAN.—A bird's eye view is no doubt favorable for certain purposes, and your correspondent "On the Wing," seems to have seen some things from his elevated position, not visible to mortals less eligibly situated for a coup d'oeil. Thus, for example, only one "On the Wing" would have been able to discover the "jealousy" (!) of Milwaukee which consumes the bosoms of Chicagoans, and which is probably only equalled by that of the business men of Philadelphia, of its powerful rival just over the Delaware line. Then again the decadence of Chicago, which he so feelingly predicts, its waning before the rising greatness of St. Paul and Superior City, though trying to our feelings, is probably to be accepted as true; since one "On the Wing" must doubtless be able to see far into the future; while the rapidity of his glance can not be supposed at all to impair the value of his vaticinations. The only thing to be regretted is that he could not have given wider currency to his prognostications, as it might have checked the immense rise in real estate now going on all over the city, and the investments in business structures of the most costly description which the coming season is to witness, to the ultimate ruin of those whose unwise faith in the future of our city is thus leading them on. I trust that the next time your correspondent shall come among us, he will arrive by some one of the several lines of railroad now entering our burgh, and thus obtain a more mundane view of its condition and prospects. The airy and flighty method of vision, though having, as freely admitted, its advantages, has, at the same time, its drawbacks.

The floods have lifted up their voices and stretched forth their hands over all the region about and beyond us. Bridges and dams swept away, towns submerged, mills carried from their sites, railroads rendered impassable and travelling interrupted, are among the incidents of this almost unparalleled watery visitation. Immense loss and damage must needs accrue to individuals and corporations. The heavy snow fall of the first day of the month, succeeded by unusual rains, and the frozen earth, which allowed none of the floods of water to enter the ground are the occasion. It now looks as though an early Spring were before us.

Many eyes are turned thoughtfully and prayerfully toward your city at the present time, and the results of the deliberations of the Joint Committee are waited for with deep solicitude. May God give wisdom and prudence to those on whose conclusions so great interests wait.

Mr. Henry Morehouse, the "boy preacher" from England, has been among us for some weeks, and is attracting considerable numbers to his "Scripture Readings," and his preaching. Mr. M. is fervid and fluent, and sets forth the way of salvation with simplicity and not without effect. He began preaching at nineteen, but is now twenty-five years old. He is, however, wordy and diffuse to the last degree, and with few of the elements of a great or powerful pulpit orator.

The State Convention in Indiana, called in the interest of union among the several Presbyterian bodies, assembled yesterday at the First Presbyterian church in Indianapolis. Rev. Joseph Tuttle, D. D., of Crawfordsville, was chosen President, and Rev. John McMaster, Rev. Nathan C. McDill and Col. James Blake, Vice Presidents.

The following topics of discussion were brought forward for consideration by the business Committee.—1st. Would the real spiritual unity of the people of God be advanced by an organic union of all believers. 2d. Is the union of the various branches of the Presbyterian Church in the United States desirable and practicable on the basis adopted by the recent Union Convention at Philadelphia. 3d. What can be done to bring the several branches of the Presbyterian family in this country more closely together.

It was resolved that a business committee of two be appointed from each branch of the Church. The afternoon session was occupied with a discussion of the first topic, and considerable opposition to an organic union was developed. The majority of the convention, however, appear to favor such union. The attendance was large, despite the unfavorable state of the weather.

NORTH WEST.

GERMAN STREET CHURCH.—The 1st Church, of Southward, of which Rev. A. Culver has recently taken charge, is making encouraging progress. Last Sabbath, the attendance at communion was regarded as the largest for a number of years. Five new members were added; some who last year had taken their certificates of dismission, returned them; a number are concerned about their souls; and several certificates are promised for the next communion. The Church is now blessed with harmony and good feeling; the attendance upon the Sabbath and weekly services, and Sabbath-school, and Bible-classes, is constantly increasing. The pastor has recently begun a Bible class on Sabbath afternoons, upon the plan of that which was so largely attended in his previous charge. All feel hopeful that old German Street Church is to be blessed with permanent prosperity.

News of Our Churches.

At a meeting of Philadelphia Fourth Presbyterian held 2d Oct., 1867.

The Rev. Wm. T. Eya and Dr. Paul, Elder, were appointed a Committee to prepare and report a minute expressive of the sense of Presbytery in relation to Elders who are appointed to represent the Churches and who fail to attend. The Committee reported the following which was accepted and adopted to wit:

"Our Form of Government (See chap. x. secs. 2, and 3.) contemplates the representation of every Church by an Elder in the meetings of Presbytery. Such representation is essential, not only to the carrying out of the spirit and design of our Church polity, but also to a proper and intelligent interest, on the part of our sessions and Churches, in the Work of God committed to our trust. And it ought, by every Church, Session, and Elder to be considered not only a right and privilege, but a duty to secure such representation.

"But the Presbytery observes with pain, that a large number of our Churches are very commonly not thus represented in its meetings; and that even, in cases where Elders are appointed by their Sessions to attend, they fail; it cannot be doubted, sometimes from insufficient and trivial reasons to discharge that duty; therefore

"Resolved, that Presbytery deplore the delinquency of many of the Elders of our Churches in this matter; and would recommend to and enjoin upon the Sessions of the Churches to give attention to the subject, and take such measures as may be adapted to secure the end in view, not only by appointing Elders to attend the meetings of Presbytery, but also by calling them to a proper account for their failure to attend when so appointed; And that the Stated Clerk be directed to send a copy of this minute to every Elder in each Church, under our care.

NORRISTOWN, PA.—A happy condition of things exists in the Central Church, as a result of a series of meetings through January last, beginning with the Week of Prayer, and prolonged for a month. Dr. Allen, of Pine street Church, was with us two evenings. The Sabbath-school is large, and a pleasant religious feeling prevails in this hopeful department of the church. For several weeks, the Old and the New School held their Wednesday evening lectures in each other's churches. It is probable that both the Pastors of these churches are strong "union men," anxious for the time when there shall be but one denomination. The September Convention, in your city did more for "union," here, than all the declarations and resolutions of all the bodies that ever moved on the subject had done heretofore. We hear with deep sorrow of the illness of our former pastor, Rev. D. G. Mallory, now of Beverly, N. J. May the Lord put His arms of everlasting love around him."

FARLTON, N. J.—The Week of Prayer was observed by our Church in this place, in connection with the M. E. Church, and the interest was so great that the meetings were continued from week to week in each church alternately, until the close of February. At the last communion, March 1st, twenty-one were received to our connection, and eleven to the Methodist, and others are expected.

CHESTER CITY CHURCH.—The Chester City Presbyterian church is rejoicing in another outpouring of the Divine Spirit. The work dates some weeks back. An earnest spiritual longing on behalf of the members of the Sabbath school, impelled to prayer. Three weeks since, special services were inaugurated. They have been characterized by great solemnity and spiritual fervor. On one occasion, a large number of the members of the Church present, asked prayer for themselves and their families. The work has been more radical than any in the history of this Church. On Sunday, March 15th, eighteen persons were admitted to church membership on profession. There are additional cases of awakening and conversion. The quality of the converts is very excellent. More than half are males. Some have been indefatigable workers in the Sabbath-school before conversion. One individual was brought up a Romanist.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. S. D. Smith is to supply the pulpit in Delhi, O. for a year.—Rev. H. W. Stratton was installed pastor of the Cong. Church in Huntsburg, O., by a council of ministers and laymen from the neighboring Churches of that Order and our own, Feb. 25.—Rev. J. L. Jones laboring at Salina and Solomon, Kas. on the U. P. R. R. recently received four to membership in the former charge, and is to receive seven in the latter at an early date.—Rev. R. M. Overstreet, Franklin, Ind., has received and accepted a call from the Presbyterian church of Sandwich, Ill., and has commenced his labors.—Some of Rev. A. C. Shaw's people, Claysville, N. Y., recently presented him with \$126 in a quiet way, which in the depressed financial condition of the village is a very generous gift.—Rev. Chas. P. Robinson, D. D., who has lately resigned the charge of the First Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, will go to Europe for a short time take charge of the American Chapel at Paris.—Rev. O. H. Barnard has resigned the charge of the North Bergen (Genesee county) Church. His address is Brockport, N. Y.—Rev. R. M. Overstreet (O. S.) of Franklin, Ind., has received and accepted a call to our Church, Sandwich, Ill.—Rev. W. P. Barker, of the Maharratta Mission, being prevented by illness from returning to India at present, is at South Wales, Erie county, N. Y.—Rev. Joseph H. Robinson, of Cornwall Landing, N. Y., died on the 4th inst., after a brief illness of ten days, in the 33d year of his age. He was at one time the pastor of the First Church in Williamsburgh. He had been in his present charge for something over two years, and