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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1868.

On the Wing in Cincinnati; An Appeal to Farmers, Henry Bewley...

The attention of Elders in the Third and Fourth Presbyteries is called to the announcement of the adjourned meeting to be held this evening in the Western Church.

"The Presbyterian Monthly" is sent free to all Honorary and Corresponding members of the Committee of Home Missions.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., Mr. P. H. Hunt and his wife, late of Madras, sailed in the Ocean Queen for Aspinwall, en route to China by the Pacific Mail Steamship line from San Francisco.

Two young ladies accompany Mr. and Mrs. Hunt: Miss Mary H. Porter, of Wisconsin, to be associated with Mrs. Bridgman in the instruction of her school in Peking; and Miss Mary E. Andrews, from Ohio, to reside in the family of Mr. Chapin, and labor among Chinese women, at Tung Chow, a large city twelve miles south of Peking.

Rev. Mr. Allen's Lecture on the Trials of Unionists during the War, Characteristics of the Southern people and other interesting topics, will be given in Musical Fund Hall, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Publication of the Other Branch appeals for means to supply the Domestic Missionaries of their Church with "that valuable work, Hodge on the Atonement."

We expect to publish in our next a full report of the Christian Convention which met in this city this week. A report of the Re-union Convention, at Easton, will be found on our seventh page—inside.

Will not our sturdy farmers give heed to the claims of the Church Erection cause, so forcibly urged upon them by the excellent Secretary, Dr. Ellinwood, on another page of this paper?

The following magazines for April are received: Lippincott's; Atlantic Monthly; Our Young Folks; Harper's New Monthly; Arthur's Home Magazine; Presbyterian Monthly; Sabbath at Home. Also Blackwood for February, Guthrie's Sunday Magazine for March.

GERMAN ST. CHURCH.—The people of this charge gave their pastor a surprise visit, March 19th. During the absence of the pastor and his family, the whole house was metamorphosed by new carpets and curtains, and the cellar and larder were well supplied with coal and provisions.

NORTH BROAD ST. CHURCH.—Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, New York, now pastor elect of North Broad St. Church in this city, preached to a large audience in that Church last Sabbath.

OLD PINE STREET CHURCH.—The friends of Old Pine Street Church will rejoice to hear of the precious work of grace going on in this congregation. Rev. R. H. Allen, the pastor, has been preaching every evening for more than two weeks. Thirty-five persons have united with the church up to this date, and the meetings still continue with increased interest.

The Christian Convention met in the Penn Square Church on Tuesday evening last, Judge Strong temporary chairman. After addresses from Drs. Richard Newton and John Hall, Geo. H. Stuart, Esq. was chosen Chairman and arrangements made for an order of exercises. Full reports in our next.

REVIVALS.

The Observer sums up:—"During the last fortnight intelligence has reached us of revivals in more than 120 churches not before heard from. The number of new converts is 3,990, of whom 2,843 have become members of the Church.

To proceed to particulars: In the Reformed Church (late Dutch, and still slightly so), revivals are reported in Pompton Plains, N. J., forty received on profession, including sixteen heads of families; in Groenpoint, L. I., thirty-eight added; in Port Jervis, N. Y., many awakened.

In the other branch, the Presbyterian Banner reports revivals at Mansfield, O.; where forty-one persons have been received on profession, fourteen by baptism, and where between three and four hundred conversions have been added to all denominations since the Week of Prayer; in the joint charge of Lonsaon and Barton, Pa., where twenty-two persons were received lately, making a total of sixty-six since July; in Washington, Pa., where nineteen have been received; in Ashland, O., where between sixty and seventy were gathered in at the last communion; in Haysville, O., where thirty-four have been added to the Church and others expect to be so; in the joint charge of Deatur and Flat Rock, Ind., where forty-two have been received, twenty-seven on profession; in Shady Side, O., where twenty-five have been added on profession.

In the Baptist churches revivals are reported: at Dymok, Pa., forty to sixty have professed hope, the work was deep and quiet; at Sharon, forty received and the work still going on; in Stockton, Cal., where Jacob Knapp is laboring, fifty-five received; Mr. Knapp has since been laboring in the First Church, San Francisco, and at a prayer meeting in that city, Rev. Drs. Scudder, Wadsworth, and Bells, of the Presbyterian Church, spoke feelingly and rejoicingly in view of his visit to the Pacific Coast.

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In the churches of the Congregational order revivals are reported—in Kingston, R. I., thirty or forty conversions; in the Second church, West Winsted, Ct., where thirty-two were added; in Stonington, Ct., where more than a hundred persons have publicly manifested their desire for salvation; in Yale College, where the religious interest still continues, and the evening meetings are well sustained; Farmington, Ill., where 37 were converted, and the revival is still progressing, and already counts over 100 converts among the different denominations; at Geneseo 25 (mostly heads of families) received; in Winnebago, Ill., where Rev. S. P. Weldon, an Episcopal minister of like spirit with Messrs. Tyng and Hubbard, has assisted in the work; in Lincoln College, Ke., where all but two of the students have professed faith in Christ, while the work has also reached the Legislature, now in session, some of whose members are inquiring the way of life.

HOW IT LOOKS FROM A NEW ENGLAND POINT OF VIEW.

Our Boston cotemporary, the Congregationalist and Recorder, the organ of the staid wing of that connection in the older States, under the heading "A Presbyterian Rock Ahead," writes:

In the midst of Presbyterian plans and hopes for re-union, the new volume on The Atonement, by Dr. A. A. Hodge, of Allegheny, and published by The Presbyterian Board of Publication, must have fallen like a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

The leading minds in the Old School General Assembly must be intending to insist upon their interpretation of the Westminster Confession of faith as a test of Union. The Preface asserts that the book is issued as a "vindication of the ancient faith of the Presbyterian Church, and of the unquestionable and only legitimate interpretation of her standards."

The "satisfaction" theory of the atonement is stoutly maintained, while the governmental theory of Jenkyn, Beman, Barnes and others, is severely judged, and condemned as Arminian. Not only this, but that mournful misrepresentation of the Gospel, the dogma of limited atonement, or as this author terms it, "the definite and personal redemption" plan, is insisted on as an essential part of the doctrine, as follows:

"It certainly follows that... the design and effects of Christ's peculiar sacrifice of himself... must have been to secure with certainty the actual remission of the sins of all those for whom he died. And it follows that Christ must make intercession for all those for whom he made expiation. But Christ's intercession is always efficacious. It is offered from a throne at the right hand of his Father. His formula of intercession is, 'Father I will.' His testimony is that the 'Father heareth him always.' And he intercedes only for his own people, John 17: 9. 'I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me.'"

We shall look with interest to see what the New School General Assembly will say to this at their approaching May meeting.

Meantime there seems to be herein developed a new consideration favoring the Hartford Seminary for our Congregational Old School young men. No such stuff as this is there mingled with the Old School teachings. On the ground of theology as really as of polity, we cannot afford to have our New England young men go to Princeton, or to Allegheny.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT BURNING OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Wednesday, 18th inst., witnessed a disastrous conflagration in our city. It occurred about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The wind was high, and the first thought of every one was, "What a fearful time for a fire," and yet few imagined what mischief was pending. Soon, however, it passed from lip to lip, that St. Peter's church was in flames. This was but too true; and all that now remains of that beautiful edifice is its blackened walls.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue of the furnace. The sexton had kindled a fire about noon, as usual, to warm up for the evening meeting. The high wind doubtless created an unusual draft, and probably the furnace flues were thus heated beyond the point of safety, with no one present to see and guard against such damage. When first discovered, by some one passing by, the fire had already made such progress, that smoke was bursting out the doors and windows. It was then too late to save anything. Two young men tried to creep in close to the floor, and bring out the pulpit Bible; but the smoke was so dense that they were obliged to turn back speedily to escape suffocation.

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News of Our Churches.

BETHESDA CHURCH.—Last Sabbath was a most blessed day in this young Church. It was its second communion season, and 48 persons were received into fellowship—38 on profession of faith; the fruit, in part of a gracious season of revival with which the Church is now favored. Among those received were some cases of great interest. Several heads of families past the meridian of life; several entire families also embracing parents (father and mother both) and their children; several persons who had not, until the Church was started, been in the habit of attending religious services for years; one theatrical actor who gives up his profession and the theatre altogether for Christ; and two or three quite young persons who furnish remarkable evidence of grace and knowledge.

ALAMEDA, CAL.—is one of the thrifty towns growing up in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay. In November, 1865, the Presbyterian Church was organized with twelve members; and for a time services were held in the High School building. Temporary supplies were procured till August, '66, when Rev. F. L. Nash accepted a call as stated supply. In March following, he was installed pastor. During the past year the Church has been abundantly prospered. Twenty new members have been added to the Church, making the whole number thirty-seven. The new church edifice, built in Gothic style, is neat and spacious—an architectural ornament to the town. It is, probably the best church edifice in the State; outside of the larger towns.—The Occident.

CHURCHES.—Rev. Andrew Parsons, pastor of the First Church, Ottawa, writes urging the advantages of Ottawa to Presbyterian immigrants. He says: "Our educational advantages are superior to those of most other places in the State. Besides good public schools, conducted by experienced teachers from the East, we have the Ottawa University, which it is expected will be completed this Spring. The Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston Railroad is now completed to this place. Lands lying convenient to town range from \$8.00 to \$20.00 per acre; from three miles to ten of town it ranges from \$3.00 to \$7.00 per acre; timber-land from \$6.00 to \$20.00 per acre. The Church has now over thirty members. There is now a stone edifice, nearly finished, 30x50 feet, with a tower 11 feet square at the base. We expect to get it finished in May next and be out of debt. The prospect of a self-sustaining church of our order here quite soon is good."

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS IN THE HARRISBURGH CHURCH.—On Sunday, March 8th, the following persons were ordained and installed elders of the First Church, Harrisburgh: Alfred Adams, William S. Shaffer, Dr. Jas. Fleming and Walter F. Fubnestock, jr. In connection with the services the pastor, Rev. T. H. Robinson, preached a very interesting historical discourse, in which he exhibited the character of the eldership enjoyed by the church since its organization in 1794. It appears that the First Church has been unusually blessed in this respect. The succession of elders has been marked by all the best qualities required in that important office. Not a few of them did excellent service for country as well as for the Church. Two of the first bench, Messrs. Adam Boyd and Samuel Weir, served as officers in the Revolutionary army, and were at several engagements under General Washington. Capt. Stover, elected about 1814, had distinguished himself during the war of the Revolution, having sold his farm a few miles above the city and applied its proceeds in raising and equipping the company of which he was the captain. Through the unfortunate loss of his military papers he never received from the Government any re-payment for his patriotic sacrifice. John Nielson, elected in 1825, served as cashier in the State Treasury. His accounts for twenty-one years are said to have needed but seventy cents to make a balance. Samuel W. Hays, elected 1828, established in the same year the first Infant Sunday-school of Harrisburgh, continued its successful and honored superintendent for twenty-seven years, and in connection with another elder, organized and conducted the first Colored Sunday-school of the city. Mr. Robinson remarked that of the twenty-one men to whom he made reference as having served in the eldership, nineteen and perhaps twenty of them were of Scotch or Scotch Irish descent. Three fathers and their sons and four brothers have filled the office. There has been a remarkable permanence in the families of the church, and an adherence to Presbyterianism and Calvinism that soar back into the past beyond the reach of existing records.

The Elders, who held over, previous to this election, were only four—Messrs. James W. Weir and Alexander Sloan, who have been in office thirty-three and a half years, and have succeeded their fathers in the same office, and Mr. John A. Weir, brother to James W. Weir, and Mr. R. J. Fleming—brother to Dr. James, elected in 1865.

After Mr. Robinson's address, the candidates for ordination kneeled, and by prayer and the imposition of the hands of the pastor and the existing session of the church, they were set apart to their sacred office. The right hand of fellowship was then given to the new members of the session by the older members. Mr. Robinson

followed with a brief address to the new elders on the duties and responsibilities of their office. Rev. Alfred Taylor, of Philadelphia, followed with an address to the church of like import, and the solemn and impressive services concluded with a hymn and the benediction.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. A. L. Brooks accepts the call from Peoria to Decatur, Ill.—The First Church (late Dr. Robinson's), in Brooklyn, gave March 14th, a unanimous call to Rev. Robert R. Booth, D.D., of the Mercer-st. Presbyterian church, in New York, and it is confidently expected that he will accept. The Evangelist says: "What the result will be, we are not advised, and do not presume to conjecture. This we know, Dr. Booth's ministry in his present charge has been very successful, and his people are warmly attached to him, and do not at all like the idea of losing him."—Rev. C. H. Taylor, D.D., of Alton, Ill., has accepted the call recently tendered him by the Third Church of Cincinnati, and his congregation has united with him in a petition to the Presbytery of Alton for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between them.—Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, Jr., D.D., has been induced to reconsider his decision to decline the call to the Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, and expects to commence his labors there early in April. His brethren in this city will regret to lose from this vicinity, one who is greatly beloved in all our churches.—Evangelist.

REV. S. M. MORTON—successor of the lamented Frederick Starr in the North Church of St. Louis, has had a surprise visit from his people. Besides a large number of useful and ornamental articles, suggestive of great future enjoyment, they presented him with a purse containing \$320 in greenbacks. Mr. Morton was ordained and installed March 22.—Rev. Dr. Newell, of the Allen-street Church, New York, who has been for more than four months, laid aside by illness from active pastoral duty, is now so far recovered that he expected to occupy his pulpit last Sabbath morning.—Rev. Wolcott Calkins of the North Church, Buffalo, not long ago deeply interested his people by preaching a memorial sermon, for those members of his Church—seventeen in all, who had died during the past year. This used to be a custom with Dr. E. F. Hatfield, during his long and very successful pastorate in New York.—Rev. Theron H. Hawks, D.D., pastor of the Second Church in Cleveland, has resigned his charge.—Rev. Wilber McKaig, late pastor of the Third Church, Cincinnati, has accepted a call from the First Church, Marysville, Cal., and was to be installed on the 17th of March.

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CHURCH CAUSES.—The Presbyterian Monthly for April reports thirty Home Missionary appointments and contributions of \$13,749 in February. The receipts of the Education Cause for February amount to \$1,809.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Presbytery of Mankato held its first annual session at Blue Earth City, Minn., March 3d. This new Presbytery was set off from Dacotah last year, and consists of ten ministers and ten churches, but includes only one settled pastor.