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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1868.

on the Wing in Cincinnati; An Appeal to Farmers, H nry Bewley (the "nine tons of tracts" man), by Rev. E. P. Hammond, Letter from a Country Parsonage, with Intelligence from several denominations, Page second; Notices of New Books, Page third; A Miscellany for Ministers, Ministers' Wives, S. S. Teachers, Young Ladies, Young Men, Small Children and Babies, with Poetry, Page sixth; the Union Convention at Easton, Scientific, and Rural Economy, Page seventh.

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. Any person sending \$100 to our Treasury can thereby constitute himself an Honorary member of the Committee, or a Corresponding member by the payment of \$30, and receive from this office a certificate of such membership - and the "Presbyterian Monthly" also. H. KENDALL.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., Mr. P. H. Hunt and his wife, late of Madras, sailed in the cisco. Mr. Hunt was for many years printer for the Tamil Missions; and having finished up his work and transferred his press to native hands in India, he now goes to do a similar important scrvice, if the Lord will, in the capital of China.

Two young ladies accompany Mr. and Mrs. 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 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. As delivered in the Northern part of this city, the lecture has been pronounced by those competent to judge, decidedly the best of the season, moving alike to mirth and to tears, and conveying a large amount of valuable information. Tickets 50 cts., for sale at the Presbyterian Book Store, 1334 Chestnut St., and at Ashmead's 724 Chestnut St.

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 church in five years has increased from seventy-at Home. Also Blackwood for February, Guth-three members to about two hundred and forty once, upon the same walls, which are standing rie's Sunday Magazine for March.

GERMAN ST. CHURCH.—The people of this charge gave their pastor a surprise visit, March the Baptists and seventy or eighty have pro-19th. During the absence of the pastor and his fessed conversion; in Burlington, N. J., forty-family, the whole house was metamorphosed by fifty have been received; in White Pigeon, now only a shapeless mass of melted metal. The der were well supplied with coal and provisions. This is another pleasant proof of the revived in- Centre thirty-five; Franklinville, fifty-three bap- This sanctuary, it will be remembered, is the terest prevailing in German St. Church, and a

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 of the most influential people of the place;" in In the mean time, the Second Baptist church, 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 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 for prayers; in Normal, Ill., twenty-nine bapcontinue with increased interest. Of the above additions, twenty-four were on examination. After the service last Sabbath evening, eight persons met in the pastor's study for religious conversation; among the number were a widowed mother and three young men, her sons, and her entire family. The work seems to be of a very decided character, as manifested in the boldness and readiness with which the young converts go to work in leading, and praying, and speaking in the prayer meetings. The fruits of the "Pastor's lectures to young people "are being gathered.

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 3,930, of whom 2,843 have become members of the Church. From many already reported, additional and cheering intelligence has been received; and we can announce that since January 1, accounts have reached us of 700 revivals, 13,500 conversions and 6.540 additions to the different evan. gel cal churches, not including the Methodists. An exchange states that 8.201 cases of hopeful conversion have been lately reported in a single week, by Methodist pastors. Forty of the churches most recently revived are Presbyterian, and with-The attention of Elders in the Third and in the fortnight, in all, 50 Baptist churches have been heard from, and report an aggregate accession of 1,240 members, while from 20 Congregational churches we receive reports of more than 500 conversions."

To proceed to particulars:
In the Reformed Church (late Dutch, and still slightly so,) revivals are reported in Pompton

In the other branch, the Presbyterian Banner reports revivals at Mansfield, On where fortyone 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 Lonaconing and Barton, Ocean Queen for Aspinwall, en route to China by | Pa., where twenty two persons were received lately, the Pacific Mail Steamship line from San Fran-making a total of sixty-six since July, in Washing, ton, 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 Decatur and Flat Rock, Ind., where forty-two have been received twenty-seven Hunt: Miss Mary H. Porter, of Wisconsin, to be on profession; in Shady Side, O., where twentyfive have been added on profession. The Pres-Mr. Chapin, and labor among Chinese women, at | Cal., where more than seventy have expressed an interest. There is not a household of which some one has not risen for prayers. The Presbyterian reports revivals in Millville, N. J., where there are fifty inquirers and very many conversions in Deerfield, N. J., where forty-two were lately added on profession. The Presbyterian church in Leesburg, Pa., has received 82 members on profession at a single communion. A great work of grace is in progress in the town and neighborhood of Freeport, Harrison Co., Eastern Ohio, in the midst of a strongly Quaker community, where Quakerism had, as a religious influence, become effete, and their meeting-house sadly dilapidated. The Spirit was abundantly poured out, and up to March 13th, fifty-one had been added, to the church—twenty-two baptized. Twenty seven of the whole are men-twenty four is its blackened walls. heads of families. A great-grand-father, ninetyone years of age, united, and a youth of fourteen. These were the minimum and maximum of age. A number were over sixty, and three

or four over seventy! In the Baptist churches revivals are reported: at Dymo k, Pa., forty to sixty have professed furnace flues were thus heated beyond the point 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. Kuapp has since been laboring in the First Church, San Francisco, and the doors and windows. It was then too late to at a prayer meeting in that city, Rev. Drs. Scud-save anything. Two young men tried to creep der, Wadsworth, and Eells, of the Presbyterian in close to the floor, and bring out the pulpit Church, spoke feelingly and rejoicingly in view Bible; but the smoke was so dense that they of his visit to the Pacific Coast. In Springfield, were obliged to turn back speedily to escape, suf-Ill., the revival commenced, as has been the case focation. with nearly all reported, with the Week of have united with the church, and the work still Congregationalists and Methodists united with strength. Mich, nearly forty hopefully converted. In New organialso, valued at \$2000, was devoured by the York State, in Geneva, thirty additions; Ontario flames. tisms; In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, seventy-three re- | Church.

ceived by baptism. In the churches of the Congregational order In the churches of the Congregational order Van Auken, acting pastor), is making some fine revivals are reported—in Kingston, R. I., thirty improvements. They have sold the old parsoor forty conversions; in the Second church, West | nage, which was not, in itself, or in its location, Winsted, Ct., where thirty-two were added; in just what they wanted for their minister, and Stonington, Ct., where more than a hundred per-bought another and better one nearer the Church. sons have publicly manifested their desire for They are also making extensive repairs in their salvation; in Yale College, where the religious sanctuary, making the interior as good as new. 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 Episco- some structure, and reflects great credit on those elected in 1865. pal minister of like spirit with Messrs. Tyng and Hubbard, has assisted in the work; in Lincoln College, Ks., where all but two of the students ond Presbyterian Church, Elmira, has received, have professed faith in Christ, while the work | and accepted a call to the Congregational [?] church

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

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 Plains, N. J., forty received on profession, in of the Gospel, the dogma of limited atonement, cluding sixteen heads of families; in Green or as this author terms it, "the definite and perpoint, L. I., thirty-eight added; in Port Jervis, sonal redemption" plan, is insisted on as an essential part of the doctrine, as follows: tial part of the doctrine, as follows:

"It certainly follows that . . . . the design and effects of Christ's piacular 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 ed. Among those received were some cases of 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 instant, 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 mischieft 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

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 doubt-less created an unusual draft, and probably the 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 de such progress, that smoke was bursting ou

with nearly all reported, with the Week of This church was erected in 1852.3, by Hon. Prayer. Between sixty and seventy, all adults, Levi A. Ward, who has owned the larger part of it ever since. The material was Milwaukee members. The recent revival has resulted in entire, or which are regarded as substantial and fifty-four conversions. In Charlemont, Mass., safe. They are built of great thickness and

There was in the tower of this church the only

tisms during the winter; Lisle, Broome county, one in which the minister was expected to wear have expressed hope or sought instruction; in con successively officiating as "stated supplies." Green Point, N. Y., twenty-two received; in The following have since been the settled pas-Centre, N. Y., seventy on the anxious bench; in been called to its vacant pulpit, and since we Venice, N. Y., forty conversions, including "some then wrote, his acceptance of the call was received. families,) baptized, and others expected. In services will be held next Sabbath by the new

> ITEMS.—The church in Bergen, (Rev. E. B. They are thus expending about \$5000, for these changes, and will be much more comfortable for

The New Wadsworth Library building, in Geneseo, is expected to be ready for use about the first of April. It is a very tasteful, handwho have had it in charge.

PERSONAL.—REV. ISAAC CLARK, of the Sec-

accepted a call to the Congregational church of Thetford, Vermont.

HON. CHARLES C. DWIGHT, of Auburn, is appointed by our Governor, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, in place of Hon. Henry Welles, deceased. This appointment seems to be hailed with general satisfaction. We are the more glad of it, because Mr. Dwight is a young man, an honored member of the Central Church in Auburn, (Rev. Henry Fowler's), an officer also, and worker in its Sunday-school Combining all these things, with acknowledged ability, fine professional reputation, and that noble balance of character so necessary on the bench, it was an appointment eminently fit to be made. Long may he wear the honors so early put upon him.

REV. GEO. S. BOARDMAN, D.D., late of Cazenovia, has taken the house of Rev. Prof. Boyd, of Geneva, and is expecting to make his residence in that beautiful village for the present. Prof. Boyd is expecting with his family to spend eighteen months, or two years, in the meantime, in Europe,

REV. JAMES ORTON, acting pastor of the city, has recently returned in safety from his scientific expedition to South America. He went by way of Panama, visited Quito, passed across the Andes, down the Amazon, and home that way, bringing with him some fifteen hundred "specimens" of birds, beasts, reptiles, and the like, from that tropical clime. GENESEE. Rochester, March 21, 1868.

## Aews of Aur Churches.

BETHESDA CHURCH.—Last Sabbath was 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 favorgreat 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 the theatre altogether for Christ; and two or was to be installed on the 17th of March. three quite young persons who furnish remarkable evidence of grace and knowledge. The Church is much strengthened and encouraged, and arrangements are being made to begin the erection of a house of worship immediately. building. Temporary supplies were procured Such a house is greatly needed, the half occur till August, '66, when Rev. F. L. Nash accepted pied being crowded almost to suffocation. The ministerial brethren, Thompson, Mallery, Mitchell. A. H. Barnes, Sawyer, Diver, Crittenden, McLeod, and Shepherd, who so kindly aided the pastor in special services, will please accept our thanks. I wowa. WM. T. EVA. Pastor.

REV. J. G. BUTLER, D.D., has been elected Secretary of the American and Foreign Christtian Union, and has accepted the appointment. We congratulate the Society on securing the services of one so well qualified by executive ability, suavity of manners and long pastoral experi-

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS IN THE HARRISвикан Спикси.-On Sunday, March 8th, the following persons were ordained and installed eland Walter F. Rahnestock, 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 \$7.00 per acre; timber-land from \$6.00 to \$20.00 eldership enjoyed by the church since its organization in 1794. It appears that the First Church has been unusually blessed in this respect. The best qualities required in that important office. country as well as for the Church. Two of the soon is good. first bench, Messrs. Adam Boyd and Samuel Weir, served as officers in the Revolutionary army, and were at several engagements under General Washington. Capt. Stoner, elected about 1814, had distinguished himself during the war happy omen of future harmony and prosperity two hundred conversions; Saugerties, forty-one the gown and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allow the form and bands, and use a sort of ritual, allowed the form and bands are th City, under the ministrations of Mr. Earle, the sometime after its completion it had no settled raising and equipping the company of which he Evangelist, as many as one hundred and fifty pastor, Rev. Jno. T. Coit, and Rev. L. W. Ba-was the captain. Through the unfortunate loss of his military papers he never received from the Government any re-payment for his patriotic Homer, N. Y., forty or fifty received, and twenty added to the Congregational Church, while large numbers are still coming forward; in Benton stated last week, Rev. M. H. Hutton had just for twenty-one years are said to have needed but sacrifice. John Nielson, elected in 1825, served seventeen cents to make a balance. Samuel W. Hays, elected 1828, established in the same year the first Infant Sunday-school of Harrisburg, first Colored Sunday school of the city. Mr. Waterbury, Conn., over one hundred have asked pastor, who is now on the ground. Services will Robinson remarked that of the twenty one men be held for the present in the afternoon in that to whom he made reference as having served in the eldership, nineteen and perhaps twenty of them were of Scotch or Scotch Irish descent. 19th of February. Thirty-one persons had been Three fathers and their sons and four brothers have received by letter and twenty-seven by profesfilled the office. There has been a remarkable permanence in the families of the church, and is three hundred and seventy-six. The meman adherence to Presbyterianism and Calvinism bership of the Sabbath-school is about four hunthat soar back into the past beyond the reach of dred, exclusive of mission-schools, which numexisting 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 .- and Mr. R. J. Fleming brother to Dr. James,

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 has also reached the Legislature, now in session, of Aurora, Illinois, and is soon to remove to his to their sacred office. The right hand of fellow- was set off from Dacotah last year, and consists some of whose members are inquiring the way of new field of labor.—Rev. R. T. Searle, late of ship was then given to the new members of the of ten ministers and ten churches, but includes Liverpool, Onondaga county, has received and session by the older members. Mr. Robinson only one settled pastor.

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., Congregational church in Brighton, near this 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 suprise visit from his people. Besides a large number of useful and ornamental articles, suggestive of great fu-ture 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 until the Church was started, been in the habit his charge. Rev. Wilber McKaig, late pastor of attending religious services for years; one of the Third Church, Cincinnati, has accepted a theatrical actor who gives up his profession and | call from the First Church, Marysville, Cal., and

> ALAMEDA, CALL, 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 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: ន់នៅវិទ្ធា<sup>ម</sup>ារម

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 compleders of the First Church, Harrisburgh: Alfred ted this Spring. The Leavenworth, Lawrence Arms rong, William S. Shaffer, Dr. Jas. Fleming 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 \$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 succession of elders has been marked by all the the base. We expect to get it fluished in May best qualities required in that important office.

Not a few of them did excellent service for self-sustaining church of our order here quite

> REVIVAVS —Forty persons were received to membership at Dr. Cuyler's Church, Brooklyn, March 15th, twenty-four, mostly heads of families, on profession of faith. --- At Dresden, O., twelve were added recently on profession of faith. -At New Albany, In 1., the Churches are still reaping the fruits of the great revival. Rev. H. C. Hovey writes to the Herald: Fifty-four persons were received into the second church on the profession of their faith; seventeen of whom were heads of families. The work of grace continues among us with great power. Christian hearts seem to be pervaded by unusual compassion for sinners, and to be sustained by extraordinary faith in the glorious sufficiency of Christ. Our whole city indeed seems to feel the overshadowing presence of Jehovah. At the present time revivals are in progress in eleven of our evangelical churches. - The Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had an accession of fifty-two members on profession, March 15.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The annual meeting of Howard Presbyterian Church was held on the sion, total fifty-eight. The present membership ber nearly three hundred additional pupils. The Pacific (Cong.) says: There is but one other Presbyterian church on this coast that has a larger membership than this.

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.

PRESBYTERIAL.—The Presbytery of Mankato held its first annual session at Blue Earth City, Miun., March 3d. This new Presbytery