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Page 2nd, important correspondence with Rev. Dr. Gurley; the article by Old School from "the Presbyterian," and a final letter, not the least curious of the series—from "On the Wing"; Page 3rd, Editor's Table; Page 6th, Original Poetry, Rev. Albert Barnes, Domestic and other Miscellany; Page 7th, Religious Intelligence from a dozen different denominations.

The corner-stone of the new church edifice at Fairview, N. J., was laid on the 30th ultimo. The Rev. M. L. Hafford of Beverly, gave a history of the enterprise; Rev. Dr. Breed of the West Spruce Street Pres church with a very beautiful and appropriate speech, laid the corner stone. The Rev. Mr. Moore of this city, earnestly pleaded the cause of the enterprise, and urged liberal and continuous giving that the new church be not hindered with debt. Rev. B. B. Parsons, D. D., of Tabor church of this city, spoke comparing the church to the "middle row" (the house being at the end of a garden where men were engaged in planting the "middle row") and eloquently urging the claims of the undertaking while the contribution box went around. The contributions amounted to upwards of \$500, but much is needed to complete the undertaking. Any who may wish to contribute, are referred to Rev. Dr. Breed of West Spruce St. church, Rev. Mr. Adair, 1334 Chestnut St., Rev. Mr. Malley of South St. church, and Rev. B. B. Parsons, D. D., of Tabor church.

We call attention to the correspondence of the editor of this paper with Rev. Dr. Gurley, Chairman of the Committee of the other branch on Reunion. The spirit of Dr. Gurley in these letters cannot be too highly commended; and is a guarantee for all time to come that Presbyterian liberty in such hands would be entirely safe. But the very affluence of its generosity tends to conceal its great deficiency, namely, the lack, not only of a guarantee, but of all apparent concern for a guarantee against the plots and policy of the ungenerous and illiberal who may be found in the united Church. Dr. Gurley writes as if he expected us to believe that the great mass of his brethren of the other branch occupied the same high ground which he takes in the correspondence. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than the disclosure of such a fact. But, in the absence of proof and in the midst of circumstances of great significance pointing in the very opposite direction, we must be pardoned if we prefer those clear conditions which we understand Dr. Gurley courteously to decline to entertain in his last letter.

THE THIRD PRESBYTERY of Philadelphia, at a meeting held May 18th, received Mr. Thos. J. Brown, of the last class at Union Seminary, as a licentiate from the Third Presbytery of New York; and arranged for his ordination and installation as Pastor of Logan Square Church June 9. Dr. March is to preside, and make the ordaining prayer, Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., is invited to preach the sermon, Rev. W. E. Moore will give the charge to the pastor and Rev. Dr. Z. M. Humphrey the charge to the people. They also granted leave to Tabor Church to prosecute a call to Rev. Geo. Van Dens; and to Walnut St. Church, to prosecute a call to Rev. S. W. Dana, before the Fourth Presbytery.

HANOVER CHURCH, WILMINGTON, DEL.

A very large meeting of the congregation of Hanover Church, Wilmington, was held on Wednesday 13th inst., to consider the resignation of the pastor Rev. William Aikman. Mr. Aikman presented his resignation, together with the reasons which impelled him to this step. In the course of his statement, Mr. Aikman gave the following statistics of his pastorate:—During ten years, two hundred and sixty-three persons had been received into the membership of the church, thirty more than the total number which he found when he came, and an average of more than twenty-six each year. Of these 196 had been received on profession of faith, and 67 by letter, and the church numbered at the close of the ten years, 109 more than when his pastorate began. Nearly half of the families now comprising the church have come in during these years, and are nearly one-fifth more than when they began. More persons are retained, and the congregation have been larger than in any previous year of this period. Remarks were made by several gentlemen, and the vote was taken upon the acceptance of the resignation, which resulted in a refusal to do so, by a very large majority, the persons rising in the affirmative being apparently little more than one-tenth of those in the negative. Mr. Aikman expressed himself as deeply affected by this enthusiastic exhibition of confidence by his people, but still pressed his resignation, urging them to accept it. After considerable delay and hesitation the vote was reconsidered, and Mr. Aikman's desire was complied with. Mr. John P. McEair presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:—Whereas, The Rev. William Aikman has requested this congregation to unite with him in requesting the Presbytery of Wilmington to dissolve the pastoral relation, which has existed for nearly eleven years, and Whereas, The residence and labors of our pastor in our midst during these trying years have greatly endeared him to our hearts; therefore Resolved, That the termination of this relation involves the breaking asunder of deeply cherished

ties of friendship and love, and that while we unite with him in the request to Presbytery, believing the reasons which influence him to be sufficient, we desire to testify to his ability as a preacher, to his faithfulness as a pastor, and to the courage, constancy and devotion to principle which have characterized his walk among us. Resolved, That our pastor in his departure will carry with him our earnest prayers that the Lord's blessing may attend him and his in all the future of his lives. Commissioners were appointed to represent the church, at the meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington, at Delaware City on Tuesday, and the pastor's salary was ordered to be continued to October 1st.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT PRESBYTERY.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 14, 1868. I have just returned from a pleasant visit to Carroll County, Maryland, during which Rev. Charles P. Glover, was installed pastor of Harmony Church, one of the churches in the Presbytery of the District of Columbia. As Moderator I presided, proposed the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the people. In the absence of the brother appointed to preach the sermon, I performed that duty also. The charge to the pastor was by our brother Thomas M. Cann, of Frederick City, Maryland. This was so beautiful, simple, direct and suggestive, that a request unanimous, was made for its publication in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. The large congregation present were deeply interested in all the parts, and impressions lasting were made for the Divine glory, the interest of our Church there, and the cause of Presbyterianism. The improvement in all things in this field is most gratifying; additions have been made to the Church, the faith of doubting ones confirmed, while those who believed God, and trusted the grace divine, have been made to rejoice with exceeding great joy. The future of Harmony Church must be as the shining light, for in all the appointments is the promise of success. The pastor of Harmony is a graduate of Princeton College and the Theological Seminary, ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and dismissed to join us. He is thoroughly educated, all Presbyterian, sprightly, enterprising, active, efficient, and will "build up the house of the Lord."

The installation services were made the more interesting by the appropriate and beautiful music of the choir, and the attendance of Hon. John Hill, M. C. from New Jersey, a brother of the pastor, an elder and a trustee of our ever-blessed Fourth Church. Last evening we held an adjourned meeting in the First Congregational Church, in which we ordained Stephen DeNoyes, a licentiate of our Presbytery, who has been associated with brother Dunning, the pastor, for the last fifteen months. The evening was stormy, but a fine congregation was present, and their service was deeply interesting and impressive. Brother Dunning was too feeble to attend, in such a storm, hence the giving of the charge devolved upon me, as did the duties of Moderator. Rev. Charles P. Glover, of Harmony Church, read the Scriptures, and Rev. John N. Coburn preached the sermon. All hearts were sad, because of the absence, from continued indisposition, of brother Dunning, but these were made glad that the church in this time of need, has found one so eloquent, devout and consecrated as brother Noyes to sustain these responsibilities. The Divine Spirit was upon the men in the pulpit and all the people in the pews. The general and hearty hand-shaking at the close of the service must have been gratifying to all, whose blessing it was to be present. The choir music was of the first order. Our statistical report to the Assembly will be cheering to the churches, as it is most encouraging to us, in the names of new members, and additional candidates for the ministry. JOHN C. SMITH.

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL.

We are doomed to the verdict of acquittal. What malign influences have led to the result, Saturday, when on the eleventh or Stevens' article, only thirty-five could be found to vote "guilty," it is, indeed, hard to tell. I shall not take up the cry of bribery and treachery already started, nor repeat the many surmises that have sprung from the intense feelings of the time. A very grave responsibility rests upon the two men Fessenden and Trumbull through whose influence the President is acquitted, their position and arguments made it possible for weaker men like Henderson, Ross, Fowler and others to turn their doubtful minds on the same side. I have seen enough of these two men to believe that personal pique would influence their decisions very often and very unfairly. How far animosity to Mr. Wade has contributed to lead them to their present verdict perhaps even they themselves do not know. Whatever may have been the motives that induced the other five Republicans to vote as they did, it probably will not be claimed for these five that their conclusions were reached through superior legal learning or independence of character. The vote upon this article is regarded as decisive, at least while the Senate is constituted as at present. The closeness of the vote when by the change of one the result would have been reversed, coupled with the fact that the Kansas Senator, Ross, had stated again and again, as late as Friday night, that he should vote to convict, has brought a storm of indignation upon his head. Even when the vote was being taken, there was a lingering hope that a right decision would be made, but the late Peter Douglas, Esq. of Connecticut. They have never lost a dollar by their own investments, and are needed for the more thorough re-employment of the institution, it was resolved to employ a financial agent, and lay the wants of the Seminary at once before its friends, and ask for the needed help. The number of students in attendance the past year was fifty-one; the graduating class fourteen, whose names and residences are as follows: Edward P. Adams, East Bloomfield, N. Y.; Myron Adams, Jr., East Bloomfield, N. Y.; William H. Bates, Canton, N. Y.; Daniel W. Beadle, Fulton, N. Y.; Dana W. Bigelow, Waterville, N. H.; Hiram W. Congdon, Watertown, N. Y.; Alex. Douglas, Milan, Mich.; Stephen G. Hopkins, Auburn, N. Y.; Albert E. Lyle, San Francisco, Cal.; George B. Peck, Cincinnati, Ohio; Henry M. Simmons, Paris Hill, N. Y.; Alfred Snaashall, Kent, Eng.; Chas. M. Whiteley, (absent) Dover, N. J.; Theodore P. Wing, Carlisle, Pa. The speaking of the graduating class came off on Thursday evening, in the presence of a large

and intelligent audience. The following were the themes and the speakers:—"Systematic Preaching," by E. P. Adams; "Faith the Basis of Courage," by Myron Adams, Jr.; "Science and the Ministry," by Wm. H. Bates; "The Purposes of God expressed in the Natural World," by D. W. Bigelow; "The Sanctions of the Law," by H. W. Congdon; "Christianity and Modern Warfare," by S. G. Hopkins; "Conditions affecting the Progress of Truth," by H. M. Simmons. These addresses did credit to the young men and their instructors. They were all manly, though differing much in thought and illustration. The last was universally acknowledged to be brilliant and truly eloquent. We noticed some errors of pronunciation, which we did not quite expect on that occasion; but for pre-ade, and progress for progress. Fields of labor, for the present at least, have already offered to most of them. E. P. Adams goes to Hannibal; Myron Adams, Jr. (probably) to Seneca Castle; Bates to McGrawville; and Bigelow to Fayetteville. It is a good class, and much good may yet be accomplished in this fallen world before they go to their great reward on high. FENWICK. ROCHESTER, May 9, 1868.

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News at Our Churches.

CLINTON ST. SABBATH-SCHOOL celebrated its anniversary last Sunday afternoon. The children sang very sweetly, the platform was richly ornamented with flowers, and addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. Dr. March, by Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Herrick Johnson. The school's progress steadily, and now numbers 338 scholars. The contributions for the year were \$337. One class alone gave over \$100. The report speaks with regret of the loss of the Superintendent, B. B. Comegys, Esq., by removal. Geo. W. Mears, Esq., is the present Superintendent. TABOR CHURCH at its communion on the 2d Sabbath in May, received an addition of 6 new members—4 on profession and 2 by letter. A very interesting occasion on the same day was the Anniversary of the Sabbath schools of the church. Appropriate addresses were made by Mr. Godfrey of the S. S. Union, and by Messrs. Cummings and Sloan. The Sabbath-school is very flourishing under the efficient superintendency of Mr. T. Gamon. Rev. B. B. Parsons, D. D., is laboring with very great acceptance, as stated supply of this church. REVIVALS.—The church in Clinton, N. Y., at its last communion received into the church on profession forty, who, with eleven received in March, are some of the fruits of a revival. Extra meetings began early in January and continued till the middle of April. One of the first signs was the starting of a young man's prayer-meeting. Upwards of eighty persons have expressed a hope in Christ. Of the fifty-one received, two-thirds are adults, twenty-one are heads of families, and twenty-three received baptism. The Thirtieth Street church, New York, received in January 13, in March 49, in May 27. Every pew in the large church is rented, and the Sabbath-school is very efficient and harmonious. The pastor meets those who desire to converse on the subject of religion upon every Monday evening, and ordinarily from twenty to thirty are present. MINISTERIAL.—Rev. R. R. Booth, D. D., pastor of the Mercer St. Church, N. Y., sailed May 13, in the Cunard steamer *Cornwall*, proposing to spend about six months abroad. The Rev. Mr. Thatcher will supply the pulpit of this church for the present. Rev. O. H. Barnard, late of Brockport, has accepted the call of the church at Paw Paw, Mich.—Rev. Geo. M. Boylston, late of Riverdale, N. Y., has accepted a call to the Third (Cong.) church of Guilford, Conn.—Rev. Km. K. Platt is removed from Hector, Schuyler county, to Ludlowville, N. Y., and taken charge of our church in the latter place.—Rev. Dr. Hiekk, President of Union College, has tendered his resignation after holding the office two years, and being connected with the institution sixteen years. He has become convinced that his administration will not secure harmony and prosperity, and therefore, retires from all connection with the institution on the 22d of July next.—The First church, Bay city, with the last of May, raised the salary of their pastor, Rev. J. Ambrose Wight, to \$2000 a year.—April 29th, Richard S. Rosenthal, a member of the senior class of Union Seminary, was ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of the Oranges (N. J.) German Presbyterian church. The expenses took place in the First Presbyterian Church, of which the new organization now occupies the lecture-room, but is making efforts in the direction of building a fine edifice of its own.—On the 6th of May, Newark Presbytery also ordained and installed Mr. John Esslin, over the Bloomfield German church. They have a good church building, and are prosperous.—Rev. C. D. Nott was installed pastor of the church in Urbana, Ill., at the meeting of the Bloomington Presbytery there, April 14th ult.—On April 30, Rev. A. S. Twombly was installed pastor of the First church, Stamford, Conn., by the Third Presbytery of New York.—Rev. John Kidd late of Utica, Ill., has received a unanimous call to the church in Mattoon, Ill.—Rev. E. T. Shaw has gone to "Niconza," Wash. county, Ind.—Rev. Henry Bullard's address is changed from Wayland, Mass., to St. Joseph, Mo., where he has accepted the call of the Westminster church.—On Tuesday, April 21st, died, Rev. Lemuel Clark, a member of the Presbytery of Galena and Belvidere, after an illness of two weeks. CHURCHES.—At the close of the annual sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Beaumont, the congregation of the church in Waverly, N. Y., freely and cheerfully pledged the sum necessary to clear the church from an embarrassing debt. And in addition to this several hundred dollars for repairs and contingent expenses, together with removal by direct deed to Trustees, of conditions resting upon the church lot.—Cor. Evangelist.—The churches at Plainville and Shipman, Ill., have just closed their third year under their present pastor. When he went there the house of worship at Plainville, never fully completed, was becoming dilapidated. That at Ship-