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The Banner of the Covenant thinks the name "First Reformed Presbyterian Church" must be a good one, or it would not have so many claimants. Four congregations in this city claim the name. The first First is Dr. Wylie's, organized in 1799, and worships on Broad street below Spruce. The second First (O. S.) is Rev. T. P. Stevenson's, and worships in the hall at Eighteenth and Chestnut, formerly on Cherry street near Eleventh. The third First or Steelite church adheres to the little Reformed Presbyterian of North America, and has Rev. David Steel, Sr., as its pastor. They worship at Twelfth and Filbert, when Mr. Steele is not taking care of the interests of another, little "faithful remnant" in Ohio. They look on Old Covenanters as apostates, and on the General Synod as something worse. The fourth First is the secession from Dr. Wylie's, which now meets in the foyer of the new Horticultural Hall. Any reader may take his choice, but the further he goes down the list the worse he will fare.

A Pittsburgh daily gives the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the U. P. Assembly and the R. P. General Synod. It is a curious comment on the plea that the continued existence of the latter Church depended upon and justified the suspension of Mr. Stuart. The basis is a surrender to the U. P.'s, rehearsing that the U. P. Testimony was drawn up by a convention in which the R. P. Church was represented and was designed as a Testimony for the United Church. It agrees that the style "U. P. Church" shall be that of the Church formed by the union; that the union be upon the basis of their common principles; that any congregation be allowed to use either Testimony as it finds to be most edifying. A resolution to adopt the U. P. Testimony as that of the United Church was postponed till their meeting in November. This and not any principle will be the difficulty in the way.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES B. RODGERS.

We chronicle with great pain the sudden death of our heartily esteemed publisher and Christian brother, Mr. James B. Rodgers, an event which took place on Monday July 6, after an illness of about two days.

This is a great loss to the business community, to the eighteen newspapers and periodicals which issued from his large establishment No. 54 North Sixth St., and to the publishing houses who found in Mr. Rodgers one of the most reasonable, obliging and skilful men in his occupation. The Publication Committee of the (N. S.) Presbyterian Church had employed him successfully in getting out some of their choicest works. Mr. Rodgers is also a great loss to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, participating as he did in the liberal and charitable views of his pastor, Rev. Dr. Wylie, and his fellow-member, George H. Stuart, by whom he has faithfully stood in all their troubles.

We have thus in God's Providence, seen Houghton, Wallace, McBride (of the Banner of the Covenant), and Rodgers stricken down at our side. Each has gone to his reward while it is ours a little longer to stand in our lot.

A fuller obituary notice will appear in our next.

REUNION MEETINGS.—On Sabbath evening, June 28th, Dr. Spear's church (Brooklyn) was filled with members of the two branches of the Presbyterian church, met to hear the clerical delegates to the Assemblies from the neighboring Presbyteries, in regard to Reunion. Rev. C. S. Pomeroy, O. S., hoped that the Presbyteries would adopt the basis with and without the Gurley amendment, so as to have both before the Assembly. He praised the O. S. Assembly as a union body, and declared that no Professor or Seminary should construct a Procrustean bed for the church. Rev. John Hancock described the absorbing interest in Reunion shown at Albany, but said that only one man was known to have changed his views during the long debate. Dr. Beattie, he said, had come to our (N. S.) Presbyterian House, and examined all our issues, and found nothing he could not fellowship. Dr. Spear said he had found that Reunion was the one topic at Harrisburg, also, and that he became convinced, by the prayers, speeches, and conversations, that he had paid too exclusive heed to the arguments against it. He, like his brethren, on the other side, felt doubtful as to the orthodoxy of some of our (O. S.) Professors in his case, but thought they ought to be allowed to come in. The basis admits all types of Calvinistic theology and men. If any one says, "I don't know about N. S. orthodoxy," then let them stay, "I don't know." Neither school makes any surrender. Barnes and Beman come in with liberty unbridged. (Dr. Durryea was to have addressed the meeting, but failed to come up to time.)

A Reunion Convention of the two Presbyteries (N. and O. S.) of Maumee was held in the Westminster church of Toledo (N. S.) on the 16th of June. The resolutions adopted contemplate the consolidation of the two Presbyteries. It was resolved that a committee of six elders be appointed to arrange for the union of weak congregations on the same field, and as far as possible to bring about such unions, or if they cannot succeed, that the desired changes shall be reported to both Presbyteries at their fall meetings, that action may then be taken upon the matters reported. Nothing is said in the resolutions about the Reunion of the two Assemblies.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

A SAD END.

A death has occurred this week in our city, which has affected all decent people who knew anything about it, with peculiar sadness. A few weeks since, a young man came here, as organist for the Central church. He was regarded, and we suppose, with reason, as the finest organist this side of New York City. All were charmed with his playing. His skill and power with this noble instrument, are freely spoken of, as almost marvelous.

And yet it was known that he had been addicted to habits of intemperance. A year ago he was in the Asylum at Binghamton, apparently trying to reform. He played the organ there, in Dr. Boardman's church, for a few Sabbaths, and charmed all, but could not always be relied upon, the old appetite sometimes getting the better of him, and unfitting him for such a service.

When he came here a few weeks since, Christians rallied around him, and tried to help him. Some of our gentlemen deserve great credit for their earnest efforts in his behalf, giving him employment and introducing him to society. He was well connected; had enjoyed the best advantages for professional and social culture; was qualified to move in any society; and, for a time, seemed to be doing well; but the end has come sooner and more tragically than any of us anticipated.

Last week it was whispered that he had fallen again into the hands of the enemy, and was very sick. Some of our Christian men at once went to him, with a tenderness and ministry, such as is generally expected from life-long, devoted friendship alone. They secured a good place for him, watched over him, and he was soon better. On Saturday he was so much himself again, that he was expected to play for the choir rehearsal that evening.

But, meeting in the afternoon, most unfortunately, one of the companions of his evil ways, he was enticed to taste again, and at such a time, the maddening cup was too much for his already shattered constitution. After suffering for three days all the horrors of some disease, which no one wants to name, he died on Wednesday morning. Everything was done that could be for him. Prayer, also, was made for him without ceasing; but the work of self-destruction could not be arrested.

We understand that he has an aged and highly respectable father at the East, who had tried everything in his power to save his erring boy. Well did Dr. Campbell remark, on Wednesday evening, it would be great a relief to that father, if he could only know that his son died innocent, by the hand of an assassin. But no; he was his own destroyer; whilst, at the same time, men of like base passions, led him on to his ruin. We envy not that young man his reflections, if he has any just sensibilities left, who tempted him to his last drink.

But the saddest part of all is, that we still have hundreds of young men in this godly city, who are on the same road. Some die thus suddenly; and some by more lingering processes. But the end is alike sure, and comes full on enough, however delayed in some cases. And here we have a thousand dram shops, and a thousand men keeping them, who are making their living out of just such sin and misery. "Oh, my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united."

ELMIRA COLLEGE EXCURSION.

We doubt if it is generally known that a part of the plan for each summer, in Elmira Female

College, is an excursion of the graduating class and others, to some part of the country, for observation and recreation. One year they went to Niagara Falls, Thousand Isles, and Montreal; another year up the lakes; and this year they are visiting Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and Fortress Monroe. They are accompanied by one or more of the Professors. Arrangements are made in advance. The party embraces some sixty persons. And yet we are told that it is so arranged, that it is to cost each one only the trifling sum of twenty-five dollars. Surely, that is getting a large amount of travel and observation for a small sum of money. Cooler weather, however, would have been more favorable to their enjoyment this year.

WELL SUPPLIED.

Rev. T. K. Beecher tells us, in the Elmira Advertiser, that they have "thirty-two inns, taverns or hotels, in that city; and that they are needed as taverns just at the spots, and in the very lots where they stand." This he has on the authority of three leading men of that region, who act as supervisors and grant licenses. "None may sell liquors and strong drink, to be drunk when sold, except tavern or hotel keepers;" and "each hotel must be provided with at least three spare beds for the accommodation of travellers!" Now, as the proper officers have granted thirty-two licenses, the little city of Elmira is provided with so many hotels, each with three spare beds. There are no saloons, no rum holes, no grog-shops in that city—only thirty-two taverns. Besides, each applicant for a license must produce the certificate of twenty respectable citizens, that he is a moral, upright man, every way qualified to keep a good hotel, and that he has the three spare beds, and that the hotel is needed in that very spot!

Truly, we had almost forgotten that each drinking hole in the Empire State was hedged about with so much respectability; that each was a tavern, with three spare beds for weary travelers, and that each one, in the estimate of twenty respectable citizens, was needed just where it is. We have about a thousand in this city. We have seen something of their handy work in the present week, as described above. It is hard, at least we presume, for the broken hearted father at the East to see what need there was of that; and yet we hope it may do some good, even as the beacon light warns off from some dreadful ruin.

CALL.

Rev. Henry N. Simmons, of the last class of Auburn Seminary, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Salina, or Syracuse, First Ward. He is called with great unanimity and good feeling, and will enter upon his labors in August under circumstances apparently favorable to great usefulness.

GENESE.

Rochester, July 4, 1868.

COLLEGE RECORD.

University of Pennsylvania.—Commencement held in the Academy of Music, June 25. A graduating class of eighteen took the degree of B. A., while the class of 1865 (twenty-three members) received that of M. A. Seventeen graduates of the law department commenced as Bachelors of Laws. Degrees granted by the Faculty Medicine were announced and the Honorary Degrees of LL. D. was conferred on Henry C. Lea, Judge J. I. Clark Hare (who succeeds Hon. George Sharswood at the head of the legal faculty), Prof. Geo. Allen and on Rev. Dr. Dan. R. Goodwin, who retires from the Provostship to devote his time to the P. E. Divinity School in West Philadelphia. That of Doctor of Divinity was given to Revs. Fred W. Beasley, Thos. C. Yarnall of West Philadelphia, and Jas. W. Dale of Media, Pa. The two first are Episcopalians, the last an O. S. Presbyterian well-known as the author of "Classic Baptism."

We rejoice to learn that the effort now making mainly by the energetic new Provost Chas. J. Stille, to increase the endowment of this the oldest educational institution of our Commonwealth by the addition of \$500,000 is likely to meet with the success it deserves. An institution chartered in 1765, and associated with such names as Lindley Murray, Benjamin Franklin, William White, S. B. Wylie, Geo. Duffield, Dallas Baehle, Benj. F. Silliman, &c., &c., ought not to be allowed to languish for want funds.

New York University.—Commencement June 17th. Graduates: A. B., 7; M. D., 4. Honorary Degrees.—D. D., Rev. Francis N. Zabriskie, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. Ransom B. Welsh, Professor of Union College; Rev. John Logan Aikman, Glasgow, Scotland; Rev. Aaron L. Lindsley, South Salem, N. Y.; LL. D.—Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Thompson, New York; George H. Moore, New York. Ph. D.—Prof. Wm. B. Silva, Prof. G. J. Adler. Mr. Loring Andrews a new Trustee has given \$100,000 to the institution.

Hampton Sidney College, Va.—Commencement held June 11th. The Degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. J. Halstead Carroll of New Haven, Connecticut, and also upon Rev. Mr. Johnson, of New York.

Roa-oke College, N. C.—Commencement at Salem, June 14th et seq. Five graduates. Baccalaureate sermon by President Bittle.

Kalamazoo (Mich.) College.—(Free Will Baptist.) Baccalaureate sermon by President Fairfield, as also the address to the Literary Societies. Commencement June 18th. Degree of D. D. conferred on Rev. Geo. T. Day of Dover, N. H., and Rev. S. Cornelius of Ann Arbor.

Harvard University.—Commencement June 10. Class Ode by Robt. A. Boit. Reception on the evening by President Peabody.

Princeton College.—121st Commencement held June 23d in the First O. S. church, Thos. N. Carter, Esq., of Newark being the orator of the day. In the afternoon the Alumni organized by adopting a constitution. Dr. McLean, President. The death of Mathew Newkirk was appropriately noticed. In the evening speeches by the junior orators. June 24th the Commencement proper, President McLean presiding for the last time. The graduating class (67 members) received the degree of B. A., while the class of 1868 (77 members) received that of M. A. The following honorary degrees were given: LL. D.—Rev. Alexander T. McGill, N. J.; Ph. D.—Rev. Henry B. Chapin, N. Y.; Rev. John F. Pingry, N. J.; Rev. James McDougal, N. Y.; Oliver R. Willis, N. Y.; Geo. M. McLean, M. D., N. J.; A. M.—Stephen Wickes, M. D.,

of N. J.; Lieut. Com. Edward Phelps Lull, U. S. Navy; John T. Bartine, N. J. Dr. McCosh is expected to enter on his duties as President at the opening of the next session, and twenty gentlemen have raised \$60,000 to endow the position. The aggregate endowments are \$250,000.

Columbia College, N. Y.—CXIVth Commencement at the Academy of Music in New York, June 24th. Prizes were announced and the degree of B. A. conferred on a graduating class of 27 and that of M. A. on the class of 1865, numbering 29 members, as also on four members of prior classes. The degree of Engineer of Mines was conferred on a class of 14 members. The following honorary degrees were announced: S. T. D.—Rev. Samuel Hollingsworth, Port Chester, N. Y.; Rev. Philander K. Cady, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rev. George B. Draper, Harlem, N. Y.; Rev. Lewis A. Kemper, Professor of Biblical Literature, Nashotah Theological Seminary, all Episcopalians. LL. D.—Rev. John Henry Hill, D. D., for 40 years missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and teacher at Athens, Greece.

Washington College, Va.—The Commencement exercises at Washington College, presided over by Gen. Robert E. Lee, were recently held. Seth Shepard, A. B., was the orator of the law class; the "Cincinnati oration" was delivered by J. Harvey McLeary, A. B., of Texas, and the valedictory oration by Robert C. Brockenbrough, A. B., of Lexington, Va. When the diplomas were awarded Gen. Wade Hampton of South Carolina delivered the address to the graduates. His theme was "Duty the best motive to animate us in all things." Some of the speeches and toasts connected with the commencement were as "Secesh" as if the "President" had never surrendered, to say nothing of his recent mission to the North to raise funds to carry on the institution.

Rutgers College.—The Commencement exercises of this college, now in the 98th year of its age, began with the Baccalaureate sermon by the President, Rev. Dr. Campbell. On Tuesday, June 23d, Hon. E. C. Benedict, LL. D., addressed the Literary and Scientific Societies, and Rush Vandyke, M. D., the Alumni of the college. In the afternoon, the Scientific department held their Commencement. On Wednesday, the Commencement exercises of the college took place. The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Hugh Hamill, of Lawrenceville, N. J.; Rev. R. B. Welch, Professor of English Literature in Union College; Rev. John A. Todd, of Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Theodore B. Romeyn, of Hackensack, N. J. The degree of LL. D. was conferred on the Hon. Ezra Cornell, the founder of the Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y.

SUMMARY OF THE ANNIVERSARY REPORTS.

The National Benevolent and Religious Societies which held their Anniversaries recently, report as follows:

Table with columns for Society Name, Sales, and Donations. Includes Am. Bible Society, Am. Home Miss. Soc., Am. Female Guardian Soc., Am. Seamen's Friend Soc., Am. Tract Society, Am. Tract Soc. (Boston), Am. Anti-Slavery Soc., Nat. Temperance Soc., Am. S. S. Union, Am. and For. Chris. Union, Am. Cong'l Union, Pres. Board of For. Missions (O. S.), Am. Church Miss. Soc., Miss. Soc. of M. E. Church, A. B. C. F. M., Am. Miss. Association, P. E. Com. on For. Missions, Am. Baptist Miss. Union, B'd of For. Miss. of Ref. Church, Education.

Local New York societies and agencies reported aggregate receipts of \$1,063,112.41, while (the Observer thinks) two millions in all were given by the citizens of the Metropolis for its organized charities, exclusive of State and municipal aid.

The Baptist and the Presbyterian Boards and Committees on Home Missions are not represented in the above.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

HAMILTON COLLEGE, CLINTON, N. Y., 1868. Sunday, July 12.—10 1/2 A. M., Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. President Brown. 7 1/2 P. M., address before the Society of Christian Research by Rev. S. M. Campbell, D. D., of Rochester. Monday, July 13.—9 A. M., Entrance Examination. 3 P. M., Kingsley Prize Debate. 7 1/2 P. M., Kingsley Prize Declaration. Tuesday, July 14.—9 A. M., Entrance Examination. 3 P. M., "Class Day" Exercises. 7 1/2 P. M., Concert by Dodsworth's Band. Wednesday, July 15.—10 A. M., Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in the College chapel. 2 1/2 P. M., Presentation of the Perry H. Smith Library Hall. Address by Hon. John D. Catton, LL. D., of Ottawa, Ill. Response by Hon. Hiram Denio, LL. D., of Utica. Poem by Rev. Charles D. Helmer, of Chicago. 7 1/2 P. M., Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni. Annualist's letter by Hon. Gerrit Smith, LL. D., Peterboro', (class of 1818.) Oration by Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, of Hartford, Conn., (class of 1847.) Poem by Albert L. Childs, Esq., of Waterloo, (class of 1861.) Thursday, July 16.—10 A. M., Commencement Exercises.

News of Our Churches.

CHURCHES.—The Second church of Elmira is without a pastor. No call to Dr. Wood, of Geneva, was made.—The Stone-Street Church, of Watertown, N. Y., have extended a unanimous call to the Rev. C. C. Wallace, of Placerville, Cal., who will at once enter upon his labors.—In Midland City, Mich., Rev. T. L. Waldo has labored about one year, and the church, which was formed of five members in September last, has increased to nineteen, and the Church and Society are building a house of worship 34x50. On the second Sabbath of June, Revs. M. Gelston, of South Saginaw, and T. L. Waldo, organized a new church in St. Charles, Mich., of eight members.—The corner-stone of a fine new church edifice, to cost about \$30,000, was laid on the 13th, for the church of Newark, Ohio.—Fourteen united with the church in Susquehanna Depot, Pa., June 7th. This makes fifty-three additions since the first of March.

A correspondent of the Presbyterian writes from St. Paul, Minn.: "The First church is prospering under the ministration of the Rev. Mr. Mattocks, a man greatly beloved by his people. The pulpit of Hope chapel, [the House of Hope], the former pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Noble, now of Pittsburg, Penna., is filled by the Rev. Mr. Flint, whose services are welcomed by a large and intelligent congregation. Great credit is due Mr. Noble for all his labor of love among that people. Sorrowing hearts followed him to his new field."

PRESBYTERIES.—Hamilton met at College Hill, O., June 25, to receive and act upon a call of the Church for the settlement of Rev. E. L. Davies, who has been laboring there as stated supply for nearly two years. The call was placed by Presbytery in the hands of the pastor-elect, with the advice that he hold it until the regular meeting of the Presbytery in October.—Osago held its semi-annual meeting at Osago, June 9th, in the church, which has been recently repaired in a very tasteful manner. The Congregational church at Richfield Springs, which was connected with this Presbytery on the Plan of Union, adopted in 1801, having imbibed the spirit of the times, has sought a more perfect union with us, and has become in spirit and polity thoroughly Presbyterian. Elder H. C. Walters, delegate from the church, reported their action, whereupon Presbytery Resolved, "That we rejoice at its prompt action in this direction, and recommend to all our churches, in like relations and circumstances, to follow their worthy example." Presbytery adjourned to Cherry Valley June 18, to install Rev. Henry U. Swinerton, from the Presbytery of Passaic, pastor of the first Presbyterian church ever formed west of the Hudson. From this church the late Dr. E. Notz, President of Union College, was called to Albany.

MINISTERIAL.—Guilford, Conn.—Rev. Geo. M. Boynton, former pastor of our church in Riverdale, N. Y., was installed over the Third Congregational church of Guilford, Conn., on Wednesday, June 24th. Sermon by Rev. President Woolsey, D. D., of Yale College.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF BETHESDA CHURCH.

The corner-stone of the house of worship for this new congregation was laid on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The lot selected is on the south-east corner of Frankford Road and Vienna Sts., the front facing on the finest part of Frankford Road, which is itself the great thoroughfare of Kensington and the finest street in that section of the city. The large area of the new building—115 front by 70 deep—was already appreciable to the eye as the foundations had for the most part been laid, and the stout timbers of the scaffolding had arisen around them. An extemporized flooring had been extended over the whole extent of the church, and was covered with tables borrowed from the neighboring Hall in which the congregation as yet worshipped. On the North-west corner of the lot, a stand had been erected and covered in with American flags, and arranged with seats to accommodate the clergy who were expected. In front of this the excellent choir of the church were gathered in a semi-circle around the harmonium.

When we reached the scene, in spite of the intense heat, every seat on and around the stand was already occupied, while many were avoiding the we pronounced upon those that take their ease in Zion, by standing at every point within earshot on all sides of the stand. The number of our own pastors who had assembled from every part of the city, must certainly have evinced to the new colony that all our churches felt a common interest in the undertaking, while the presence of several pastors of churches of other denominations in the immediate neighborhood showed that it was with all good will from their new neighbors, that this people were about to set up their tabernacle here.

The introductory services prayer, singing, and the reading of the Scriptures were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hutton, Rev. Dr. Paxton (M. E.) and Rev. Dr. Shepherd.

The first address was made by our venerable father Rev. A. Barnes. He spoke with great emphasis of the services in the gospel of the late Rev. Geo. Chandler, under whom the old Kensington church had outgrown its former small house of worship, and had now again outgrown the larger one erected in its place, sending out this new colony to establish itself in a more Northern locality. He urged the value of houses of prayer, illustrating what he said by a reference to the superb hospital recently erected in northern Kensington to care for the bodies of men, in a neighborhood where railroads are numerous, and where accidents are likely to occur. That hospital was worth all it cost; much more this house for the care and the healing of men's souls. He assured the people that they were not to be left alone in this work, so far as the prayers, sympathies and material aid of their brethren in the southern parts of the city are concerned. Rev. Dr. March spoke in his usual happy and effective strain, rejoicing in the establishment of this Bethesda, this "house of mercy," and trusted soon to be recalled to aid in the dedication of the new edifice.

Rev. Dr. Stryker was glad to see such an evidence of progress as this undertaking is. He had come from the [Dutch] Reformed Church which had begun to wake up to the needs and the signs of the times. He had told his overgrown congregation in New York that they must divide, as seven hundred souls were too many for one man's care. "Therefore he rejoiced in this work of colonizing, this 'scattering' which was yet increasing. He rejoiced to see so many children present. Some one had said: 'Bless me, how many children there are here!' He trusted that all these children would grow up to be pillars of the church.

Rev. R. H. Allen being called upon to do the "begging" positively refused, but said he had no objection to do a little "collecting." This was a matter of debt and duty and not of gratuity. He