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Correspondents will please to address Rev. A. M. Stewart as formerly, at Frazer, P. O., Chester county, Pa., and their letters will be forwarded to the correct address on the Pacific coast.

Dr. Norman McLeod, in his account of his visit to India, given in the Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said:

"I one day met one of the ten missionaries from America, and I asked him why he didn't belong to the great body of the American portion of the Churches laboring in India. He replied that there were such differences between them that they could not have union. 'Pray,' I said, 'what are these differences?' 'Well,' he said, 'there is one tremendous thing—they sing hymns.' That is as worthy a man as lives—a most excellent man. I then asked if he would not, in consequence of those differences, worship Jesus Christ with them. 'Yes,' he replied, 'under protest.' I could not help saying that was the worst Brahminism I had ever seen in India."

Dr. McLeod must be speaking of some member of the U. P. Presbytery of Sealokote, as the R. P. Presbytery of Saharanpur are all of a more liberal way of thinking.

The Pittsburgh Banner commenting on the recent Re-union meeting held in the Central Church of this city, says:

Although this meeting was ostensibly called in advocacy of the Basis of Union as reported by the Committee, yet we do not notice anything in the above resolutions, that will prevent those who voted for them from giving their influence in favor of the plan recommended in the Pittsburgh Circular. On the contrary, we believe that method will be preferred by every one who took part in this meeting.

Had the editor of the Banner been present at the meeting, or had he taken the trouble to read our report of the speeches (instead of confining himself to the meagre statement which originally appeared in the local columns of one of our cheap dailies) he would have seen that ground was taken by the speakers of both branches of the Church squarely against the movement to amend the Basis in the Presbyteries. We recommend Dr. Allison to read the speeches of Dr. V. D. Reed and Prof. H. B. Smith. Nor has any one who spoke at the meeting—with the exception of Ex-Gov. Pollock—signed the Circular.

FINANCIAL PROSPECTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.—We are glad to learn that the receipts of the Board for June have advanced \$12,561 upon those of the same month last year; but we are sorry to learn that the balance against the treasury on the 1st of July was \$84,745. It is the earnest wish of the Prudential Committee to extinguish this debt before Sept. 1, (when the financial year closes) and also meet the current expenditures of July and August, which are expected to be large. To do this, it is supposed that \$190,000 in donations and legacies will be needed; and although the amount appears to be rather formidable, vigorous efforts are being made to secure it. We trust they will be successful. Four years ago, the receipts of the Board for July and August were 197,622; and what has been done once can be done again.—Boston Traveller.

FUNERAL OF REV. DR. DUFFIELD.

From the Detroit Advertiser of June 29th, we copy the following interesting account of the last services rendered to the memory of this honored father:

No man was held in higher esteem than the deceased, and the fact that our citizens attended his funeral, it might be said, in a body, is the best possible proof of their affection for him while living, as a public-spirited man and a Christian. It is not saying too much to state that the remains were followed to the grave by far the largest concourse of people that ever assembled on a similar mission in Detroit before. Hours previous to the time appointed for the funeral, the First Presbyterian Church was crowded with people, as was also every available space in the neighborhood, and the sidewalks on either side of Woodward avenue, from Gratiot street to George street. In the latter vicinity the people flocked by the thousand, and all wore a mourning look, and their hearts no doubt expressed deep sorrow for the loss of him who was universally respected.

Although it had been announced that the funeral would be from the church, a very large number of sympathizing friends and strangers proceeded to the residence of the family, on the corner of George street and Woodward avenue, where they availed themselves of an opportunity to take a last look at the remains of him whom they all loved. The body was encased in a beautiful red cedar casket, covered with rich silk velvet, and placed in the centre of the reception room, in a position where the people could file around it.

After prayer by Rev. W. A. McCorkle, the body was taken to the hearse, and in the latter was conveyed to the church, followed by a long line of carriages and citizens on foot, among the latter being delegates to the International Convention, members of the Young Men's Christian Associations. All along the route the streets were fairly lined with people, and all joined in the procession. Arriving at the church, the cortege found every available space for sitting or standing occupied, excepting seats reserved for the family and personal friends of the deceased. The interior of the edifice was elaborately dressed in mourning, and presented a mournful spectacle, indeed.

A very fervent prayer was made by Rev. W. A. McCorkle, after which the choir sang the hymn, "Thy will be done."

The Rev. Mr. Chase, of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Alfred Owen, of the Lafayette Avenue Church, and Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Pittsburgh, Pa., took part in the preliminary services. Rev. W. A. McCorkle delivered an address, basing it upon those words of Paul to Timothy: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

No words of mine could express like these, his faithfulness in the cause of his Master. He was fearless in God's ministry of the Gospel. There are those here who will understand me when I say that I never knew one who surpassed him in moral courage. I never knew him to abandon his convictions. He always stood by them and defended them; because he believed himself right. Among men he was able, fearless, independent; yet when he went to the altar of Christ he was a little child. Never have I seen one who was so simple before God; never one who was so perfect in his resignation to God's will. All he desired was to know he was on the Lord's side. In his pulpit, in the lecture-room, he has bowed himself in prayer to God; in words which seemed to me to say that he walked in the presence of God and talked with him as man talketh with man. There are many here who remember the time, not long since, when they were brought by his prayers and exhortations to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. And since that time he has been as if he had finished his work. A few weeks ago he went down to an old field of labor, and I have heard it said by those who were present, that the Doctor had preached to the congregation as if his life's work was ended, and that he was looking up to God, waiting to be taken home to his Saviour. On the same visit he stood in the pulpit of the first George Duffield who preached in America—his grandfather. When he came home, we noticed his feebleness. It seemed as if the journey had been too much for him. The night after his return, he attended the prayer-meeting. He mentioned his feebleness, and said that he felt greatly refreshed. He said that he felt better for coming where prayer was wont to be made. The last pastoral visit I ever knew him to make afterward was the day after the Morning Star had gone into the deep and carried with her a daughter of this church. We met there. We had gone there to offer comfort and consolation to the family in their bereavement. His words were—almost his first were: "I think it always best to go to the throne of grace; let us pray." These words, the manner in which they were used, show better than in any other way the source of his strength and his trust and dependence upon Heaven. When he came home he wrote in his diary the last words he probably ever wrote, "Oh! that my heart could realize more fully the dread uncertainties of life!" There are three things showing that the providence of God was gathering up the little threads of his life. The hymn we have just sung was read by him last Sunday morning with great solemnity, when the exercises of the day were opened. It was his habit every morning the first thing which he did, to study a chapter of the Bible, in four different languages. After he was stricken down, one of his sons found his book-mark at the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, and that is the chapter you have heard read to-day. We bow with submission to the stroke which took our beloved father from us. One of the strongest passions of his warm heart was his love for young men, and especially for children. He manifested it every where, and on all occasions; and it was this love for them which gave him strength to speak to the Young Men's Christian Associations. When he commenced to speak in the strong voice, we thought he was better; but it was the voice of his heart, not of his body. Then he fell—fell as a soldier of Christ. What glory to fall with his armor on, just where, had God asked him, he would have chosen to have died! During that short illness we were enabled to communicate with him, but his voice was not fully under his control. Only once did it seem as if he was wandering. He spoke about going to Cleveland. At first it was

thought that his mind was wandering; but his son, looking through his diary, found that he had engaged to be present and to speak at a temperance convention soon to meet there. I read to him the 14th chapter of John. At the particular passages, where the verses were applicable, he made a sign which we knew meant "Yes," and which came from the heart. There were great efforts made to keep him alive until his son came; another was not able to reach here until nothing but flesh was left. George went to his father's side and said: "Father, George has come." His eyelids twitched. His hands trembled. And God gave him life and strength to say: "I am glad. I want him to preach for me. I have not lost my senses; I have lost my voice. May my mantle fall on you. Go preach for me." It only remained for this mantle to be disposed of, and God had taken him. One week ago yesterday, as he conducted the funeral services of one of our prominent citizens, he called our attention to the fact that our Saviour never drew our thoughts to the grave, but above and beyond, it to heaven. Our hearts bleed, but it is an occasion for hallelujahs, so far as he is concerned, for he has gone to his reward.

Rev. P. J. Scott, of the United Presbyterian Church, followed. He said:

The loss which the Church of Christ has sustained is great, and the loss of this city and the community at large will be long deplored. He fell at his post—as every one knew he would fall. He fell like a noble tree, steady in the face of many a storm, with boughs extended for the shelter of the weak and helpless. Death seldom gets a richer spoil. I speak the feelings of brethren in the ministry, when I say that we never saw a pastor of his worth. In how many assemblies has he lifted up the standard of Christ, inviting all classes of men to come and be saved. We shall see him no more, but he yet speaks in the rich record which he has left in the remembrance of this congregation. Treasure his words, and remember that there is none which could be so precious to him as for you to resolve henceforth to give yourself entirely to the work of the Master, to consecrate yourselves anew to the cause of Christ. And to those of you who have listened to his teachings and closed your hearts to the mercies of God unfolded to you, I would remind you that, at the judgment day, he will stand as a witness to testify how you have received the Gospel at his hands. May that new-made grave, which shall rise in yonder cemetery, perpetuate the memory of the great and good man who slumbers there. O! may those earnest truths, which he has so often unfolded here, be the means of showing many the way of salvation, and sink deep into your hearts.

H. Thane Miller, Esq., President of the International Convention, then spoke as follows:

It would seem singular that those who have come to your beautiful city in the few days past should ask that room might be made for them beside these coffined remains, with you; singular that we might ask to stand beside the open grave to mourn with you; but when you know that we express the heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement of those 70,000 young men whom we represent, you may make room for us to look upon the face of the departed, and let us weep with you.

My dear friends of the Convention, to whom God has so especially spoken by the sudden death of so many of our number during the past year, will you learn the lesson which is given you. Only on Tuesday last our old friend Matthew Vassar was suddenly gathered into the kingdom, as a shock of corn ripe for the harvest, and now our dear father in Israel has been called from us; and who knows to whom the summons will next come? In future Conventions, when his name is read, shall we not answer, "Died on the field of battle." And my unconverted friends, who have sat listening Sunday after Sunday, to hear Dr. Duffield, will you not take his God for your God? You will soon say, as he did: "My head reels; I must stop." Will you not say, in the words of the hymn:

What sinners value I resign, Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine? Dr. Hogarth followed and said:

Death will make friends with us all yet, if he continue to take to his embrace so many of the brave, and good, and godly ones, who make their lives an example to us of what a life can be when modeled on the pattern of our dear Redeemer. We can only look to the source of all strength and all grace for consolation, standing in the door of our own dwelling when the chariot shall come for us. I think I should express to this congregation the sympathy of the entire community, and, as the oldest of the pastors in this city, I assure them that they have the profound and heartfelt sympathy of all the congregations and of the entire community. If any thing adds to our grief, it was the public spirit which marked his life. Now and then there is the minister of Christ who belongs to the world, as now and then there are statesmen—men who belong not to a congregation, a city, a State, or even a country, but to all the world. Such a one was he who now sleeps the sleep of the just man made perfect through the atonement of Jesus Christ. He was as well known, as highly esteemed, and as deeply revered in all the States of this Union as in this State of Michigan—in the General Assembly, as in his own Presbytery. There is no man who has been welcomed to more pulpits. Simple, kindly, affectionate, the truth ruled him in all things. I remember listening, not long since, to a discourse by him on one of those questions which is the foundation stone of the most dangerous of the socialistic speculations of modern times. Walking down with him I expressed the hope that he would publish it. He said that he was growing old; that should he publish it, he would be called upon to defend it from the bitter attacks of the enemies of Truth; and that he wished to live in quiet and in expectation of his death. But, added he, I shall leave it prepared for the press. He belonged to the Church. He belonged to the world. God has taken him.

After prayer and hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Noah M. Wells, at one time pastor of the church of Erie, N. Y.

The funeral procession was then formed, was very lengthy, and proceeded to Elmwood Cemetery. At this place, on the brow of a hill, and in a beautiful locality, the grave had been made ready for the inanimate form which was soon to occupy it. Around the place stood hundreds of people, and as the procession wound its way thither, the crowd became immense. The casket containing the remains were placed in a box, and

the whole was lowered into a sarcophagus, the heavy lids of which soon hid from view everything in its narrow retreat.

When the coffin had been lowered to its place, a prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McCorkle, and the choir and people sang the doxology. Rev. Geo. Duffield, Jr., on behalf of the family and friends of the deceased, made a few remarks, expressing grateful acknowledgments for the many kindnesses shown him by the people of Detroit while alive, and for the respect paid to his memory.

COLLEGE RECORD.

UNION COLLEGE, Schenectady, has been declining through dissensions of the Faculty and Trustees. A change in the charter, placing the election of Trustees in the hands of the alumni is asked for by the Board itself, and is expected to make things work smoothly again. Dr. Hickok preached the Baccalaureate sermon. At the commencement, July 1, sixteen of the junior class made speeches. The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Joseph Scudder, New York; Rev. John B. Wakefield, Maryland; Rev. M. R. Vincent, Troy; Rev. C. D. W. Bridgman, Albany. That of LL. D. on Hon. John Bigelow, our late Minister to France, and Prof. F. B. Upham, of the New York University. Rev. Dr. L. P. Hickok, for three years President, and for six years previous, during the disability of Dr. Nott, acting President of the College, retires from his office this year and goes to Amherst. As President of the Board of Trustees, ex-Senator Ira Harris becomes ex-officio President of the College, until somebody is appointed. The name of Gen. Howard of the Freedmen's Bureau is mentioned for the position and it is reported that he will accept.

MUHLBERG COLLEGE which was founded last year, at Allentown, Pa., by the High Church Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, began its first commencement July 1st, with an address to the two literary societies, by the Rev. Dr. Greenwald, of Lancaster. July 2d was Commencement day, when the Baccalaureate address was delivered by the President, Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, who conferred the degree of A. B. upon four graduates.

HANOVER (IND.) COLLEGE.—The exercises of the thirty fifth commencement of this (O. S. Pres.) institution took place June 18th. The anniversary oration was delivered by Rev. Claudius B. Martin, of Evansville, Ind. There were six graduates. The acceptance of the Presidency of the College, by Rev. Dr. G. D. Archibald, of New York City, was announced; and also that Rev. E. J. Hamilton, of Hamilton, had been elected Professor of Logic and Mental Philosophy. The prospects of the institution are better than for several years past.

KNOX COLLEGE (Galesburgh, Ill.) at its Twenty-third Anniversary, graduated six young ladies and four young men. Rev. C. M. Tyler addressed the Society of Inquiry; Dr. Gulliver the Literary Societies; Rev. S. J. Humphrey the L. M. I. Society [Ladies' Marriage Insurance Society?]; and Rev. J. E. Roy, the Alumni. The Advance says: "We learn that at the annual meeting of the trustees, Rev. Dr. Gulliver, pastor of the New England [Cong.] church in this city, was unanimously elected President, in the place of Dr. Curtis, [N. S. Pres.] who recently resigned. The talent, scholarship and executive ability of Dr. Gulliver fit him for such a position, and his acceptance, while a loss to the pulpit of Chicago, would augur well for the future of the College. The appointment is the more complimentary to Dr. G., and suspicious in itself, from the fact of the sad division which for many years has prevailed in the Board of Trustees, growing out of rival denominational claims. The unanimous vote just given, gives promise of an adjustment of differences, upon which basis Knox College, with its liberal endowment, will have a bright future. We have not heard whether Dr. Gulliver accepts the appointment."

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.—At the recent commencement at Oxford, five students received the degree of A. B. The audience was dismissed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Albert Barnes. Many friends of the institution came from Philadelphia on the morning train, and returned after the exercises were over. What could be seen of the institution, and learned of it, in one such day as that, could not fail to convince any one that Lincoln University has secured for itself a position side by side with the other colleges of this country.—Exchange.

CENTRE COLLEGE, Ky.—The commencement was held June 25th. Nine graduated. Dr. Breckinridge tendered his resignation of the office of President, but the question of its acceptance was deferred to a future meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held during the Sessions of the Synod at Danville, in October next. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. Thos. H. Cleland, Lebanon, Ky.; Rev. J. G. Reaser, Leavenworth, Kansas; Rev. E. Erskine, Editor of the North Western Presbyterian; and Rev. Henry Neill, Pittsfield, Mass.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.—Commencement June 25th. Fourteen graduates. The Trustees are adapting the curriculum to the wants and notions of the times, rather than the needs of man and of education,—substituting science for the classics and pure mathematics. The election of a President to fill the place of the lamented Dr. Johnson was deferred to September. The Rev. Dr. Edwards, of Baltimore, was elected to the chair of English Literature, his election to take effect in 1869, and Professor Bowman is to perform the duties of the chair the ensuing year.

HONORS.—The Board of Trustees of St. John's College, at Annapolis, Md., conferred, on Tuesday last, the honorary degree of LL. D., on Hon. Revere Johnson. Mr. Johnson is an alumnus of that institution, and he is the fifth person who has received this dignity from the Board since the foundation of the college, in the year 1784.—The University of Michigan has conferred the degree of LL. D., upon Dominique F. Sarmiento, of the Argentine Republic, and Prof. James K. Boise, of Chicago University, and the degree of Master of Science, on Prof. Harris, of Cornell University.—The University of North Carolina has conferred the degree of D. D. upon the Rev. C. Phillips, Professor in the University, Rev. T. H. Pritchard, of Raleigh, and the Rev. A. A. Watson, of Wilmington; and the degree of LL. D. on the Hon. T. H. Seymour, of Connecticut, and B. F. Moore, Esq., of Raleigh.—Appleton University has given the degree of

D. D., to Rev. L. L. Knox, of Menasha, Wis.—McKendree College has conferred the honorary degree of D. D., upon Rev. Reuben Andrus, A. M., and Rev. Henry E. Whipple, A. M., of Hillsdale College, Michigan.—The Board of Trustees of Bethel College have conferred the honorary degree of D. D., on Rev. G. C. Lorimer, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Coleman, Beaver Dam, Kentucky, and Rev. T. G. Keen, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

GIFTS.—Isaac Toucey has just founded four scholarships in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., \$300 annually being yielded by each. The scholarships are to be held only by young men studying for the ministry.—William and Mary College in Virginia, has just received a legacy amounting to \$8,000, which was bequeathed to it in 1791. The original legacy was only £50, and was left by an English lady named Margaret Whaley.—Amherst College has lately had a gift of \$30,000 from William Stearns, son of President Stearns, and a wealthy merchant of Bombay.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.—The Greenhill Church (Dr. Wiswell's) had an accession of fifteen at the communion last Sabbath, eight of these being on profession.

CITY PASTORS.—Dr. Johnson will stay till September at Marquette, where he is enjoying "superior" advantages for keeping cool.—Dr. Humphries and family are at Pittsfield, Mass.—Dr. Wiswell is at Matituck, L. I., and parts adjacent.—Rev. J. G. Hamner is at Chester City, Pa.—Rev. W. W. Taylor is at Newburgh, N. Y.—Rev. W. T. Baa is toiling and perspiring over his new enterprise.—Rev. Drs. Allen and Stryker are still at their posts. The former seems to be doing duty for the rest of the corps, officiating at commencements, &c., and winning his way into the Philadelphia heart generally.

THE THIRD PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA at its meeting July 7, dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. R. A. Mallory and Cedar [South] St. Church. Mr. M. having accepted the unanimous call to the church in Milford, Del., he was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Wilmington. Dr. Meurs was appointed to declare the South St. pulpit vacant. A very full and valuable report was presented by the Committee on "Unemployed Ministers, Licentiate, and Vacant Churches." It was adopted, and we hope soon to be able to publish it in full in our columns. A Committee was appointed to arrange for the installation on the 3d Monday in September of Rev. Stephen W. Dana, pastor-elect of the Walnut St. Church, West Philadelphia.

To insure a more deliberate Fall Narrative of the State of Religion for presentation to the Synod, the Committee to prepare it was appointed, and the sessions were enjoined to forward to its Chairman, Rev. H. A. Smith, written reports of the State of Religion among them, embracing the points usually noticed in this connection, at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod. The condition of a vacant church in this city, occupied the anxious attention of Presbytery, and a Commission was created to consider and act for its benefit.

The next stated meeting was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian House on the third Tuesday in October, at 10 1/2 o'clock, A. M. The Synod meets in Reading on the evening of that day, and the time was so arranged as to give opportunity for a meeting of Presbytery before taking the cars at 3 o'clock, P. M.

HONESDALE, Pa.—The Wayne County Herald of July 2, reports the dedication of a new and splendid house of worship by our church in this borough. The congregation was organized nearly forty years ago, and worshipped successively in two smaller houses until 1837, when, by great efforts, they erected a church edifice 45 by 60 feet, which was afterwards deepened to 82 feet. The growth of the church in later years, both in numbers, and in wealth and influence, made the need of a larger house evident, and in April, 1866 the old church was torn down and the erection of a new one—64 by 86 feet, to cost \$40,000,—began, to be finished by the first of the present month. The building is of pressed brick, trimmed with brown-stone, and finished in the interior with black walnut, carpeted and upholstered throughout. It is thoroughly lighted by two six feet circular reflectors, each of twenty-six burners. The spire is placed to the left of the front entrance. The organ-loft is built upon the right side of the church, with the organ fronting the middle of the audience-room. The instrument is a new and improved one by Swart of New York, costing over \$2,000. The whole edifice is spoken of as "a church not surpassed for beauty or comfort in this section of the State." Its erection has been carried on with great energy and harmony by the entire congregation, Messrs. Torrey and Kirtland of the Building Committee taking the lead.

On Thursday afternoon, June 25th, the new edifice was dedicated to the worship of God with appropriately simple ceremonies. Rev. Chas. S. Dunning, the esteemed pastor of the church, preached an able sermon from 1 Timothy iii. 15. Several pastors of churches in the neighborhood assisted in the services.

TROY, N. Y.—Oakwood Avenue church was organized by a commission of the Presbytery of Troy, July 1st. The mission out of which this new congregation has grown, is an enterprise of the First church, and has been ministered to for some time by Rev. Mr. Van Deurs, lately of this city. The chapel erected for their accommodation will seat four hundred and fifty persons, and is fitted up with neatness and taste. Sheds have been erected to accommodate the horses of those of the members who reside in Brunswick township.

The colony dismissed from the first church consists of thirty-three persons, including two of the best elders. To these, chiefly as the fruit of Mr. Van Deurs' labors since the beginning of the year, have been added twenty-three by profession. Others yet are expected. The organization having been perfected, "seven men of honest report" were chosen and ordained to the office of deacons, and the two elders were instituted as session members. In the evening the new house of worship was