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NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the post-office... 2. If a person orders his paper discontinued... 3. The courts have decided... 4. is prima facie...

During the month of August, the office of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN will be open from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Rev. Dr. Stryker of N. Broad St. Church, goes to Cape May to-day. He expects to re-occupy his pulpit on the last Sabbath in August.

The "Pittsburgh Circular" gravely states that Re-union on the Basis of the standards alone, is "the first choice" of the N. S. Church...

STATISTICS OF THE OTHER BRANCH.—Dr. McGill, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, sends to The Presbyterian, the statistics of the Church for the current year, which we contrast with those of 1867.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1867, 1868) and various statistics (Synods, Presbyteries, Licentiates, Candidates, Ministers, Churches, Additions on Ex., Communicants, Adult Baptisms, Infant Baptisms, Contributions, Cong. purposes, Boards, Ministerial Relief, Miscellaneous, Total, Contingent Fund).

THE MUSICAL DEPARTMENT OF Tuscarora Female Seminary is under the exclusive care of Prof. Carl F. Kolbe, a German gentleman of rare musical talents...

The corner-stone of a new M. E. church was laid at Mianus, Conn., on Tuesday last. The Rev. J. M. Buckley, of Brooklyn, who made the address on the occasion, ascertained the following facts: The ground for church and parsonage was given by a Presbyterian gentleman...

THE RELATION OF LICENTIATES, UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS, AND VACANT CHURCHES TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The following action was taken by the Third Synod of Philadelphia, at its regular meeting, July 13, 1868.

Resolved, That the following order be adopted, to regulate the relation of Licentiates, Ministers without charge, and vacant congregations, to the Synod:

First, CONCERNING LICENTIATES. One Form of Government specifies with great plainness the nature and end of a licensure. It is not to give status and title to the licentiate while following other vocations than that of preaching the Gospel...

SECOND—CONCERNING MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

The minister has, in his ordination vows, solemnly consecrated himself to the work of the ministry. His engagement with his Lord is not conditioned upon his obtaining access to what are called inviting fields, or finding residence in agreeable localities.

Resolved, 1st, That the Committee of Conference provided for in the last article, extend to ministers connected with this Synod, who are not statedly employed in the care of churches, or some other work immediately connected with Christian evangelization, the same assistance as provided for in the case of Licentiates...

THIRD—CONCERNING VACANT CHURCHES.

When a church becomes vacant, it falls back under the pastoral care of the Synod. This is the general tone of our Presbyterian system, and is fully implied in Chap. X., Sec. 8 of the "Form of Government."

Resolved, 1. That whenever a church becomes vacant, it shall be regarded as coming under the immediate care of Presbytery, and so continuing until brought regularly under the charge of an individual pastor; and Presbytery shall proceed immediately to take such order in its behalf as its circumstances may require.

the said committee, or otherwise, in obtaining candidates for the pastorate; and they should by all means do it when the vacancy has been of long continuance...

Resolved, 4. That the appointment of a minister of the Presbytery, as the Standing Moderator of the Session of a vacant church, be in no case omitted.

Resolved, 5. That when a church has been long vacant, it becomes the duty of Presbytery to visit by a committee, for the purpose of inquiry concerning its welfare and prospects, and of making such suggestions and giving such counsel as the case may require.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

HAMILTON COLLEGE AGAIN.

The Tri-ennial of Hamilton College, prepared with great care by professor North, is published, making a pamphlet of fifty-five pages. The whole number of graduates from 1814 to the present time, is 1178, of whom 328, or nearly one-third, have been evangelical ministers of the Gospel.

Two years ago, the entire first class of Hamilton College, which graduated in 1814, were still living. But it should be added, that the class embraced only two persons, Rev. Geo. A. Calhoun, D. D., of Connecticut, and Wm. Groves, Esq., formerly of this city, but late of Louisiana.

The new house for the President is progressing rapidly toward completion. It is promised for his use at the opening of the Fall term. In the mean time, Dartmouth College confers upon Dr. Brown the well-deserved honor of LL. D.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The house of worship of the church in Whitesboro, has been greatly improved in the past year, with new seats, new pulpit (a mere table, as it should be, with a desk on it), new paint, and a general renovation.

Per Contra, Clinton church-enlargement has been postponed for the present, although much needed. Perhaps they will soon conclude to build entirely new, which would be a better operation.

The Canandaigua church also, instead of building anew, as they proposed, last year, have contented themselves with some four or five thousand dollars' worth of improvements on the old house.

McGrawville.—The church in this place is highly prosperous under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Bates, a recent graduate of Auburn Seminary. Thirty were added to its membership on the 1st Sabbath of July. Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn, officiated on the occasion, as Mr. Bates is not yet ordained or installed.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Geo. S. Boardman, D. D., concluded, after all, not to go to Geneva to live, as he had planned to do at one time, but has purchased a fine house in Rome, and has settled down there for the present. He has preached for a few Sabbaths at Syracuse, 1st Ward church, to which Rev. Mr. Simmons has recently been called.

Rev. Dr. Shaw is off for his Summer's vacation. He goes to Keene Plats, where he has been for two seasons' past. It is a lovely spot, high up on the Eastern side of the Adirondack Mountains.

Rev. Henry Fowler, of Auburn, has had, we suppose, a narrow escape for his life. He was prostrated, on the 4th instant, by the heat of this extraordinary season, after addressing the convicts in Auburn prison, and was, for some days, in a very critical condition.

Rev. F. A. Chase, recently the esteemed pastor of the church of Lyndonville, has received and accepted an invitation to take charge of the Female College of Lyons, Iowa, and has removed to the new sphere of labor.

the tender sympathy of many Christian friends, have had this consolation: "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." It is all right, brother.

The Houghton Seminary has been robbed of one of its principal teachers, Miss Eliza D. Everett. A teacher of first-class ability, and ripe experience was needed for the Female Seminary at Beirut, in Syria.

Miss Cyrene O. Van Duzer, from the North church in Buffalo, is about to start with Rev. M. P. Parmelee and family, to be a missionary teacher at Brzroom, Turkey.

COLLEGE RECORD.

AMHERST COLLEGE.—The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Pres. Stearns, July 5: "Religious Element in Education." Prize speaking on Monday evening. Dr. Manning (class of '50), delivered an address on Tuesday evening on "Modern Infidelity."

HARVARD COLLEGE.—The first exercise of the week was the annual sermon, on Sunday evening, July 12th, before the graduating class of the Divinity School, by Rev. O. B. Frothingham, of New York.

BELOIT COLLEGE (Wis.) at its seventh Commencement graduated eight young men, five of them sons of clergymen, and all, with one exception, members of Church.

RIPON COLLEGE at its first Commencement graduated six young men. Dr. Gulliver addressed the societies. Ripon is the second Congregational College in Wisconsin.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE (Me.)—President Harris delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, July 12. Monday evening the prize declamation by the Junior class in the church.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE (New Wilmington, Pa.)—Baccalaureate sermon by Pres. Browne, June 20th. Address to Society of Inquiry by Rev. J. R. Lytle, of Ohio.

from them, conferred the honorary degree of D.D. on the Rev. Mr. Munson, of Perth, Scotland.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—The commencement took place, July 18th, when a class of 10 members graduated and the honorary degree of D. D., was conferred on Rev. Thos. S. Appell, of Mercersburg.

WABASH COLLEGE.—On Sabbath, June 21st, the President's Baccalaureate was delivered before a crowded house. In the evening the Rev. H. S. Little of Brazil preached the annual discourse before the Society of Inquiry.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Dr. Chas. J. Stille, for the last two years Professor of History and English Literature, has been unanimously elected Provost in place of the Rev. Dr. Goodwin, who recently resigned.

CHURCHES.—The church in Bowling Green, O., was formed on the "Plan of Union" and "perfected its organization" some time ago, by the secession of half the membership to form a new Cong. Church.

News of Our Churches.

Our church in Ottawa, Kas., organized in the autumn of 1866, has now forty members, and the best house of worship in the place. It is built of stone, well filled up and carpeted, and will seat 250 people.

Our denomination, by the ministry of Rev. S. L. Waldo, has made a good beginning at Midland, the centre of Midland county, and the geographic centre of our State.

The site (a central one) is the gift of one member of the church, while a Camdenite of New York city donates a bell. The new congregation have manifested their liberality by a generous treatment of their pastor.

Our denomination, by the ministry of Rev. S. L. Waldo, has made a good beginning at Midland, the centre of Midland county, and the geographic centre of our State. A church of nineteen is organized, and are building an edifice.—A correspondent of the North Western Presbyterian writes: "In Omaha we have no church organization, although there is a small Old School element here.