

glad to hear that he is now restored to more than his usual health and vigor. Some months ago he resumed his pastoral labors, and the Allen street church is being blessed. More than twenty individuals have within a short time been received to its communion.—The Fourteenth St. church, (cor. of Second Avenue) is to have service in the session room during the summer.

CHURCHES.—“Professor Blaisdell is to supply the First Presbyterian church of Chicago, for a time. This church did not call Newman Hall by cable telegram, as was reported, but talked of doing so.”—Cor. of Congregationalist.—The church in Montana, Iowa, (Rev. Mr. Heizer pastor), have just completed a new and neat house of worship. Mr. Heizer has made a good beginning here, and will, by the Divine blessing, do a good work.—The church in Quincy, Ill., are progressing under their new pastor, Rev. J. A. Priest. They have purchased a new and eligible site for a church edifice at a cost of \$7,500, as their old church is too small and too much hemmed in by business places. The town has received such an impetus from the great Mississippi bridge now in course of erection, that more churches will soon be needed.—Rev. Geo. F. Davis having left Mt. Pleasant, Ill., is laboring with La Grange and Providence churches in Missouri. In six months the first of these churches has had an accession of twelve members, the second of thirty-nine. Both are in working order. The O. S. and N. S. churches recently went on a picnic excursion to visit their brethren in La Grange.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. E. D. Beach, pastor of the church at Granville, O., declines the professorship to which the Trustees of Marietta College elected him. He will remain with the congregation.—President Hitchcock writes in a private letter: “I have been greatly improved in health by my trip abroad, and expect to resume my duties in the College with the coming college year. I cannot yet, however, preach as I have hitherto done. The throat is not well enough. I hope it will allow me to resume preaching by and by.”—A Pittsfield (Mass.) correspondent of the Evangelist writes: “Zephaniah M. Humphrey, D.D., of Philadelphia, is passing his summer vacation here with his family. They are with his mother, who still occupies the homestead, where the late Dr. Heman Humphrey passed his closing years. His children often revisit the place, and the people of Pittsfield will long remember the green old age of this excellent man.”—Mr. H. P. Weston, recently of Lane Seminary, has become stated supply of the church in Parma, Michigan.—The degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred by the Board of Trustees of Washburn College upon our excellent Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. A. T. Norton, of Alton, Illinois.—Rev. E. E. Gregory has resumed his charge of the First church of Corunna.—The Rev. H. Lawrence has removed from Peru, Ohio, to Brecksville, fifteen miles south of Cleveland, where he becomes stated supply of the church.—Rev. W. F. B. Lynch acting pastor of our churches in Centreville and Alvarado, Cal., has joined the Baptists. The Rev. H. A. Sawtelle writes from San Francisco, June 29th: “I had the privilege last week of baptizing the Rev. William F. Lynch and his wife, of the Presbyterian churches at Alvarado and Centreville, California. He is a pleasant public speaker, and is esteemed by all who know him as a good minister of Jesus Christ. His adoption of the Baptist view of both the act and the subjects of baptism is full, intelligent, and decided.” We hope Mr. Sawtelle baptized him into “Open Communion.”—Rev. C. S. Robinson, D.D., now in charge of the American chapel in Paris, by instructions from the Am. and Foreign Christian Union, has discontinued the liturgical service there on Sabbath morning, a change to which the congregation cordially assented.—On Thursday evening, July 30, Rev. Rev. Aikman, for sixteen years the pastor of the Third church of Elizabeth, N. J., was presented by Dr. H. Cooley, on behalf of the elders and members of the church, with an envelope enclosing a considerable sum of money, and a handsomely bound album, containing the likenesses of the oldest members of the church, and also of the more youthful. Mr. Aikman preaches his farewell sermon August 2nd.—The Rev. Franklin Y. Vail died at the residence of Major Gaño, near Cincinnati, on Tuesday, the 23d of June. He was seventy-one years of age, having been born on Long Island, August 3d, 1797. Mr. Vail was very successful in securing funds for the establishment of Lane Seminary, thirty-five years ago. He was also for many years an efficient agent of the American Tract Society.

CHURCHES.—The Xenia Torch Light, of July 15, says: “The Presbyterian (Dr. Findley’s) congregation, of this city, design to erect, during the present season, a large and commodious church edifice which will be an ornament among the many ornaments for which this city of churches is renowned. The dimensions of the new building will be 60 by 100 feet. The process of tearing down the old church building has already been commenced.”—The Pittsburgh Banner says: “It begins to appear that our Presbyterian brethren in Canada are not altogether satisfied with Mr. Chiquiquy, whom they were so eager to seize upon, upon the occasion of his rupture with our Church. At the late meeting, of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian church the current of feeling seems to have been strongly against the mission, and the desire was freely expressed that it might be transferred to the Old School Presbyterians of this country, where those things about it which were an air of mystery could be cleared up. Thank you, gentlemen, we have no disposition to interfere with your contract in this matter; nor have any disposition to engage in auditing the transactions of Mr. Chiquiquy with yourselves.”

THE CHURCH IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in St. Andrew’s church, Pictou, on the evening of July 7th. It had been arranged during the last meeting of this Synod that a union would be consummated this year with the Synod of New-Brunswick, and consequently a quota of ministers and elders appeared from the neighboring province. The Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were happily united. A young man offered his services as teacher in the Foreign Mission field, and a member of the Presbytery of Pictou—Mr. Goodwill, of Rogers Hill—offered himself, and was thankfully accepted, as a missionary to the South Sea Islands.

EPISCOPALIAN.—Rev. J. H. Converse has entered upon his duties as the Assistant minister of St. Peter’s church, in this city.—The Report of the Committee appointed by the Convention of South Carolina, to collect information touching the destruction of Episcopal churches and church property during the war, shows that in that diocese 22 Episcopal churches were either partially or totally destroyed; 22 parishes were suspended, and 2 parsonages were burned. Every Episcopal edifice between the Savannah River and Charleston was more or less injured, some having been stripped of weather-boarding, windows, and doors. Almost all the ministers in that region were driven from their homes, or robbed of their libraries. Along the entire seaboard of the State, but four parishes maintain religious services, while, outside of Charleston, not one can be called a living, self-sustaining parish: the rural clergy being necessitated to support themselves by fishing, farming, or the practice of mechanic arts.—The Independence Belge having set afloat the story that at the Ecumenical Council, which is to meet next year, prelates of the Greek and Anglican churches are to be invited to be present. The Weekly Register, (Roman) of London, informs us that the Anglican bishops are not to receive cards: “A private letter from Rome confirms the statement made in the Monde, to the effect that schismatical, but not heretical, bishops will be invited to attend the General Council of the Catholic Church, which will assemble at the Vatican on the 8th of December, 1869. Thus the prelates of the Greek Church will be asked to come, but not those of the Anglican denomination—no doubt, much to the disgust of our Ritualistic friends in England.

CONGREGATIONALIST.—The Essex street church, Boston, Mass., (Dr. Adams pastor), disposed of their church edifice some months since, and have now secured a site for their new house at the corner of Columbus Avenue and Newton street, not far from Dr. Webb’s church.—On Tuesday, July 14th, the Penobscot Ministerial Association, assisted by other ministers, licensed twenty-three young men—members of the Bangor Theological Seminary—to preach the Gospel. Fifteen of them were licensed for the usual term—three years. Eight of them, members of the middle class, were licensed for one year, they pledging themselves to complete their courses, and to preach under the direction of the Faculty of the Seminary.—Rev. Lewis E. Matson, pastor of the Plymouth Church in Chicago, who has just died at Lyons, France, at the early age of twenty-nine, was a graduate of Yale, and of Andover, and had been settled both in Racine and Madison, Wis. Two years since he succeeded Dr. Kittell at Chicago.

BAPTIST.—Thirteen periodicals of the Southern Baptist Church have broken down within two years for want of patronage. So says the Religious Herald (Baptist)—Simon Bundich, a colored preacher of Brooklyn, N. Y., has published a card stating that the Association lately had a dinner in Brooklyn, but refused to receive the colored members at the table.

METHODIST.—An exchange sums up the four great Acts of the Conference at Chicago:—(1.) The admission of colored and Southern “mission” conferences to full equality of representation. “The whole United States sat in this council as it had never before since 1844.” (2.) The arranging for a union with the Zion M. E. Church, the commission appointed being empowered to treat with other Methodist bodies for a like union. (3.) The admission of the foreign conferences in Europe, Liberia and India to full standing as conferences. (4.) The arrangement for the admission of lay delegates into the General Conference, should the measure proposed be approved of by the membership of the Church.

MISCELLANEOUS.—There are more Methodists in Ohio than in any other state, more Baptists in Georgia, more Presbyterians in Pennsylvania, more Congregationalists in Massachusetts, more Protestant Episcopalians in New York, and ten times more Unitarians in Massachusetts than in any other State.—Twenty years since the Protestants in the world numbered 64,000,000, and Romanists

167,000,000, being not quite two Protestants to five Romanists. Now Protestants number 93,000,000, and Romanists 185,000,000—not two Papists to one Protestant. There is a steady decline in the leading Papal powers, and a steady advance in the leading Protestant powers.

Banner of the Covenant.
A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.
[The following was meant as a postscript to the letter which appeared last week but was crowded out through the pressure upon our columns.]

At a meeting of his Presbytery, on the 15th ult., in Rev. J. McMillan’s Church, Allegheny, the subscriber withheld his vote against the “suspending” act of Presbytery. Not in the slightest degree for his own sake, but in the dim hope of doing some good, he would like to make public his reasons for not voting against said action!

He knew that at least four ministerial brethren were present to ask their certificates if Presbytery refused to express in some such way as she did her “protest against the unworthy action of the late General Synod.”

His vote was withheld in the hope that thus Presbytery would be harmonized and held together. If by the action of Presbytery, a pretext was given to distract and divide the Presbytery, this result was not anticipated by the subscriber, or perhaps his course would have been different.

2. If the subscriber had regarded the action of Presbytery as amounting to an act of secession from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, or a declaration of independence of General Synod in anything farther, or else, than the disciplinary measures of the late Synod, he would have voted against it, regardless of consequences. He is subject to Synod in all lawful things. He has no notion that one unjust or wicked act of Synod absolves him from his proper obedience. He does not think so lightly of the duty he owes his Church as to imagine he can vote it away at pleasure. When a child feels that his father has corrected him unjustly he cannot rise up and say, “by that act you have absolved me from all obligation to you; henceforth I am free.”

But it is not believed that an impartial interpretation of the language of the Preamble and Resolution adopted by Presbytery would suggest the thought that they involve a secession from the Church, or a total declination of the authority of Synod. Such was not the intention of the author and supporters of the paper, as expressed in Presbytery at the time of its adoption. A liberal but legitimate interpretation of the paper would, it is believed, make it mean nothing more than a protest against and a declaration of non-concurrence in the disciplinary work of Synod at her late meeting.

The subscriber deferred to the judgment of his brethren that the method they adopted would prove the most effective way of harmonizing the congregations under their care, and of securing the repeal of the evils of which they complain. In the mean time he rested in the belief that if the action of Presbytery should be found less satisfactory than was expected by its friends, it would be reconsidered, and corrected at its next semi-annual meeting.

3. But the chief reason remains to be stated. To have voted against the resolution, would, in the circumstances, have been to approve and sustain the Synod in her recent disciplinary proceedings.

The subscriber could not easily get the consent of his own mind to anything that would have the appearance of “consenting” to that work. He believes that at the present time the Mediator is educating his people to a higher plane on the subject of Church government than heretofore attained. A new era is opening, in which the Church will use her disciplinary power, not as a Procrustes’ bed, not for producing ecclesiastical conformity; not for making good churchmen, but good Christians.

The recent outbreaks of the old persecuting spirit in many of the churches, especially the Baptist, the Episcopal and our own, together with the sepulchral attempts at vindication that have appeared in some religious journals, are parts of the divine plan for hastening the decision of the contest between ecclesiasticism and Christianity. The persecutor’s argument, “we have a law, and by that law he must die,” must be made odious by its employment in our day against such men as Malcolm, Tyng, and Stuart.

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More Causes of Blood Poison. Excessive labor or undue excitement sometimes occasion serious sickness by causing an accelerated motion to the blood. Grief, fear and anxiety hasten by making the blood to circulate slower. Both causes may produce serious evils to the health unless prevented by timely aid. Here we are admonished of the superior advantage of BRANDRETT’S PILLS. For if the blood goes too fast, from nervous or other causes, they allay the turmoil and are healing to the brain. While, should the blood circulate too slowly, thinning the skin with a dark line, they at once relieve the blood of its excess of carbon; thus they relieve the mind and restore the health. Should an organ be weaker than the rest, there impure matters from the blood will be deposited. This is the way the lumps, boils, tumors, carbuncles, are produced. All are cured, often prevented, by the use of BRANDRETT’S PILLS. Principal office, Brandreth House, New York. aug-1m

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