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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 that refusing to...

Summer Day in Switzer Street Education in Iowa, No. 11. Cleanse by Rev. Dr. Stryker; Record Drinks, Letters, XI; Recollections of the Run-Church, on page 24; The Pulpit, its page 34; Family, The Pennsylvania page 6th;...

Mr. E. W. Benedict's "Run Through Europe," noticed in our "Book Table," should be credited to Messrs. Barnes & Burr, of New York, as Publishers, and to the Lippincotts, as the Philadelphia Agents.

The O. S. Presbytery of Chippewa votes against the Assembly's Basis, and for that proposed by the Pittsburgh Circular people.

If we can give the North-Western Presbyterian any information that it wants on any subject, we shall be glad to do so. But we do not understand its last question addressed to us.

Phillips Brooks is called to Trinity church, Boston. We hope he won't go.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

OUR CHURCH. The Minutes of the General Assembly are published, and distributed after the usual style. That is to say, a package for each Presbytery is sent by Express to the Stated Clerk; but when and where the members of the Presbytery are to get their copies, is quite another thing.

Is that city reconstructed? Is this our country? May we go where we will in it, and be protected by its laws? It is time it were so; and millions of lives have been sacrificed in vain unless it can be made so.

addition of one-third to the capacity of our church edifice, would add one-third to our congregation in less than three years...

THE CHINESE. The Embassy went to Niagara Falls, which some of the best are Auburn, and that city. But this was not all; and the liberal minded proprietors, Mr. Burlingame, presented to the Embassy two of their best implements, movements the Chinese had witnessed.

We met them again on their way to Niagara Falls, and had the pleasure of putting some words of Christian truth into their hands, which we hope may be blessed to them; the gospel by John in the Chinese, and Hymn Book prepared by the Missionaries, to one of the chief Mandarins; the New Testament in English to one who reads our language, (the other was already supplied); and parts of the Testament in French to each of the two who speak that language.

OUR COUNTRY. Is it ours? What part of it? The Constitution guarantees to each one of us the same liberties in every State of the Union; but can we enjoy them? One of our citizens, a Christian gentleman, has recently returned from one of our Southern cities, where he tried to live in peace with all men, going quietly about his business, striving in every way to lead a Christian life, and do good as he had "opportunity."

And what is the redress? Where is protection? To appeal to the Courts in that city would be a waste of time, and provocation of spirit. And so this peaceable man is forced to do what he never expected to be obliged to do in this Christian land, to arm himself with a revolver, and give out that he should defend himself to the last.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 15, 1868.

REUNION ITEMS.

We of the New School, by at least ten to one, have been cordial for reunion, on fair terms, with our Old School brethren, ever since negotiations were opened at St. Louis. We are ready for union on the "Pittsburgh" basis, we are equally ready for it on the Committee's basis.

But we are particularly pleased with that part of the Minutes which relates to our own State. Nowhere has the increase been more striking or interesting; nowhere are our churches stronger, or in a more healthful condition. The growth is steady, uniform, permanent. We wonder if it is generally known how large a portion of our Church belongs to the "Empire State."

The method indicated by the Pittsburgh Circular, is growing in favor everywhere, within our bounds; and we have strong reasons to believe, that when our New School brethren fully comprehend its real import, they will almost unanimously approve it.

We do not see, according to the above article, what we have gained by inserting in the Basis the condition that the Confession "is to be received in its proper historical, that is, in its Calvinistic or Reformed, sense."

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[From the above, we learn (1) that our exclusive O. S. brethren are beginning to see that "the historical sense" is the last thing in the world for them to talk about—that history is the last tribunal in the world for them to appeal to. Like all other sectarian exclusivists, they will find that the shorter their traditions are, the safer and more rigid they will prove.

This course [withdrawing from the Presbytery] will save you from becoming complicated in the eriminations, strifes, and excisions which will arise under the coming reunion. There are certainly important and wide differences between the Old and the New School theology.

We can but regard the [Hall-Humphrey] resolution passed by the O. S. Assembly near the close of its session, and designed to be supplementary to and explanatory of the vote that had been telegraphed to the other branch, as a serious misfortune, and wholly unnecessary in the circumstances.

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COLLEGE RECORD.

OBERLIN COLLEGE.—The commencement was preceded by a two weeks' Theological Institute, participated in by some sixty or seventy of the Alumni, and devoted to discussions bearing upon the ministerial work.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, (Gettysburg, Pa.) Professor Valentine declines the Presidency of Pennsylvania College unanimously tendered him by the Board. The nomination of Rev. Reuben Hill by the Synod of Pennsylvania to the Franklin Professorship will also have to be acted on.

MADISON UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, N. Y.—Dr. Hague of Boston addressed the Society of Inquiry on "The Distinctive Ideas of New Testament Christianity." Rev. W. Hoyt of Brooklyn addressed the Literary Society on "Iconoclasm." On Tuesday, August 4th, the commencement of Hamilton Theological Seminary, was held.

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY of Washington, although open to young people of both sexes, and of all complexions, was founded especially to give colored boys a liberal education. It is to this feature that owes the zealous friendship of General O. O. Howard, whose name it bears, and the other well known Washington gentlemen whose names appear in the list of trustees.

books, specimens for the museum, and above all money to endow professorships and scholarships.

THE UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURG, PA.—At eighteenth commencement, seven received the degree of B. A. The aggregate of graduates in those eighteen years is 159 of whom 60 have entered the ministry.

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Cong.) graduates twelve of forty-six students. The Trustees are trying to secure the endowment of a chair of Ecclesiastical History, and of an Iowa Professorship and have chosen Rev. W. H. Daniels their agent to effect these and the like results.

News of Our Churches.

THE LARGEST CHURCHES reported on our minutes for the current year have the following membership:

- Lafayette Av. church, Brooklyn, 1141; Madison sq. church, New York, 1111; Brick church, Rochester, 1086; Kensington church, Philadelphia, 934; Seventh church, New York, 916; Thirtieth St. church, New York, 866; Fourth church, Albany, 825; West church, New York, 715; Allen St. church, New York, 750; Fourth Av. church, New York, 726; Spring St. church, New York, 715; South church, Brooklyn, 695; First church, Troy, 686; Binghamton, N. Y., 672; Third church, Pittsburg, 650; Central church, Rochester, 648; Mercer St. church, New York, 629; Eleventh church, New York, 604; Third church, Philadelphia, 603; First church, Brooklyn, 600; Cleveland, Auburn, 593; First church, Cleveland, 584; North church, New York, 572; Central church, New York, 572; First church, Utica, 546; Lafayette street church, Buffalo, 543; Fourteenth St. church, New York, 532; First church, Syracuse, 527; Bloomfield, N. J., 509; First church, Chicago, 508; Second church, Cleveland, 504; Second church, Newark, 501; Ypsilanti, Mich., 500.

THE LARGEST ACCESSIONS on examination reported in our last minutes are:

- Kensington church, Philadelphia, 100; Central church, Rochester, 88; Easton, Mo., 83; Lebanon, Ill. (German church) 80; Fourth Av. church, New York, 77; Spring St. church, New York, 72; Thirtieth St. church, New York, 71; Madison Sq. church, New York, 68; Ridgebury, N. Y., 66; Trenton, Ill. (German church) 65; Eleventh church, New York, 65; First church, Brooklyn, 64; Tabor church, Philadelphia, 62; Port Jervis, N. Y., 59; Lyons, 57; Third church, Philadelphia, 54; Brookport, N. Y., 55; Delhi, Ind., 54; Belvidere 2d, New Jersey, 53; Victor, N. Y., 51. This makes an aggregate of 1432 accessions to 18 churches.

CHURCHES.—The Seventh church of Chicago, on the evening of July 29th, extended a unanimous and cordial invitation to Rev. John McLeish, late of Lacon, Ill., to become its pastor. The voting was so hearty and general and unanimous, that its effects, on both people and pastor-elect, must be for a long time to come inspiring.

—A correspondent of the Herald says: "We have in Clinton, Douglas Co., Kansas, a Presbyterian church (N. S.) organized; a comfortable house to worship in; a flourishing Sabbath-school; preaching every Sabbath by the Rev. A. Stout, licentiate of the Chillicothe Presbytery, Ohio. We also have a good country for agriculture or stock-raising purposes; a good rich soil; abundance of timber and rock for ordinary improvements, and good water." The church edifice just built at Mendocino, Cal., was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, July 5th. Sermon by the Rev. L. Hamilton, of Oakland. The building is said to be a beautiful one. The funds were largely contributed by Captain Ford.

—Dr. David Toomas, of Oatasauqua, Penn., has presented the church of that place with a handsome organ. The instrument was given a public trial recently, and gave great satisfaction. The Independent church at Evanston, Ill., the beautiful suburban town north of Chicago, have peacefully divided, the Presbyterian membership buying the old house, and the Congregational forming a new organization, which has already secured a lot, and is taking measures toward a house forthwith.

MINISTERS.—At a meeting of the Fourth New York Presbytery, held August 3d, the pastoral relation between Rev. Erskine N. White and the church at New Rochelle was dissolved. His pastorate has been eminently a happy and successful one; but being called to enter a wider field, providentially opening before him in Buffalo, he felt constrained to go.—Rev. Jeremiah Woodruff, a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church at Lansing, Iowa, died of dropsy on the 25th ult. His remains were taken to Chicago, N. Y., for interment.—The Occident publishes a list of the Presbyterian clergymen on the Pacific coast. The whole number is sixty-nine; of whom thirty-seven are designated as Old School; twenty-six as New School; one as a United Presbyterian—leaving five whose ecclesiastical position is not given.

The Park church, of Newark, has accepted a call from the Thirty-fourth St. Reformed church, N. Y., and will enter upon his new field of labor on the 1st of September.—Rev. Fred S. Jewell, D.D., has resigned the professorship of English Language and Literature in the State Normal School, and accepted the principalship of the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, Delaware county, N. Y.—T. L. C. "nails down" the following current falsehood: "Rev. Theo. L. Culyer of Brooklyn is much censured for having had his photograph taken, for sale, with hands and face uplifted in an attitude of prayer." He says: "As I never was photographed in any such ridiculous attitude, theafore said 'censure' has been needlessly wasted."

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

City.—The Second church has purchased a lot on the north-west corner of Twenty-first and Walnut streets, where it is proposed to erect a handsome church building. The price was fifty-one thousand dollars, and the first payment has already been made. They are to erect a lecture-room, and hope to worship in it by the first of January, 1869.

—Rev. Maurice C. Sutphen, formerly of Spring Garden church, Philadelphia, now of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, New York, has taken a trip to the Rocky Mountains during his summer vacation. He is on the correspondence staff of The Presbyterian.—Rev. A. C. Stewart, from the protesting portion of the Associate Synod, has been received into the U. P. Church, and connected himself with the Frankfort Presbytery.—The Rev. Dr. R. D. Harper proffered to the Presbytery of Xenia some time since his resignation of the pastoral charge of the First church in Xenia, Ohio, in order to accept an appointment in the Freedmen's Bureau; but the Presbytery, at its meeting, on the 30th of June, declined to accept of it.

CHURCHES.—The Free Christian Commonwealth says: "A friend of ours [Rev. P. V. Nasby?] who has recently visited portions of the State of Ohio, gives us a most startling account of the effect of the abolition gospel in utterly obliterating churches, which before the war were large and flourishing, especially those connected with the Methodist, Lutheran, and United Presbyterian Churches. He informs us that several of the United Presbyterian churches are closed by the folly of radical preachers and elders, suspending from the church those who vote for Vallandigham for Governor of Ohio. Some of these churches, he says, are offered for sale, and can be purchased for sums much below their actual value. Would not these portions of Ohio be good missionary ground?"—The Christian Intelligencer says that the Rev. James Hays, who has been for three years at Eastmansville, Mich., has accepted a call from the First Holland church at Paterson, N. J. This church was gathered by him, and he was its pastor for six years. Of late this church has been in a declining condition, and he has consented to become its pastor for the second time, in the hope that he may be able to restore it to its former state.

The Largest Accessions on profession of faith reported in the Minutes of the other Branch are:

- German church, Madison street, New York, 327; Coburg First church, Wisconsin, 188; German church, Williamsburg, N. Y., 138; Bethany, Indiana 126; church on John's Island, S. C., 124; church of Sea and Land, New York, 103; Second church St. Louis, Missouri, 102; First Seminoe church, Indian Territory, 95; Plaingrove, Pa., 90; Churchtown, Philadelphia, 89; First church, Elizabethtown, N. J., 84; Leesburg, Pa., 82; Rochelle, Ill., 76; Pigeon Creek, Pa., 75; Seneca, N. Y., 72; Concord, O., 70; Lyons, N. Y., 70.

OVER-SEA ITEMS.—The Belfast North-Whig states that, in the face of the Burials Bill, and in the very crisis of the Irish Establishment, a clergyman belonging to that body, the Rev. Henry Stewart, of Derraghly, has instituted legal proceedings against a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Dr. Knox, for having conducted a religious service in the parish graveyard on the 1st of July last, without having sought and obtained permission to do so.—The Marylebone church, London, having lost their pastor, Dr. Chalmers, by his election to a chair in the English Presbyterian College, called Rev. Donald Fraser, Free Church minister of Inverness. At the recent meeting of his Presbytery he declined the call.—Rev. J. H. Wilson, of Barclay Free church, Edinburgh, is possibly not to go to Regent's St. church London after all. In spite of Presbytery's resolve to translate him, the matter is in suspense.—A few weeks ago the death of Rev. Wm. Henderson, of Armagh, was announced. He was an eminent minister and an enthusiastic friend of the temperance cause. Now his uncle, Rev. Alexander Henderson, of Lisburn, follows him to "the land of the dead," dying at Warley, in Essex, where he was attending to his duties as chaplain to the forces. The Town Council of Edinburgh, a majority of which are members of anti-patronage churches, have the presentation to the Old Grey-Friars' church, vacant by the death of Dr. Robert Lee. The congregation sent in the name of a Rev. Mr. Wallace as the man of their choice, but the Council passed him by and appointed a Rev. Dr. Gloag, of Dresden. Mr. Wallace is too much of Dr. Lee's way of thinking to please the Council, and is likely to be called to Park church, Glasgow. If the Grey Friars people desire the freedom of election let them (it is said) buy out the presentation, which they can have for one year's purchase, £600.—The R. P. Divinity Hall closed its annual session, Edinburgh, June 24th. Seventeen regular students and three from other bodies had been in attendance.

Congregationalist.—The statistics of the Rhode Island churches for the past year show 24 churches with 8,835 members, a gain of 243. Charitable contributions to the amount of \$42,561 are reported from 18 churches. Only 10 have regularly installed pastors.—In accordance with an invitation from the church in Homer, N. Y., a meeting was held in that place, of ministers and churches, for consultation as to the expediency of forming a new Con-