

tion, Church Extension, and Ministerial Relief.—Mr. Joseph B. Mitchell, an elder in the First O. S. Church in Germantown, (Rev. Dr. Knox's), recently closed a long and useful career.

Hopeful.—Dr. N. L. Rice writes to The North-Western Presbyterian apropos of his acceptance of the Presidency of Westminster College (Mo.) in the Declaration and Testimony Synod.

The U. P. Presbyteries are in session. In Mercer (Pa.) Presbytery it was decided that the congregation of Hopewell (New Bedford) has lost its organization.

Ministerial.—Rev. W. D. Howard, D. D., pastor of the 3d church, Pittsburgh, has resumed his pastoral labors. Partridge's illness has been supplied by Rev. Henry B. Roworth.

The Shenandoah Valley.—Carlisle Presbytery at a special meeting ordained Mr. Geo. W. Smith, and installed him over the church of Williamsport, Md. The church has long been struggling for very existence, and hope is now dawning.

Church matters in this section were very much disturbed by the war. At one time all the churches in this place were closed but one.

The German Reformed Church.—Taking the statistics of the Eastern Synod for 1867, and those of the Northwest and Ohio Synods for 1868, we find that the strength of the denomination is 7,500; Congregations 1,165; Members 112,556; Baptisms 11,889; Confirmations and additions 9,219; Sabbath-schools 957; S. S. scholars 41,233; contributions to benevolent purposes \$75,072 47.

South America.—There are now in Brazil three ministers connected with the Southern Presbyterian Church: Rev. W. C. Emerson, of East Mississippi; Rev. Holmes E. Hartley, of East Alabama; and Rev. J. R. Baird, of South Carolina.

Congregationalist.—Twenty-eight ladies, members of the church of Elmwood, have seceded, because denied the right of taking part in church meetings. The decision which they contain is embodied in a church manifesto drawn up by the pastor and adopted by a vote of fifty members in a church of one hundred and fifty.

JESSIE DODGE.—In New York on Thursday, October 12th, by the Rev. William Adams, D.D., Rev. Henry H. Fessenden, Rector, and Rev. H. S. Hart, Minister of the Gospel of the Episcopal Church, was buried the body of Mrs. Jessie Dodge, daughter of the late Rev. John W. Dodge, of New York.

ish," as Milton expressed it.—The six Theological Seminaries—Bangor, Andover, Yale, Hartford, Oberlin, and Chicago—have 26 Professors, 11 lecturers, and 271 students. The difference of opinion between Gen. Howard and others, and Dr. Boynton, chaplain to the U. S. Senate, about admitting negroes to an ecclesiastical equality in the church in Washington City, has led to the calling a council to settle the dispute.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN FOR 1868-9.

The same line of policy which has given character to this paper during its history, will be maintained for the future. It will, first and chiefly, be a means of diffusing the fullest and earliest intelligence of all matters of interest in the progress of Christ's kingdom, especially as relating to our own branch of the Church.

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SOME SYMPATHY AT LAST.

"Drowning men catch at straws," it is said, and we have been reminded of this old proverb by observing in the Ref. Pres. Advocate an extract of the most abusive character from the Christian Commonwealth, in justification of the suspension of Mr. G. H. Stuart. It may not be generally known that the Editor of the "Commonwealth" is the somewhat famous Stuart Robinson, D.D., whose secession proclivities led him to slide off to Canada during the war, and whose sympathies were so strongly then, as now, with the advocates and abettors of oppression and wrong.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 27th of August ult., WILLIAM HOOD, Sr. He was born in Donegal, Ireland, in 1788, and came to this country in 1810, as an early and vigorous advocate of being a subject of divine grace, and united with the Church in his 17th year, becoming a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1814, and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 1816. He was a zealous and devoted laborer in the cause of the Reformation, and was for many years pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That we extend our Christian sympathies to the aged widow, his companion for almost fifty years, and to his family, commending them to the merciful care of the Father and the Father of the fatherless.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered into the records of the Synod, and a copy presented to the family, by order of Session.

Special Notices.

The Synod of Peoria will meet at Sandwich on Tuesday, October 20th, at 12 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of Pennsylvania will meet on the third Tuesday, the 20th of October, at 12 P. M., in the First Presbyterian Church, Reading, Pa.

The next meeting of the Synod of Western Reserve will be held at Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, the sessions commencing on the first Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of Ulster will meet at Mexicoville on the second Tuesday, the 14th of October, at 12 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of Indiana will meet in Congressville on the first Tuesday, the 14th of October, at 12 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of Onondaga will meet at Binghamton, N. Y., Tuesday evening, October 13th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of the District of Columbia will hold its regular meeting at the City of Washington, on the 20th of October, at 12 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of Delaware will hold its next meeting at the City of Philadelphia, on the 20th of October, at 12 o'clock, P. M.

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