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SUMMARY.

The Education Committee of our Church will have under their care not less than 250 candidates for the ministry this year, an increase of 45 on last year. They appeal for funds now to meet the appropriation for November.

The Presbyteries of St. Louis, Mankato, Minn., Wagona, Minn., Illinois, St. Joseph, Ind., Philada. Third, have voted to approve the Basis of Reunion; thirty-one in the affirmative; negative, none. The Synod of Utica has also approved the Basis.

Ten ordinations took place, two new Presbyteries were organized, and a new Synod planned at the late meetings of the Synod of Missouri and the Presbyteries composing it, at Kansas City, Oct. 1st. Three new churches have been organized; one at Utica for colored persons, one at Beaver Falls and one at Minnereka, the last two in Minnesota.

The President has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday, November 26th, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

Rev. Mr. Barnes has had an agreeable public reception in St. John, New Brunswick. There is a marked religious interest among the pious students of Hamilton College. Clinton and New Hartford, in the same vicinity, are also mentioned as giving indications of marked spiritual influences.

The Synod of Utica has resolved to aim at an increase of 25 per cent. in its H. M. Collections. It also recommended that a Committee of Ladies, or some similar agency be appointed by sessions to procure subscribers to the Presbyterian Monthly and other Church Periodicals.

The O. S. Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions are much embarrassed for want of funds.

A large amount of Religious Intelligence, from all branches of the Church, will be found on the seventh page.

Many responses to bills sent out by mail are coming to hand. We hope all indebted will endeavor to settle up this month.

The promptness of our correspondents in almost every part of the Church enables us to give unusual fullness and value to our Home News. In these respects, our paper is decidedly ahead.

"Like as a shock of corn, fully ripe," Thos. H. Stockton has been gathered into the granary. He died on Friday evening the 9th, in his sixtieth year. He was one of the most eminent preachers in the Methodist Protestant Church, and was four times chosen chaplain to one branch of Congress. He was especially widely known through his zealous efforts in the cause of Christian union. Since 1856 he had resided mostly in Philadelphia, acting as pastor of an independent church.

The Methodist Home Journal, of this city, has covered itself with anything but glory, in making itself the vehicle of printed circulars, urging the claims of certain Democratic candidates, who also happen to be Methodists. The Preachers' Meeting promptly and emphatically condemned this attempt to break the ranks of the Republican party, at a crisis of the most fearful importance. The Journal attempts to shield itself behind the sectarian clannishness to which it had appealed, saying:

"One of the city dailies has hit the true solution of this whole difficulty in guessing, that the Editor is more of a Methodist, than politician, and that he goes for a brother in faith, first, last, and all the time."

ARE GUARANTEES OBJECTIONABLE IN A BASIS OF RE-UNION? This is perhaps the gist of the question among the hearty friends of Reunion, especially in the other Branch, who are signing, circulating, and voting papers which call for the Standards "pure and simple" as the proper basis of Re-union. In our opinion guarantees are desirable for such reasons as (1.) This which is now proposed, is a Re-union of parties who have been together, have disagreed, and some of whom feel that high-handed injustice has been done, in the name of the very Standards "pure and simple" which are now to be the basis. Asking guarantees on our part, (though we did not set the example) is simply asking whether the standards "pure and simple" are to be held in such a wise as not to be used against us hereafter, as they were before? A reasonable and judicious inquiry, surely. (2.) The Reunion, if worth forming at all, is to be permanent. For the present, the friendly disposition of the great majority in the other Branch, and the prevalence and power of Catholic opinion in the religious public would effectually prevent action upon a bigoted and exclusive view of the Standards in the Reunited Church. But, it can only be, re-

garded as a wise provision for the future, not a mark of distrust towards our brethren of the present, to include proper guarantees in the Basis of Reunion. Who is able to declare that the delightful temper now prevailing in these two branches will never change? Guarantees will discourage intolerance; see how dismayed the exclusive few of the other branch have been at the action of the two late General Assemblies? They did not dare to look up, until the Circular Movement for the dispensing of guarantees began, and now they and their organs are as vicious as if they had never believed themselves at the last gasp. (3.) It is true in secular business, and we know not why the principle should be different in ecclesiastical, that the party who means to do right is never abashed at a request for guarantees; never higgles or hesitates or thinks it strange, or a proof of want of confidence, that such guarantees are required. He thinks it a perfectly wise precaution against contingencies, which neither party can foresee. An important business transaction without securities would be considered in the highest degree ill-judged. If the asking for security could possibly be construed as showing want of confidence, what would the refusal to give it prove? Reunion men, brethren of the other Branch! if our asking a guarantee argued a want of confidence in your liberality, will your refusal to give it, especially to please exclusive men among you, be likely to promote that confidence?

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

This body met at Kansas City on Thursday, Oct. 1. The attendance was the largest that has been seen for many years. It has not been equalled since the days when Dr. Bullard was in his highest influence and the dark days of disintegration and trial had not come upon us. Considerable time was taken up in the discussion of questions connected with home missions and church erection, and it was perfectly manifest to all that the present is the favored time for work; the fields are emphatically white for the harvest. The Presbytery of Kansas was divided into three, for the purpose of being erected into a new Synod by the next General Assembly. The names of the Presbyteries are:—

- 1. KANSAS, which has the North-east corner of the State, has on its roll eleven ministers and ten churches. Some of these churches are quite small and feeble. 2. HUMBOLDT, in the South-east corner, with six ministers and four churches. Three of these churches have been organized within three months, and it is confidently expected that several others will soon be added to the list. 3. SMOKY HILL. This has all the western portion of the State; has but four ministers as yet, but has seven churches, and we hope soon to report a large increase in their number.

The most interesting and noticeable feature of this Synodical meeting was the ordination of TEN YOUNG MEN, by the Presbyteries of Kansas and Lexington on Sabbath night. Such an event was never before seen in the West, and its parallel has seldom, if ever, been seen in our whole land. The exercises were deeply interesting and solemn, and will not soon be forgotten by any who witnessed them. In these exercises the Rev. Henry Bullard (only surviving child of our beloved Dr. Bullard), opened the service by reading the Scriptures and prayer. Rev. V. M. King presided and put the constitutional questions, Rev. D. M. Moore preached the sermon, Rev. T. S. Reeve made the consecrating prayer, and Rev. T. Hill gave the charge. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Whitaker.

The following is the list of young men ordained: James Lewis, Charles P. Blanchard, Charles H. McCreery, Theodore F. Jessup, Theodore Y. Gardiner, Benj. F. McNeil, Samuel A. Stoddard, Josiah J. Brown, Duncan C. Milner, Duncan M. Naughton.

We are sure that the prayers of the Church will follow these young men, and that all who have cared for Missouri and Kansas will rejoice with us in this accession to our numbers.

When it is remembered that the Synod held its meeting in St. Louis three years ago, in the study of our lamented Bro. Starr, and when the writer testifies that he waited a whole day at Lawrence, only two years and a half ago, for a quorum to come together for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Chapin, the rapid progress of events may be seen.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. SYNOD OF UTICA.

This large and influential body held its annual meeting at Mexico, in connection with the church of which Rev. T. A. Weed has been pastor, for some twenty years. The opening sermon, which was spoken of as very excellent and well adapted to the occasion, was preached by Rev. J. J. Porter, D. D., of Watertown. Rev. T. A. Weed was elected moderator; Rev. E. Lord and H. N. Miller, clerks. Besides the ordinary routine of business, Rev. E. L. Boing was heard for church erection. He gave some home thrusts—all in good nature and Christian faithfulness. He said the Synod had given about \$20,000, the past year, to various causes of benevolence, but only \$500 to Church Erection. Among its eighty churches, only seven had remembered there was such a cause. And yet fifty churches are organized in our connection every year; fifty houses of worship are needed, besides one hundred and fifty to catch up with the churches already organized, but not supplied with church edifices.

Rev. Mr. Bush was also heard, and gave a pleasant account of the meeting of the Board of Missions, at Norwich. It was a grand meeting, a great success. He urged the need of larger contributions to the Missionary cause, inasmuch as the Board calls for \$600,000 this year, and the condition of the heathen world earnestly invites to enlarged operations in this direction. Rev. T. A. Weed, as chairman of the Synod's Committee to attend the examination of Hamil-

ton College, reported the examination as highly satisfactory. Mention was also made of the thorough biblical instruction, which is a part of its regular course. The college now has a greater number of students than ever before, and in every way prosperous. The new Library Building is approaching completion. The President's house is done, and he is now moving his family into it, which prevented his attendance upon the meeting of the Synod. We are happy to add that twenty of the students are said to have the ministry in view, and some are hoping to be missionaries of the cross in heathen lands. These statements having been made, special prayer for the College was offered by Rev. Dr. Fisher.

The Lord's Supper was to be administered on Wednesday afternoon, and Rev. B. F. Willoughby, of Augusta, was to preach, by appointment, on Wednesday evening, on the relation and duties of the Eldership. The church edifice, in which the meetings of the Synod were held, has taken on a new coat of paint, with other improvements. Oh, that the spiritual house may also catch the inspiration, and get the inward improvement and adorning, a higher index of true prosperity.

DEATH OF MILTON CLARK.

The Stone Street Church of Watertown has just received a pastor, and lost an elder. We recently gave an account of the installation of the pastor, and must now chronicle the death of the elder. He was buried last Saturday. The banks and stores of the place were closed. The Stone Street Church was crowded until another person could not stand within its walls. This was a solid tribute of respect to the great worth and real goodness of the man for whom the whole community were then in mourning.

Mr. Clark came late into the church, but his coming was no half-work. He was thoroughly converted, body, brain, heart, and pocket. His early advantages were not the best, but he did what he could to repair the loss. He was successful in business, and liberal in his benefactions. He was always at the prayer-meetings; always helping the minister; always bearing his part, and more also, of the burdens, if such they may be called, of the church. He had paid some five or six thousand dollars toward the neat church edifice, recently erected by the Stone Street Society; and when he is gone, it is found that he remembered his wants in his will, giving some four thousand dollars for a parsonage. He also bequeaths \$5000 to the American Board; and like sums, more or less, to the Home Missionary Committee, the Bible, and Tract Societies. He leaves a wife and one child (a married daughter) to mourn their great loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Wallace, the new pastor; Rev. George D. Baker, the former pastor, and Rev. Dr. Porter, pastor of the 1st Church. With real mourning, his remains were committed to their last resting place, and somebody in the Stone church must take his mantle and wear it well, or that church will be considerably weaker than it was for all good works.

DEDICATION.

The beautiful monument, erected by the good people of East Bloomfield, to the memory of their fallen brave of the late war, was formally dedicated on Wednesday last. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. L. Conklin, late pastor of the Congregational Church, and Rev. B. I. Ives, the eloquent chaplain of the State Prison, at Auburn. The monument is fifty-five feet high, of Portland freestone, cost \$6000, contains the names of thirty-nine dead heroes, and stands in the public square, where all can see it and be reminded of what it cost to save our country from the hands of rebels and assassins, still free and unpunished.

PERSONAL.

Rev. C. R. Burdick, after four years of faithful and successful service, has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Youngstown—his resignation to take effect on the first of May next. During his pastorate about forty have been added to the church; a debt has been paid; a fine new bell and a cabinet organ have been obtained, and the congregation has been increased. This church is the only one in the Presbytery which has "filled all the blanks," or given in the last year to each one of the causes recommended by the General Assembly. Such a pastor should not long wait for a place.

Rev. James Ireland, of Sodus, has received an invitation to the Presbyterian church of Marion. At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Cayuga, Rev. G. W. Warren was dismissed, to unite with the Presbytery of Columbia, within whose bounds he is now laboring.

At the same meeting, the Assembly's overture on reunion was unanimously adopted, the Professors of Auburn Seminary voting for it—not so much afraid of reunion as the Professors at Princeton and Alleghany are. GENESEE. Rochester, Oct. 17, 1868.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

A Weekly Union Prayer Meeting, under the auspices of the Noon Day Prayer Meeting, is being held at different churches, every Monday at 3 1/2 P. M. The large lecture room of the First church was crowded to overflowing last Monday week.

The Evangelical churches in the district between Broad and Sixth Sts., and Spring Garden St. and Girard Avenue are also holding a weekly union prayer meeting on Monday evenings.

Courtes St. Church, Rev. J. Y. Mitchell, pastor, are endeavoring to perfect their long cherished and vitally important plan of removal to a more suitable neighborhood. Their arrangements have the cordial approval of the brethren, and we earnestly hope they may be successfully and promptly carried out.

Bethesda church edifice, Kensington, Rev. W. T. Eva, pastor, is about to receive its roof. The three months since the laying of the corner-stone have been most industriously employed in raising both the structure and the necessary funds.

Oxford church, Broad and Oxford Sts., Rev. Frank Robbins, pastor, is also pushing forward its splendid building with energy. The roof is on and the spire is receiving its slate covering. Presbyterian money does not seem to be sufficiently plenty in this city to build one church spire of solid stonework.

Rev. Dr. March's Sunday night services are attended by crowded congregations. His series on Night Scenes will shortly appear in a luxuriously printed volume, by Bradley of this city, to be sold by subscription, under the title: Night Scenes in the Bible. His sermon last Sabbath evening on "Here am I, send me!" closed with the following adaptation of "Your Mission," which was immediately taken up and sung with fine effect, by Mrs. Tudor, Soprano of the choir.

YOUR MISSION.

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, Who will go and work to-day? Fields are white, and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away? Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers free; Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

If you cannot cross the ocean, And the heathen lands explore, You can find the heathen nearer, You can help them at your door. If you cannot give your thousands, You can give the widow's mite, And the least you give for Jesus, Will be precious in His sight.

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say he died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked, With the judgment's dread alarms, You can lead the little children To the Saviour's waiting arms.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the souls of men are dying, And the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Answer quickly when He calleth: "Here am I, send me, send me."

Rev. Dr. Stryker, of North Broad St. church, is teaching an adult Bible class every Sabbath afternoon. It is attended by fifty or sixty persons, including the Sabbath school teachers, and promises to be an instrument of great good. He is also preaching a series of sermons, Sabbath evenings, on Gospel Truth as illustrated by Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. The attendance on these services is highly encouraging.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. Geo. P. Folsom has removed from Geneseo to Lake Forest, Ill.

Rev. W. W. Macomber has accepted an invitation as supply of the Congregational church of Kenosha, Wis. Mr. Macomber was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Marysville, Cal.

Rev. D. C. Meeker of West Nantmeal church, has received and accepted a call to the church of Dauphin.

Rev. Sylvanus Warren, of Union Mills, Pa., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Wyandotte, Michigan, and will enter upon his services there, Nov. 1st. Our church there is but two years old, but has made a good beginning—has built, and with aid from our Church Erection Committee, paid for, a beautiful and commodious house of worship. It has a flourishing Sabbath school—a membership of forty-five—and, in a thriving manufacturing town of 4,000 inhabitants, with a working pastor, has a fair prospect for growth and usefulness.

Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D., is greatly prospered in the American chapel in the city of Paris. The liturgy formerly in use has been laid aside, and the service is such as is usual in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. The chapel is full, and great interest is taken in the advancement of religious work.

Rev. T. A. Weed, of Mexicoville, N. Y., has lately celebrated his silver wedding. The display of silver, says a correspondent, was such as to suggest to more than one country pastor, the teaching of the tenth commandment.

Rev. Isaiah B. Hopwood was installed as pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church, of Paterson, N. J., on the evening of the 7th inst. The sermon on this occasion was preached by Rev. Charles E. Knox, the charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. Allen Maxwell, that to the people by Rev. Sanford H. Smith. The latter gentleman also presided and pronounced the pastoral relation constituted. Mr. Hopwood enters upon his work as pastor, after having served the church as stated supply for a year, under circumstances favorable to success.

Rev. Prentiss de Veau, late of Pottsville, has received and accepted a unanimous call to the Park Church, Newark. Dr. Parker, and Rev. Isaac Riley, colleague pastor, had both previously resigned.

CHURCHES.—Dayton, O.—A new church was organized last April under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Little, originating in a mission Sunday-school. The chapel, which had become too small for the school, has lately been enlarged. Five new members were added at the last communion. The church gives promise of a healthy future in that rapidly growing part of the city.

Vernon Church, N. Y., have invited Rev. W. A. Wurts, late of the Reformed church, in Canastota, to supply the pulpit. He has consented to do so for a year.

Clinton Ch., N. Y., has enjoyed a special work of grace, and Bro. Furbeck is finding his labors at an out-station of his church (New Hartford) greatly blessed. An unusual spiritual zeal has been manifested with the opening College year at Hamilton among the professing students, and frequent private prayer-meetings and full general conferences are held.

Williamstown Church, N. Y., has got rid of an amazing debt and partially completed a parsonage.

Morristown, N. J.—The congregation of the South street Presbyterian church have called the Rev. Edward French of Bergen.

Church organization in Utica, N. Y.—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11th, a church (colored) was organized in "Hope Chapel," consisting of twenty-five members. They adopted the "Confession of Faith" and "Church Government" of the Presbyterian Church. Three elders were chosen and ordained. After which the Lord's Supper was administered. Dr. S. W. Fisher preached the sermon, subject: "The object and duties of the Church and officers." President Brown, of Hamilton College, and Revs. J. W. Whitfield and P. W. Emens took part in the services. The day was fine, the audience large and the services solemn as well as joyful. Hope chapel is situated in that part of the city where the greater portion of the colored people reside; and in which they

have held meetings and Sunday school for some time. The new church commences under favorable auspices. Of late the congregation has been greatly revived and encouraged by the labors of Mr. Charles Hedges, of Lincoln University. This congregation has been aided by Rev. Dr. Fowler and his church, and to them they are principally indebted for their house of worship and their present prosperous condition. It was very much regretted that Dr. Fowler had not returned from Europe so as to have been present and taken part in the exercises. The church has since been revived by the Presbytery of Utica, as the Elizabeth St. Church.

CHURCH COURTS.—Presbyteries.

Fourth Presbytery Phila., met at Allentown, Oct. 6th. Forty-two members were in attendance. Arrangements were made for the installation of Rev. Wm Hutton, over Greenwich St. church Phila. Ambrose N. Hollifield, Deacon of the M. E. church, was received as a licentiate. On Reunion seven members protested against the Xth article, one layman was excused from voting and the overture was answered unanimously in the affirmative. Rev. Edwin D. Newberry was received from the Presbytery of Grand-River-Valley. Commissioners from Beverly church were granted leave to prosecute a call before the Presbytery of Lexington for the pastoral services of Rev. B. B. Parsons, D.D. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, during the sessions of Synod in Reading.

The Presbytery of the District of Columbia held its fall meeting in the Assembly church, Washington city, on the 6th inst. There was a large attendance of the members and an earnest spirit manifested in all the benevolent operations of our Church. The Fifteenth street church (colored) is the only vacancy in this Presbytery, and it has extended a call for the pastoral services of Rev. J. S. Martin. Every one of our churches has been blessed with additions—some of them large—during the year. Action on Reunion was postponed till the spring meeting in April. Presbytery is to hold an adjourned meeting on the last Monday of October, in the First church, Baltimore, to take action on Rev. H. Dunning's resignation of this church. G. H. SMYTH.

The Presbytery of Bloomington, Ill., has recently been much reduced by removals. Bro. Wells goes back to Waltham, Presbytery of Ottawa; Bro. Johnson goes to Saginaw City, Michigan; Bro. Keeling applies to go to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids; and Bro. Bailey will probably soon pass under the care of the Presbytery of Alton. Presbytery has appointed the Stated Clerk, Rev. J. Maclean, a committee to help vacant churches in obtaining settled pastors.

A resolution was adopted urging congregations to make provision for an increase of their ministers' salaries, and for prompt payment in advance; and requesting Sessions and Trustees to hold joint meetings annually at least two weeks before the beginning of each pastoral year, to devise suitable measures for that object. On Reunion the roll was called, and Rev. J. Maclean, Rev. C. D. North, Rev. A. McDougall, expressed their dissent from the tenth article of the Basis, after which the Overture of our Assembly was answered unanimously in the affirmative. Subsequently a resolution was unanimously adopted, "That while this Presbytery unanimously approve of the Basis of Union overtured by the General Assembly, we desire to express our preference for the omission of the clause known as the Smith and Gurley amendment, and we authorize the General Assembly to repeal the same."

The spring meeting of Presbytery will be held in Washington, Ill.

The Presbytery of Brooklyn met Oct. 5th. The attendance was unusually good. Every church but two was represented by an elder. The discussion on Reunion was full and thorough, and was concluded with a unanimous and hearty approval of the basis proposed by the Joint Committee of thirty and approved by the General Assemblies, of 1868. The Presbytery gave not a moment's thought to any other overture or proposition as none other was properly before it.

T. S. B., Stated Clerk. The Presbytery of St. Louis met at Webster Groves on Sep. 30th. Standing Committees were appointed on Home Missions, Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, Education and on Sabbath Schools.

The Basis of Reunion as proposed by the Joint Committee was unanimously approved.

Resolved, That each Home Missionary laboring within the bounds of this Presbytery, be required to furnish the Chairman of the Presbyterial Home Missionary Committee with a duplicate of his quarterly report to the Gen. Ass. Sec. of Home Missions.

The attention of the Missionaries is called to this resolution. The Stated Clerk of Presbytery is also Chairman of the Committee of Home Missions. R. KESSLER, S. C.

The Presbytery of Mankato at its semi-annual meeting held at Minneapolis, Sept. 26th, 1868, unanimously approved of the Basis of Reunion proposed by the Joint Committee, and overtured by the two General Assemblies. Four new churches have been organized during the year. One each at Cleveland, (eight members) at Winnebago Agency, (eleven) at Beaver Falls, (ten) and at Minnereka (ten members.) These new churches (comprising the out-posts of our Zion in this new State) are all reported as in a promising condition—the first one named is building a house of worship. The field of this Presbytery is largely missionary ground, and new points, not only beyond, but within its bounds, are constantly opening and calling for laborers. Those who preach are compelled to magnify their office, not only as pastors, but also, as colporteurs and Evangelists; long journeys must be made, involving much expense and sometimes much suffering. Eight of the Presbytery are home missionaries, only one is sustained by his church. Blue Earth City church expect soon to settle Rev. A. B. Bissell as their pastor. Two other churches are contemplating entering into the same relation. The amount contributed to the Church Erection and Home Mission Funds is about two hundred dollars. The amount received from the Home Mission Com. is about three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars. A house of worship has been built at Blue Earth City, at a cost of four thousand dollars, which, with three others, are estimated at about fifteen thousand dollars. The Narrative says: "The Lord is with us. We have to endure great toil accompanied with great privations. Yet we also have great joy, for we