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SUMMARY.

There are 120 students at Union Seminary, a few less than last year. "J. S. T.," one of the Committee of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, appointed to stir up our Permanent Committee of Home Missions on the Freedmen, writes that they are about to organize a separate Department with its own Secretary, and that they had accepted the offer of the Pittsburgh Union Commission, to turn over their efforts to this new Department of our Committee, so that we shall have some capital to begin with. The U. S. Circuit Court has settled the Walnut St. Church case in Louisville, Ky., finally, against the Declaration and Testimony Synod and in favor of the loyal Old School people.

The (Reformed) Dutch, United Presbyterian, and Methodist Mission Boards are deeply in debt, the latter especially. There is danger of the latter finding itself \$300,000 behind hand.

The number of churches in the other branch which contribute to all the causes has risen from 479 in 1866, to 718 in 1868. 2019 churches fell short last year.

A tenth Congregational church was organized in Chicago last month.

Dr. Boynton, pastor of the Congregational church in Washington city, has withdrawn his resignation. Some of the beauties of Congregational no-government may be investigated, by those curious, in the present condition of that church.

The Presbyteries of Dubuque, Ia., Chenango, N. Y., Schuyler and Alton, Ill., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Ripley, O., have approved the Basis of Re-union. Ripley and Alton expressed a willingness to unite on the Standards. Forty-one Presbyteries vote aye, of which seven have expressed a readiness to unite on the Standards. Ft. Wayne calls attention to the fact that the Joint Committee's Basis already includes the Standards. The Synod of Ohio laid on the table a proposal to favor Re-union on the Standards.

Knox Presbytery, Ill., also voted aye, making 42 in all.

We record one ordination, Rev. L. S. Pomeroy, one minister received from the M. E. Church, Rev. W. D. Lummis; one from the O. S., Rev. H. W. Guthrie; one minister deceased, Rev. Jeremiah Woodruff; one dismissed to the Congregationalists, and one, Rev. L. S. Atkins, has joined the Methodists. Two new churches have been organized, and one (Maine, Tioga Presbytery) has been re-organized today. One new house of worship has been dedicated, and one commenced in Illinois.

Most of the Synods have taken effective and cheering action to secure a wider co-operation from the churches in the schemes of our Church Beneficence.

Newcastle Presbytery has elected Mr. Barnes a Trustee of Lincoln University, a handsome compliment from one of the stituted Old School bodies to the worth and humanitarian sympathies of Mr. Barnes.

Rev. D. C. Meeker has been transferred from the Third to the Harrisburg Presbytery, with the view of accepting the call of the Dauphin church.

A Fair for the benefit of the Freedmen's Mission Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C., (E. J. Adams, pastor), will be held at the Assembly Buildings, Cor. 10th and Chestnut Sts., from Monday 16th to the 21st of Nov. From \$1,000 to \$1,200 is at once required for windows, doors, pews, &c., for the new church edifice, in size 85 by 45 feet, which will enable the congregation to occupy the building immediately. We appeal to the benevolence of the friends of the cause for more help. Donations of money or fancy articles, &c., may be left at the Presbyterian House, (book-store), or at the office of the "American Presbyterian," 1334 Chestnut St.

The Synod of Alta California, at its late meeting resolved that a District Secretary for the Pacific Coast was much needed, and unanimously recommended our correspondent, Rev. A. M. Stewart, to that important position. We do not believe our Committee, with all its sagacity, has yet made a better appointment than this would be.

The Presbyterian Witness, of St. John N. B., in its notice of Mr. Barnes, gets off the following:

Who "Dr. Barnes" is might give rise to some speculation, but Albert Barnes is known throughout Christendom.

Mr. Barnes has reached his home in safety after an exceedingly rough passage by steamer. He went and came alone, his general health being excellent. He preached last Sabbath in the First church pulpit, without notes, and with marked vigor and ability.

We would remind our readers that the Western Collegiate Education Society, one of the most meritorious and most signally blessed of our American societies for benevolent purposes, will celebrate its first quarter century by fitting services at Marietta, O., where the Board of Directors will meet on Saturday next, November 7th, at 11 o'clock. A. M. Dr. Hopkins, President of Williams College, will preach the annual sermon on Sunday evening, in the chapel of

Marietta College. Guests will be accommodated through Rev. J. W. Andrew, D.D., of the Committee of Arrangements.

OPENING SERVICES OF THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Dr. Wiswell, of Green Hill Church, Philadelphia, visited the scenes of this late pastorate, in Wilmington, last Sabbath a week, Oct. 25th, to officiate on the occasion of the opening services of the new (West) Presbyterian Church. The subject of a new church having long occupied the thoughts of Dr. Wiswell, and having been urged by him upon the people of Central church before leaving Wilmington; his visit was most appropriate and afforded him an opportunity for giving counsel and encouragement to the young people of his former charge, who largely compose the active elements of the new church. A very large audience assembled in the most capacious hall in the city, to hear Dr. Wiswell, and the services throughout the entire day were most impressive. He preached an able sermon from Psalms, lxxxvii., vs. 3rd. "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God!" prefacing it by some reminiscences of his share in organizing the Central church, in a similar manner, years ago. Fourteen additional names were presented, making the entire membership one hundred and eleven, (111). Elders will be elected and ordained within the next two weeks, and in every particular, the movement gives evidence of vigor and determination, which with the blessing of God, must secure the most happy results, in the future. B.

AN APPEAL TO THE FRIENDS OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. NEW YORK, October 12, 1868.

It seemed necessary to lay before the churches the present condition and wants of the educational cause.

I. After years of effort the roll of candidates for the ministry has come to be quite large. The prayer, which the Master bade His people urge, has entered into the ear of the Lord of the harvest. The appeals which have sounded from General Assemblies, Synods, Presbyteries and pulpits, have awakened a zeal for the ministry among our youth of piety and promise. Applications for aid from the Committee have been on the increase for several years. From 87 on the roll for the year ending May, 1864, the number has risen by successive gradations to 205 for the year ending May last. The present year it will be still larger. We are bound in honor, honesty and interest to sustain them.

II. We have just escaped one peril. The disbursements of the Committee during the past year reached nearly the sum of \$29,000. While the offerings from congregations and individuals, which are the chief and ordinarily the only source of supply, falls short, for the same year, of \$18,000. From the disastrous consequences of so great a deficiency the Committee were saved by two special and exceptional means of relief. 1st, they had some permanent investments, or three scholarships, which they were at liberty, as they were compelled to sell, and which yielded them upwards of six thousand dollars. 2d, they received five unexpected legacies, amounting in the aggregate to nearly six thousand dollars more; the dead thus appearing to render service withheld by the living. The absence of these unusual means, or of either of them, would have left the Committee seriously embarrassed in their work.

III. A greater peril now threatens. 1st. Because of a larger roll than that of last year. We shall not have less than 250 beneficiaries and the exigencies of the work will require upwards of \$35,000. To meet this the collections of the last year must be fully doubled! But we can have no assurance of any advance in the amount unless we succeed in arresting the attention of the churches to the emergency.

2d. In case of deficient collections there are not the same resources to fall back upon as before, one scholarship recovered at the close of the year, equivalent to two thousand dollars, constituting the whole of the invested means of the Committee.

3d. We may not expect help again from legacies. The utter improbability of relief from this source for the present year may be sufficiently demonstrated by a single fact. The annual statements of the treasurer of the educational fund for six years past as they are printed in the General Assembly's minutes, disclose the item of "legacies" for the first and only time in the account of last year.

IV. The consequences of insufficient means will be deplorable. The Committee can disburse only what they receive. If the supplies prove inadequate, then instead of full appropriations to the candidates under their care, they must give fractional ones, or suspend them, or withhold them altogether, according to the circumstances. But what does any such course mean? 1st. To the young men themselves who are preparing for the sacred ministry, and have incurred liabilities on the assurance of this help from the Church, it means disappointment and distress. For the most of them it is only by the extreme economy and self-denial they can meet their current expenses with all the aid promised by the Committee. Every dollar withheld is a real burden laid upon them. Any payment suspended is a calamity. This is bad enough; and when we consider the relations of these youth in their work to the Church, it is simply cruel. But this is not all. Standing alone it might be viewed as merely an inconvenience, and temporary. But 2d, it means scattering. Many of the candidates must suspend their studies and seek employment by which to earn money to meet their liabilities already incurred, and anticipate future wants. Some will turn to other ecclesiastical relations for aid. Not a few must in disappointment and despair abandon the struggle to reach the ministry. And even this is not the end of it, for 3d, The impression must necessarily go out that our branch of the Church is not prepared to sustain all of her sons of suitable qualifications that are ready to give themselves to the ministry, that the promised assistance from the General Assembly's Committee cannot be relied on. The tide of candidates which is now rising will at once be staid and turned back, and as a

Church we shall soon be remitted to the condition from which we have by much prayer and effort been seeking to extricate ourselves.

Is it not obvious that the special consideration of the churches is demanded for this subject? What shall be done to meet this emergency and escape this peril? Certain things may be suggested:

1st. All our congregations ought to heed the injunction of the General Assembly, and take an annual collection in aid of the educational work. Only 277 out of more than 1,500 on the roll of the General Assembly made an offering the past year. Will not delinquent churches remember this cause the present year?

2d. May not the churches that have hitherto remembered the educational cause increase their offerings this winter?

3d. Individual Christians into whose hearts the Lord may put the disposition as He has put into their hands the means, should forward their offerings to the Committee without waiting for the call of a congregational collection.

Perhaps some would act on the suggestion of assuming the entire aid of one candidate, say \$150 per year. [We pay to students in the theological course \$60 per year; in the collegiate course \$132; in the academic course \$100. If any prefer, they can have the privilege of supporting some particular student, of whom information and the name will be furnished.]

3th. Pastors should more generally cherish a sense of personal responsibility to promote the offerings of their people, both by appeals from the pulpit and by private instruction.

Early receipts are needed. An appropriation will be required by the 1st of November, for which the Committee are not prepared.

The business year extends from one General Assembly to the next; but the appropriations are chiefly made about the first of the months of November, January, March and May. While the General Assembly has recommended that the collections should not be postponed beyond the annual day of prayer for colleges, it is desirable that they should not generally be deferred until then; but be set in early so that the payments may be promptly and fully made at the above specified times.

This appeal is made under the conviction that it only requires to bring this vital interest fairly before the attention of Christians in order to secure all the funds necessary for the work.

May the same heavenly grace, which is inclining so many of our young men generously to consecrate themselves to the work of the gospel, also breathe upon the churches the spirit of sympathy with their aims, and of cheerful liberality in sustaining them.

Contributions may be directed to the treasurer, J. W. Benedict, Esq., 128 Broadway, New York, or to the subscriber, who will gladly receive any communication had give and information required.

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FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

INSTALLATION AT ERIE, PA.

On Tuesday evening, 27th inst., Rev. Charles C. Kimball was installed by the Presbytery of Erie, colleague pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Erie, Pa. Sermon by Rev. C. P. Bush, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y.; constitutional questions by Rev. William Grassie, of Edinboro', the Moderator; installation prayer by Rev. Dr. Lyon, the senior pastor; charge to the new pastor by Rev. Joseph Vance, of Belle Valley; address to the people by Rev. T. B. Hudson, of North East.

The addresses were both good and eminently appropriate; and this was an occasion of great interest to this congregation. The church in Erie was formed in 1815, one of the oldest churches of our order west of Utica. It has been a stable and reasonably prosperous church from the beginning, and is now one of our largest and strongest. Rev. Geo. A. Lyon commenced preaching here in the fall of 1828, forty years ago, and is still in service, esteemed and honored by all. But last winter his kind and appreciative people discovered that he was considerably out of health, and of their own accord proposed that he should take a six month's furlough and rest, they to supply the pulpit; but he to choose who it should be who should preach to them in his absence.

It was in this manner, by Dr. Lyon himself, that Mr. Kimball was invited here. But before the six months were gone, the people, after consulting Dr. Lyon, and getting his cordial consent, gave him a unanimous and earnest invitation to remain with them as colleague pastor. We believe the church had but fifty members when Dr. Lyon took charge of it. It now numbers four hundred and twenty. The place then had 1,200 inhabitants; it now contains 22,000. The present church edifice was erected in 1859, large and elegant, every way inviting to a Christian congregation. Mr. Kimball seems to have the most cordial regard and co-operation of the senior pastor, and to have won a large place already in the affections and confidence of the people, with everything apparently favorable to comfort and usefulness in this large and interesting field of labor.

The prayer of installation by Dr. Lyon was very tender and touching. One sad event undoubtedly contributed to its pathos and solemnity. Only the week before, Dr. Lyon was called to part with one of his sons, William W. Lyon, a man of twenty-seven years. On the previous Sabbath, only two days before, Rev. Mr. Kimball had preached his funeral sermon in that very house. He leaves a wife and two children to lament his early decease. And still another, unnamed son is very ill, and great fears are entertained that he will never be better. These things were in the minds of all, and excited the liveliest sympathy with the excellent and honored senior pastor, as, with deep emotion, he took part in these interesting services.

The son for whom he mourns was worthy of the sire. He was three years in the war; entered first as a private, but was promoted to be a lieutenant in the regular army. He was wounded in the shoulder by a minnie ball at Gaines' Mills. He came home to rest and get well, but was still doing all he could for the country, speaking eloquently with one arm in a sling, and helping to send on recruits. He was patriotic, brave; fear-

less, generous, and best of all, a true Christian. His death is much lamented. The funeral sermon paid a great tribute to his worth, and gave great satisfaction to the large congregation which assembled to hear it. His sickness was long and tedious, but borne with Christian fortitude, and when the end came he died in Christian triumph.

INSTALLATION AT BUFFALO.

On Wednesday evening, 23th inst., Rev. Erskine N. White, late of New Rochelle, was installed pastor of the Westminster church in Buffalo. Rev. H. P. Bogue, the Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, put the constitutional questions, and made the installing prayer. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Clarke of the 1st Church, subject, preaching and hearing as correlative duties; a searching exposure of the oppressive and impossible responsibilities which it is the fashion of some in our day to lay upon the minister of the Gospel. Good hearing is quite as important, and rare as good preaching.

The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. Heacock, in his best vein, a genial, sunny talk, designed to cheer and encourage one in the work of the ministry. The address to the people, timely and appropriate, fell very naturally to Dr. Chester, who has supplied the pulpit of this church for the past year.

The church edifice of this society has recently been painted within, in subdued and very tasteful colors. A fine gallery has been erected in the rear end, affording some eighty good sittings, beside room for the choir and organ. The recess behind the pulpit has been decorated with the Lord's prayer. Beside these improvements the congregation has recently been enlarged by the addition of a number of families from the other churches of the city. And now also the parsonage, next door to the church, has been entirely rebuilt, and will soon be ready again for use; and so all things seem well arranged to give pleasant welcome to the new pastor. Already he has won golden opinions among his own congregation, and among his brethren in the ministry, and every thing promises comfort and usefulness.

ITEMS.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Erie, Rev. C. C. Kimball was received from the Presbytery of Genesee. Rev. Sylvanus Warren was dismissed to the Presbytery of Detroit. Mr. Stephen G. Hopkins, a licentiate, was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and arrangements were made for his ordination and installation over the Presbyterian Church of Corry, on the 10th of November. Corry is a new place, thirty miles Southeast of Erie. Seven years ago it was not; but now it boasts of 7,000 inhabitants, and a great amount of business, chiefly in oil. The church is already vigorous and prosperous.

The church of North East, Pa., was formed in 1801, the oldest church of all the region; older than any one at Rochester, Buffalo, Erie or Cleveland. It has had good men for pastors, D. D. Gregory, S. G. Orton, D.D., A. H. Carrier, and now T. B. Hudson. Dr. Orton still lives here, in a green old age, taking as much interest as ever in all that concerns the kingdom of Christ, a genial, pleasant, helpful friend to the present pastor.

North East is the birth place of Rev. Dr. Dickson of Baltimore, and of Rev. T. H. Robinson, D.D., of Harrisburg, Pa. Both these men often visit the place, where they are highly esteemed, and where they are always welcome, alike to pastor and people, in the pulpit of their native town. Rev. S. F. Bacon, who has supplied the Presbyterian church in Cortland for the past year or two, ceases to act in that capacity, and Rev. Dr. Condit of Auburn is temporarily supplying the pulpit.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1868.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

Rev. Wm. Hutton will be installed pastor of Greenwich Street church this (Thursday) evening. Sermon by Dr. Herrick Johnson.

The Hermon Presbyterian church corner of Main and Harrison streets, Frankford, was organized last Thursday evening. Rev. Wm. Hutton read the Scripture, Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson preached the sermon, Rev. J. Ford Sutton, who has charge of the enterprise, read the covenant and received 32 members, ten being on profession. Dr. Teake was elected, ordained, and installed Elder. Rev. M. Eva made the ordaining prayer, Rev. J. Y. Mitchell delivered the charge to the elder, and Rev. Dr. Shepherd gave the charge to the people. The attendance was very good, and everything has an encouraging appearance. Thus is fairly inaugurated the last of the enterprises in Church extension in our city with which the large-minded and liberal-souled Baldwin was connected. Situated not far from his extensive and elegant country residence, it still shares the regards of the surviving members of the family which are manifested in a practical manner, and which have aided not a little in bringing to pass the present satisfactory posture of affairs.

Rev. Dr. Johnson preached in the First church on Sunday evening last the opening sermon of the course to young men, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The text was Isa. 13, 12, I will make a man more precious than gold &c. Subject: True Manhood, its rarity and how to get it. Many telling and severe hits at false ideas of manhood, as based on wealth, family, station &c., were uttered, and young men were admonished to keep clear of evil companions, to maintain a good conscience and to be Christians, if they would be true men. The church was well filled, the entire middle block and many other parts being occupied by young men. The next sermon of the course will be preached by Mr. Talmage in his church, Seventh above Brown, next Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. March commenced another series of evening discourses last Sunday, to be entitled "Home Life in the Bible." The first subject was "Home in Eden."

Rev. Dr. Stricker at North Broad street Church commenced a series of discourses on last Sunday morning. The first sermon was introductory, and was a very clear and popular treatment of what may easily be made dry and uninteresting. In this church the Monthly Concert has for some time

been observed on the first Sunday evening of the month.

Wharton St. Church opened its new organ last Sunday.

Quincy, Ill. The installation of Rev. J. A. Priest as pastor of the First church in Quincy, occurred October 6th. The congregation has recently purchased a valuable site for a new house of worship, and gives other tokens of prosperity. Quincy is the second city of Illinois, and has facilities to hold its own as such.—The Evangelist.

Brooklyn, Ill.—Our church in this place dedicated a new house of worship, Sept. 27th, the first that they have owned, though not a new organization. It is an elegant structure, with windows of stained glass, well-fenced grounds laid out with trees and shrubbery.

Springfield, Ill.—The Second church has begun the erection of a new house of worship, which will be an ornament of the city. Their present church edifice is crowded.

Roseville, O.—Pataskala Presbytery is to meet at Roseville, Nov. 10th, to ordain, and if the way is clear, install Mr. Henry Beeman. Mr. Beeman is preaching to our church at Roseville, and to a neighboring Old School church at Uniontown.

Maine, N. Y.—The Congregationalist says: "The church at Maine, N. Y., has lately voted to leave Presbytery and unite with Susquehanna Association."

Ministerial.

Rev. Charles M. Livingston has resigned the pastorate of the church in Marshall, Mich. Rev. E. F. Fish, late of Columbus, Wis., has accepted a call to the church of Carbondale, Ill.

Rev. R. E. Booth, D. D., of the Mercer street church, New York, was expected to occupy his pulpit on October 25th, after an absence of about six months in Europe.

Rev. George Thatcher, who has supplied the pulpit of the Mercer street church during Dr. Booth's absence, has accepted an invitation to preach for the Cong. church in Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. C. H. Marshall, declines the call to Montclair, N. J. The Fourth church at Indianapolis have added \$500 to his salary.

Rev. L. P. Sabin of Ellicottville, N. Y., has accepted a call to the church at Central College, O., and has already commenced his labors there.

Rev. L. S. Atkins. At the recent session of the Genesee [M. E.] Conference, Rev. L. S. Atkins, of the Presbyterian Church, was recommended for admission on trial. It was resolved, also, that Mr. Atkins be excused from examination on the usual course of study.—Western Christian Advocate.

Rev. G. H. Smyth, pastor of Sixth Pres. church, Washington, D. C., preached his 4th anniversary sermon October 18th. The church was organized by the Rev. Dr. Noble fifteen years ago with thirty-two members. The next eleven years, 104 were added, the last four years 124 were added. Over \$12,000 have been raised and expended in the Lord's work. The present is the best day this church has ever seen and the future was never so full of hope and encouragement.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia held in Baltimore on the 26th instant, the pastoral relation between Rev. Halsey Dunning and the First Constitutional Pres. church, Baltimore, was dissolved.

CHURCH COURTS.—Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Chenango, N. Y., held its semi-annual meeting at Guilford center, Oct. 20th. The causes of Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Publication, Ministerial Relief, and Church Extension, received their proper attention. The Basis of Reunion was adopted unanimously, although nearly all the members of Presbytery expressed themselves as preferring the simple standards of the two churches as a basis.

Revs. A. McMaisters, from the Presbytery of Onondaga, and G. D. Horton, from the Presbytery of Onondaga, were received. Rev. F. J. Abbott was dismissed to the Presbytery of Champlain.

The Presbytery of Delaware, N. Y., met in stated session, in Franklin, on Oct. 13. There were but few members present, and but three church sessions represented. The spirit of the meeting was, however, good, especially in the prayer meeting on Wednesday morning, when the Lord's Spirit was manifestly present. The question of Reunion was postponed until the members were more generally present.

Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Cortland, N. Y.—During the sessions of the Synod of Onondaga, ordained Rev. Lemuel S. Pomeroy to the work of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Pomeroy was licensed by this Presbytery in 1837. On account of ill health he was obliged to relinquish his professional employment which under more favorable prospects he now resumes. Rev. Joel S. Jewell was dismissed from the Presbytery of Cortland and received by that of Cayuga.

Ripley Presbytery met at Sardinia, O., October 6th. Rev. H. W. Guthrie was received from the Presbytery of Whitewater. A system of partial supplies for vacant churches was adopted. Stated supplies within bounds were urged to attend Presbytery. The Basis of Reunion, overruled by the Assembly, was approved but the nature adopted adds: "This Presbytery is willing to unite either on the basis of the Overture sent down to the Presbyteries, or, if it is thought best, we are willing to unite upon the common Standards of the Church."

The Presbytery of Fort Wayne met at Shiloh church. The subject of Home Missions and systematic beneficence took up most of the time. After a free discussion and a brief prayer by the Moderator, the Presbytery unanimously approved of the basis of reunion as overruled by our General Assembly. During the discussion there was a very decided protest against the idea that the basis submitted to us "is a departure from the standards pure and simple." It was argued that neither the Joint Committee nor any friend of the basis regards it as such. And that the "Smith and Gurley amendment" touch the mode of subscription thereto, and not the standards themselves. In view of certain facts and experiences known to members of Presbytery, it was thought wise, at least for the present, to stand by the basis as proposed.

Schuyler Presbytery, Ills., met in the First church, Warsaw, Ill. A plan was adopted for co-operative pastoral work. A. S. S. Institute is to be held, (as directed by the Assembly) at Clayton, October 27th and 28th. A pastoral letter urging the importance of manes, &c., was adopted. The Basis of Reunion, overruled by the Assembly was approved.

The Presbytery of Alton, Ills., met at Centralia, Ill., Oct. 8th. Two ministers were dismissed, and three (Revs. Geo. I. King, D. D., pastor elect of Jerseyville, Rev. Peter S. Van Nest, S. S. at Du Quoin City, and Rev. W. D. Lemmie, from the M. E. Church) were received. The last with his wife as teaching at Kinmundy. Mr. Carl Linn was licensed to preach among his German brethren, who are very numerous on this section of country. The Basis of Reunion overruled by the Assembly was approved, and the following supplementary resolution adopted: "We are in favor of reunion with the Old School Assembly on the Basis of the Common Standards, if the present plan of reunion shall not appear to be satisfactory to the requisite number of Presbyteries." Presbytery adjourned to meet at Brighton on the Thursday next preceding the full moon of April, 1869, when the new house of worship in that village will be dedicated. An adjourned meeting was held at Jerseyville, Oct. 25th, and Rev. Geo. I. King, D. D., was installed pastor.

The Presbytery of Dubuque met at Cedar Falls Oct. 20. Though our number was small, we felt the presence of God in all our sessions. The following