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The National Christian Convention will meet in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, corner 5th Avenue, and 29 street, New York, at 10 A. M., November 17-20.

Prominent Christian men from all parts of the country have been secured to open the discussions.

Hon. Horace Greeley lectures at Concert Hall, this (Thursday) evening on Temperance. We hope he will explain the appearance of a bacchanalian song at the head of the political column of his paper regularly during the past campaign.

Rev. A. M. Stewart's description of an earthly Eden in California is novel and beautiful. See 2d page.

The Resolutions of the Synod of New York and New Jersey on the Pope's Encyclical, offered by Rev. Dr. Adams, with the names of the Committee to prepare a reply and correspond with other Protestant bodies on the subject, will be found on the 2nd page.

MINISTER WANTED by the Presbyterian Church at Garland, Warren county, Pa. It is a small country congregation, able with missionary aid to raise from \$500 to \$600 salary. The church has thirty-five members. For further particulars address the Session.

SUMMARY.

Minnesota Synod has increased nearly 33 per cent. during the Synodical year. Eight churches received each more than twenty accessions, nine new churches were organized, six churches are building. Besides work among Swedes and Norwegians, the Synod has thriving churches among the Acadians, the largest church on the roll being of converted savages. It is a most vigorous and truly alive part of the Church.

Less than one-half of the ministers belonging to the Synod of New York and New Jersey were present, and little over one-half of the churches were represented, at the late session, yet 231 members were in attendance.

Logansport, Pataskala, and N. Missouri Presbyteries have approved the Basis of Reunion.

Newark (N. J.) Presbytery has received one minister from the other branch, one from the German Reformed, and one from the U. P's.

We record one death in the ministry, Rev. E. Kingsbury.

The edifice of the Third church, Pittsburg, will cost, when completed, about \$300,000. It will be formally dedicated on the last Sabbath of this month. The Thirty-first St. church, Chicago, has just completed a building worth \$30,000.

A recent graduate of Princeton takes charge of our church at Tioga, Pa.

Four members of the Senior Class at Auburn have consecrated themselves to the Foreign missionary work.

The Reformed Presbyterian church of Neshannock, Pa., has joined the U. P. Presbytery of Mercer.

The Copts at Oisout, the seat of a U. P. mission, are studying the Bible with great zeal and divided sentiments.

The Free Church of Scotland, in the Quarter Century of its independent existence, has raised forty millions of dollars.

New School Presbyterians are only one-sixth as many as the combined O. S. and Congregational bodies in Iowa, but they are growing the most rapidly and are giving more money in proportion than the other two bodies.

The American Missionary Association has 522 missionaries engaged with the freedmen at the South, among whom it spent over \$291,000 of its income of \$350,000, during the year. It has property at the North, valued at \$38,000, and at the South worth \$188,885. It is in debt \$88,726.59.

Rev. J. W. Cracraft, lately withdrawn from the P. E. Church has joined the Congregationalists.

Andover Seminary has seventy-five students, and a short-course class of six.

There are more colored theological students among the Baptists than white.

A new Moravian church has been started in our city, and another is contemplated.

There have been admitted to the First Reformed Presbyterian Church in this city, during Dr. Wylie's 25 years' pastorate, 1700 persons, more than 77 annually. The suit for the property of this church, by the Horticultural Hall seceders, has been dropped.

The recent earthquakes, in California, have ruined our church edifice at San Jose.

A writer ("J. R. J.") in the United Presbyterian of Pittsburg, gives a sketch of the O. S. Synod of Wheeling. He says:

The New School brethren were spoken of in a patronizing way. It was thought they ought to come back; that they are fit to come back; and that they might come back. We sincerely hope the union may be consummated, and that in such a way as not to extinguish the New School Church by its absorption into the other body, but by such a conjunction that the resultant identity may combine in right proportion all that is good, and nothing that is bad, of either branch of the heritage. The New School has witnessed well in some respects, and is entitled to more than a tomb-stone and obituary notice when its name has ceased to appear among the living churches of Christendom.

EVANGELIZATION OF SPAIN.

Three of our National Societies for disseminating Evangelical influences on the broad system of the Protestant faith, viz.: The American Bible Society, The American Tract Society, and the American and Foreign Christian Union, will hold a union meeting with reference to the importance of an immediate work in Spain and its dependencies, commensurate with the wonderful Providential openings of the time, and the danger of delay. The union of these Societies in their efforts is peculiarly appropriate, the first furnishing the Bible, the second the Evangelical Literature, the third the Men to bring these into immediate contact with the people.

The first meeting in Philadelphia, will be held in Calvary Presbyterian Church, "Locust street" above "Fifteenth," on Sabbath evening, November the 15th at 7 1/2 o'clock. The pastor Rev. Dr. Humphrey, will preside, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Wylie pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, and others.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. THE BISHOP SPEAKS.

We have a new Romish Bishop in our city, and a new Romish Cathedral erecting for the use of the faithful. The Cathedral is a very imposing building, two hundred feet long, built of Medina sand stone, and is intended to be the finest edifice of its kind in Western New York.

But it was necessary to raise more money than that which could be extorted from the servant girls, in order to go on with the work; so the various choirs of the Romish churches of the city unite to give a grand promenade concert in our Skating Rink, at which the new Bishop makes a speech. Of course something extraordinary was expected from a bishop of the true apostolic succession, and probably some of his admiring auditors thought it super-excellent, as there is no accounting for tastes. To give eclat to the occasion, the speech is also reported and published in one of our daily papers. If the report is correct, we should say it was not much of a speech, after all. Indeed, as a literary effort, it would rank, in our own church, with the rambling, incoherent exhortation of some weak brother in one of our prayer meetings.

It was an attempt to glorify Catholics, and to exalt them as the measure of the piety of the age. The larger the Cathedral, the more piety. The more acres it covers, the more souls saved. "There was a day" - said the Bishop - "a happy day when all England was Catholic. There was a day when that nation had a faith, and brought forth works worthy of that faith." He referred, we judge, to the building of her Cathedrals, although, from the structure of the sentence it was hard not to think of Smithfield and Tower Hill. There, were some of the works of that faith in which the Bishop takes such delight.

He sneers at the idea that those were called the dark ages! How could they be, when such great cathedrals were erected, any more than Egypt when the pyramids were built? He says "Little towns in England possess them [Cathedrals] four or five hundred feet long." How could those be the dark ages? Is not the proof conclusive?

But the Bishop thinks that St. Paul's in London is not much of an affair after all. "It covers barely two acres of ground, while St. Peter's church at Rome extends over a space of five acres." Of course, therefore, there are just three acres more of piety in Rome than there are in London; and three-fifths more intelligence, enterprise, thrift, patriotism and philanthropy. This must be what makes the Pope's government so peaceful, and his rule, so much loved by his faithful, happy subjects - held down by French bayonets! Great is the Cathedral; no matter what is in it, or what childish twaddle is made over it.

A HOME FOR THE HOMELESS.

Such an institution for aged, indigent females has been started in Utica. It has made a good beginning. Nine aged women are enjoying the comforts of such a Home, kindly cared for by a Society of benevolent ladies. But to enlarge their operations, and to give permanence to their enterprise, they need a building and an endowment. Theodore S. Faxton, Esq., one of the rich and generous men of Utica, has offered to give \$20,000 toward such an end, provided all Onondaga county will give another twenty thousand by first of January next, to go with his gift and make it doubly useful. About ten thousand of this addition are already pledged, and surely the remainder will not be wanting.

FORTY BELLS.

The Romish Cathedral of Buffalo is receiving from Europe a chime of forty bells, said to be by far the finest in this country. They have come over, at different times, by the Cunard Steamers, and are soon to be in their place, to ring out their varied chimings upon the busy air of that intensely commercial city.

MORE WANTED.

Four young men of the Senior class in Auburn Theological Seminary have consecrated themselves to the Missionary work, and are expecting to labor in China. Dr. Clark, the Foreign Secretary of the Board, was in Auburn last week for a personal interview with them, and with others, trying to get more, if possible "of the same sort," for other fields of labor. Where are the young men, needed for this honorable service?

Dr. Clark also spoke with great warmth and acceptableness at the evening meeting, in Dr. Hawley's church. The meeting was largely attended, and deeply interested in the address made to them. They will love the missionary cause better for having heard it. GENESEE, Rochester, Nov. 7, 1868.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

Rev. Wm. Hutton was installed pastor of the Greenwich Street church, on last Thursday evening, November 5th, by the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia. The chapel was crowded. There were nine clergymen present. Rev. A. V. C. Schenck, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Bruen, Hammer, and Culver. The sermon was preached by Dr. Johnson; charge to the pastor by Dr. Stryker; the charge to the people by Dr. Allen; installing prayer by Rev. Robert Adair. The sermon, based on 2 Peter i. 12-15, was a lucid statement of what and how a minister should preach. He should preach the truths of the Bible; he should preach them repeatedly; he should so preach them, that they would be remembered when he had passed away. In the development of the discourse, there were some telling hits at both the occupants of the pew and pulpit. The preacher was not hired like a clerk, to do so much work, and receive so much pay. This view of his office was degrading. He did not receive his commission from the pews, but from God. He must please God, even at the risk of emptying the pews of some "golden contributor." But he must preach Christ and not himself. He must not so dazzle, and blind, by his displays of mental pyrotechnics that Christ shall not be seen. Christ must ever be in the front, all else in the rear. In the delivery, we think the Doctor excelled himself. The charge to the pastor was bright, genial, affectionate. The pastor must take good care of his health; be a close student; visit; be interested in the Sabbath-school - above all be prayerful. The address to the people, was perhaps the most impressive part of the ceremony. The speaker evidently felt what he uttered. A pastor should be respected. Disrespect for officials was the sin of the age; the disrespectful manner in which citizens speak of their rulers is being transferred to the Church. Our Presidents, are called Jemmie's, Abe's, and Andy's. Our eminent ministers are spoken of by the church members in similar phraseology. A minister's character should be sacred in the eyes of his congregation. If a woman's character is suspected, she is ruined - so is it with a minister. Ministers should be supported. They should not be kept at the starvation point. Members should not be too exacting. They should not expect to receive so many visits and hear so many good sermons. The service lasted for over two hours; all present were attentive, and seemed delighted.

Wharton Street Church. A course of lectures upon "The Women of the Bible," will be given in this church by the pastor, Rev. J. Y. Hammer, on Sabbath evenings during the fall and winter. The first lecture on last Sabbath evening, was attended by a full house.

Calvary Church has an efficient Ladies' Missionary Society. During six years, they have sent out 31 boxes to Missionaries, valued at \$5,091. During the year ending in '68, they aided three missionaries and replenished the entire wardrobe of the son of a missionary in College. Having accomplished this much, when without a pastor, they commence their operations for a new year with increased hope. Great encouragement is felt in all departments of this important church under the ministrations of the new pastor.

In the First Church the congregations have become quite large, and are steadily increasing. The new rents have been raised - they could well bear it - new families are coming in, and liberal responses are made to calls for benevolent purposes.

German St. Church, Rev. A. Culver, pastor, proposes soon to celebrate its semi-centennial anniversary.

MINISTERS.

Rev. S. F. Bacon has resigned his place as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cornwall.

Rev. Geo. C. Curtis of Elmira, N. Y., has so far recovered as to allow his of resuming his duties, after having been laid aside for four months.

Rev. Peter Burghardt of Westchester, Mass. has accepted the call from the church at Painted Post, N. Y.

Rev. Otis Thatcher, a recent graduate of Princeton, is to take charge of the church of Tioga, Pa., made vacant by the death of Rev. J. J. McCullough.

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

Rev. J. Delemater becomes S. S. of the churches of Reliance and Centron, O., for a year.

Mr. W. A. Bosworth has accepted an invitation to supply the church at Logan, until the 1st of April next.

Rev. Enoch Kingsbury died at Danville, Ill., October 26th, in the 99th year of his age. He was born April 21st, 1800, at the village of Langdon, Mass., and was married to Fanny R. Goodwin on the first day of November, 1830, and immediately thereafter, in company with his wife, removed to the West, (then a wilderness,) as an evangelist. Immediately prior to starting, he preached the same sermon that he read on the occasion of his last appearance in the pulpit. From 1830 to this time, a period of thirty eight years, he labored in the vicinity of Danville, and at large in that portion of the State, in the organization of churches, and in the varied offices of the ministry, with marked and permanent success. He leaves behind a widow and three children.

Rev. H. L. Stanley is acting as agent of the Synod of Iowa to raise funds for completing the purchase of Lyons Female Seminary. A year ago the Synod of Iowa authorized the purchase of this beautiful Seminary property. It was offered to them at \$15,000, although its value is about \$50,000. Brother Stanley is busy at the work, and is meeting with encouraging success. This is already a first class school, and will be a credit to our Synod and our State.

Rev. James Agnew came to the Presbytery of Keokuk a year ago from the Independent Congregational Church of Ireland. He has been laboring at Janesville, Iowa, but now desires another field, so that the Janesville church, of eighty members and good church building, offers an inviting field to some minister of the East or West. And Mr. Agnew will be found by any church that employs him, a faithful and able minister, a young man in whom his brethren have confidence.

At recent meetings of Newark Presbytery held within a few weeks, the following ecclesiastical business was transacted: Rev. Frontis De Vore was received from the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia and installed as pastor of the Park church of Newark. Rev. Ed. G. Read was received from the Dane Presbytery of Wisconsin and it was determined to install him as pastor of the Third

church of Elizabeth on the 18th of November. Rev. Christopher Michel was received from the New York Classis of the German Reformed Church, and installed pastor of the German church at Paterson, Nov. 4th. Rev. Alex. A. McConnell was received from the Second Presbytery of New York (U. P.), and Rev. A. H. Sloan was dismissed from his charge at Cranford. J. A. MAXWELL, S. C. South Orange, Nov. 9th, 1868.

CHURCHES.

The Church at Ackley, Iowa, is just a year old; is small but active and full of faith; enjoys the services of Rev. G. H. Chatterton, who by the way, has just gone to bring them one of the daughters of the East to be their minister's wife. The early spring time, it is hoped, will find the little band occupying their own new church building. Ackley is a desirable point for Presbyterians of the East, either farmers, merchants, or mechanics, who are seeking Western homes.

The Point Pleasant Church, Iowa, marked vacant on our minutes, has joined with an Old School church in support of a minister.

Campbell, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Joel Wakeman and his people dedicated their new parsonage recently with religious services.

Howard, N. Y. A revival of religion of marked interest is reported as in progress here. Our own, the Baptist, and Methodist churches are cooperating. Our church is now vacant, Rev. C. Milne having recently removed to New Jersey.

Chicago, Ill. - The North Western Presbyterian says: "The friends of moral progress will be glad to learn that the 'other branch' are about to add a new star to their already beautiful constellation of church buildings in this city. The enterprise known as the 'Thirty-first street Presbyterian church,' of which the Rev. G. W. Mackie is the leading spirit, has been thus far a gratifying success. A beautiful church edifice, eighty by forty-four feet, with basement rooms for studio, Sabbath-school, Bible, and Infant classes, and an audience room with capacity to seat five hundred persons, all finished in first class style with latest improvements, located on the corner of Thirty-first street, and Wash Avenue, has been completed and will be dedicated to the worship of God at an early day. The value of the property, including the lots, is about \$30,000. Located in a rapidly growing part of the city, and with the Rev. Mr. Mackie as pastor, the future prospects of this enterprise are very encouraging."

In this connection we also observe that the Sixth Presbyterian church, located on Ellis avenue, has of late been greatly improved. During the enjoyment of a recent vacation by the pastor, Rev. A. Eddy, some \$5,000 were expended in enlarging the building. The audience room has been extended to a capacity of seven hundred sittings, and Sabbath-school and lecture rooms have been added. The whole is now in the shape of a cross, and with its new carpets and frescoing, was scarcely recognized by the pastor on his return. Mr. Eddy is well known in religious circles, and we gladly record this evidence of the prosperity of his church.

Lane Seminary. - The new Boarding-house building was completed by the contractor last week. It is elegant in its architecture and admirable in all its arrangements. Great credit is due to Rev. Wm. Van Vleet, who not only planned and superintended the building, but donated half the cost of it to the Seminary. The Van Vleet Library was a noble donation, testifying the love of an alumnus for his Alma Mater. But that testimonial has been duplicated in this new Boarding-house. Christian Herald.

Missionary. - Farewell services were held on Monday afternoon, October 26th, at the Mission House in Boston, with reference to the departure of the following missionaries: Rev. Mr. De Biemer and wife (daughter of Rev. Dr. C. K. True), with Miss Webster, for Ceylon; Dr. Palmer and wife, with Miss Hartley, for Madras.

The Church at San Jose, Cal., (brick) has been so much injured by the recent earthquakes, that it will be necessary to tear it down.

CHURCH COURTS - Presbyteries.

Logansport Presbytery met at Rockport, Ind., Oct. 14th. The Basis of Reunion overtured by the Assembly, was unanimously approved. An important report on Home Evangelization was adopted, by which the stronger churches were directed to contribute the labor of their pastors and stated supplies for one week to the various vacant churches and destitute fields in the Presbytery, and a schedule of supplies was adopted. Rev. F. S. McCabe, who has been a member of Presbytery for sixteen years, was granted a letter of dismission.

The Presbytery of Knox, Illinois, held its semi-annual meeting in the First church of Knoxville, commencing Tuesday evening, Sept. 22d. Rev. H. B. Holmes was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Dr. Beman was with us as a corresponding member. The report of the Commissioners of the last General Assembly was heard. The subject of Reunion elicited a long and earnest discussion. The main point of objection with all was the Tenth Article, and with two or three the entire basis of union was objectionable. A motion was made to delay final action until our next regular meeting, but was lost, six to four. It was finally Resolved, That without expressing our opinion upon the several parts of the basis proposed, this Presbytery yet cordially consents to the reunion of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the basis proposed by the Joint Committee of thirty, and approved by the two Assemblies meeting in May, 1865, respectively, at Albany, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa.

Two of our six churches were unrepresented. One at Peoria is enlarging and improving their edifice at a cost of \$6,000 or more. The other at Springfield has since called a pastor, and they are quite hopeful of a good degree of success with his help under God. There is no special interest in our churches, yet there is an earnest expecting spirit manifest. SAMUEL WYCKOFF.

Knoxville, Oct. 31, 1868. The Presbytery of Pataskala met at Homer, O., Oct. 14th. The Basis of Reunion overtured by the Assembly, was unanimously approved. Rev. S. P. Hildreth was chosen Stated Clerk, Rev. T. W. Howe retiring on account of ill health. A Report on Parsonages was adopted.

North Missouri Presbytery met at Canton, Mo., Mr. D. H. Hudson was licensed to preach. Two other candidates are under Presbyterial care, one at Wabash, and one at Auburn. The Basis of Reunion, overtured by the Assembly, was unanimously adopted, although the delegates from the O. S. Presbytery of Palmyra, were almost impatient for a hearty union upon the Standards.

Narrative of the Presbytery of Illinois. The Committee on the Narrative of religion report that during the past year there has existed a state of encouraging interest and activity in our Churches. One new church has been inaugurated at Decatur, under highly promising auspices. A church has settled its first pastor at Marco, and built a new house of worship, and is moving forward with prospects of great usefulness, influence and prosperity. The church at Carrollton has built a new, elegant, and valuable church edifice. The church at Springfield has settled a new pastor, and raised the funds, and laid the foundation of a large, elegant, and costly church. Nor have our churches been without the more valuable visitations of the Holy Spirit; amidst material and numerical growth, there has been the increase of grace manifested in the conversion of souls and contributions for benevolent enterprises. Some of our young men are studying for the ministry. As a Presbytery, we have received valuable accessions to our ministry and membership, and facilities of doing the work of the

Lord. Nor should it be forgotten as an indication of growing interest and activity, that our Presbyterial Missionary, Rev. Geo. C. Wood, has supplied with vigor and ability, the new and small churches in our Presbytery, that these churches are by his labors and supervision, supplied with preaching, and with Sabbath-schools, and that they all contribute according to their ability to the pecuniary support of the cause of Christ. Revivals have occurred in some of our churches, and much interest, and spiritually manifested among them.

The Committee are therefore enabled to bring to Synod a cheering report from the whole Presbytery, G. C. W. - Stated Clerk.

SYNODS.

The Synod of Illinois met at Springfield. Rev. E. E. Black was chosen Moderator. The Presbytery of Alton through not noticing the date of the meeting of Synod had appointed a meeting for the same day, and was represented in Synod only by two clerical members. The several causes of the Church and the American and Foreign Christian Union were presented by district or general Secretaries. Blackburn University was commended to the sympathy and patronage of the churches, with an expression of gratification at preservation and present prosperity. The Presbyteries were urged to comply with the recommendation of the Assembly to hold Presbyterial S. S. institutes. The narrative states that the state of things in the Synod is quite encouraging, the churches are advancing in prosperity and self-support, the Sabbath-school is being better appreciated both as a Home Mission agency and as the nursery of the Church. The action taken by Presbytery promises well for the support of the causes of the Church. "The subject of Reunion" is cordially endorsed.

The Synod of Michigan met in Tecumseh, Oct. 8th. Rev. L. D. Chapin of Ann Arbor, was chosen Moderator. The attendance numbered 101 members. It was reported that the contributions to Foreign Missions had increased from 32 to 32 1/2 cents per member, fifty-two churches giving nothing. There are 3,240 more children in the Sunday-schools than members in the churches. Five or six new churches have been organized, and forty-six missionaries are employed, at a cost to the M. M. Committee of \$10,000 or \$12,000. It is proposed to make the Synod self-supporting in this respect, by raising the sum received from New York instead of about half as much. The other causes of the Church were presented. For the support of the thirteen candidates and six licentiates within bonds \$284 had been raised, a falling off of 50 per cent. Said expression was given to the sorrow felt for the loss of Dr. Duffield and Rev. Wm. M. Ferry, the latter of whom had given not less than \$130,000 to religious objects in his life-time, besides preaching gratuitously at Grand Haven. He left \$30,000 to the A. B. C. F. M. The American Tract Society was commended to the churches, but not placed on the list of causes.

The Synod of Western Reserve held its late meeting at Sandusky, O., recently, and had a meeting of much interest. It was a happy circumstance, that some of our brethren came almost directly from the Young Men's Christian Association at Cleveland. This was especially manifest in the devotional hour with which each day's session commenced. Rev. John A. Seymour was appointed to act within our bounds in the work of Home Evangelization. At the communion season on Wednesday, our venerable father Aiken, of Cleveland, presided, and broke the bread. He came, almost rejuvenated, from the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Union; and although about four score years old, he exhibited a heart of tender sympathy with his younger brethren. The Stated Clerk resigned, and was succeeded by Rev. Ebenezer Bushnell. Our next meeting was appointed at Ashtabula.

The Synod, towards the close, held a little session, in Committee of the whole, on the subject of Tobacco, which, while it was somewhat amusing, I have no doubt made, and left a favorable impression of the evil, and sin, in the abuse of this narcotic. X. B.

The Synod of Illinois met in the Second church, Springfield.

The Rev. Dr. Ellinwood was heard in the interest of Church Extension, and Rev. J. W. Bailey in behalf of Publication. Prof. J. W. Bailey of Blackburn University, addressed the Synod on the interests of that University, after which a minute was adopted, to the effect that Synod regard it as an especial indication of Divine favor that that institution was founded, and has been preserved for our Church. That its present prosperity, and efficiency are cheering to our hearts, and full of promise, and that we earnestly commend it to the sympathy, the prayers, and the patronage of our Church, as a school, a College, and Theological Seminary.

On Thursday afternoon, Rev. A. T. Norton, D. D., delivered an address on the Advantages of our Church Polity for the work of Home Missions. A Committee was appointed to solicit its publication. It was resolved, that we ask our General Assembly to appoint a General Sabbath-school Secretary with appropriate powers and facilities.

A programme of subjects was adopted for the next meeting, mainly covering the objects of Church Benevolence. The Rev. Dr. Norton, and the Elders of the Church in Alton, were appointed to designate, and notify persons to perform the various parts, at least three months prior to the meeting of Synod.

The next meeting will be held in the church of Alton, on the first Wednesday in October, 1869.

Banner of the Covenant.

REV. DR. WYLIE AND THE FIRST R. P. CHURCH.

QUARTER CENTURY ANNIVERSARY.

The congregation and friends of this venerable "mother of churches" met on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 5, for a joyful celebration of the 25th anniversary of the installation and ordination of Dr. T. W. Wylie as their pastor. The body and galleries of the large church were filled with an attentive and sympathetic audience, who evinced their interest by remaining until the close of the exercises within an hour of midnight. The occasion was pronounced by those who participated in it to have been one of the most joyous and delightful they ever experienced.

The city clergy, in spite of their numerous engagements, evinced their cordial interest by their presence to the number of over fifty. The platform was crowded by them; and they overflowed into the front seats of the church. We notice the presence of Drs. F. Newton, Musgrave, Mears, Reed, Wiswell, Breed, G. D. Boardman, Blackwood, Willette, Rice, Dale, Randolph and Castle, and Revs. Francis Church, Torrance, B. B. Hotchkiss, Edward Hawes, Kennard, Anthony Atwood, and John Chambers.

Geo. H. Stuart, Esq., on motion, chosen Chairman, and the exercises opened with the singing of the 6th Psalm, which was given out by Dr. Dale. After a fervent prayer by the venerable Dr. Musgrave (O. S.), the Scriptures were read by Rev. Anthony Atwood (M. E.), and the congregation sang part of Xth Psalm. In this, as in the other musical parts of the exercises, the efficient volunteer choir of the congregation rendered excellent music.

Mr. Stewart addressed as Chairman of the meeting was necessarily very brief, as he was suffering from his asthmatic affection. He recalled the first sermon he had ever heard Dr. Wylie preach. It was in the old church on Eleventh Street, and when he was done he (Mr. S.) had laid his hand on Elder Tho. Mc-