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We are obliged, by press of matter, to defer the cut and description of the Third Church, Pittsburgh until next week.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.—We are glad to learn that the subscriptions to the new endowment of \$200,000 have reached the handsome sum of \$180,000; conditioned upon the full sum being subscribed during the present year. We hope soon to hear of the balance being secured so that this important institution may enter, with more freedom, upon its new career of usefulness. Perhaps the present difficulty in money circles preventing a general appeal, will influence some of our liberal donors to do for the college more than they would otherwise have felt called upon to do. We commend the subject to their serious and prompt attention.

CLAIMS OF SAILORS.

The Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, having in charge the comfort and improvement of the sailors visiting this port,—in view of the necessities of the "Sailor's Home," and the approach of the winter season, as also of its enlarged library and missionary work, desires to raise a liberal amount during the present month. As this Society is sustained by the Christian public, without regard to denominational peculiarities, it makes its appeal to all churches and individuals, in the hope that, as all are debtors to the sailor, all may now come up nobly and generously to his help.

Donations may be sent to D. H. EMERSON, Corresponding Secretary, 606 North 21st St., Philadelphia.

SUMMARY.

The Presbytery of Grand River Valley, Michigan, has approved the Basis of Re-union unanimously, and has referred the question of dissent from the 24th article to a committee to report next spring. Forty-six Presbyteries have thus voted aye.

Six cases of dissolution of pastoral relationship or closing of labors; eight calls or installations, two new churches organized (Grand River Valley Presbytery, Mich.) and two Mission Schools established in Brooklyn are in the News of our Churches this week.

An important meeting on Church Erection was held in the Lecture Room of the First church of this city, last Thursday. A strong committee of laymen were appointed, and an adjourned meeting will be held next Monday evening.

The Howard St. church, San Francisco, Dr. Scudder's, has lately been relieved of a debt of forty-six thousand dollars, coin, by the members loaning this amount to the Trustees, without interest, and receiving back their investment if desired, by degrees, from the surplus annual income, which, as there is no interest to pay, is about \$5,000.

The U. P. churches in this city, ten in number, are prospering outwardly and inwardly. One is building a chapel, one a church edifice, one has greatly improved its building, and another has paid off a debt of \$3,300. Three of them have recently received, altogether, 49 members.

The K. P. Seminary in this city is in the hands of the party who suspended Geo. H. Stuart. It opened, two weeks ago, with three students.

Another "Tyng case," arising from the preaching of the offender, Rev. Mason Gallagher, in the late Dr. Duffield's pulpit, seems in preparation.

The Ritualist discrepancies among the German Reformed people have led to a secession of eighty members (low church) from the high (Christ) church, Green St., above 16th, in this city, who were organized by the Philadelphia Classis into "Heidelberg church." The Synod has declared the proceedings of the Classis null and void, but Heidelberg church seems still to exist, and was ministered to last Sabbath by Rev. W. B. Cullis, formerly Secretary Y. M. C. A. of this city.

The Old School people of Elizabeth are building the finest church in New Jersey, to cost \$100,000.

There were reported, in one week, 13 churches organized in the other branch.

One of Dr. Guthrie's sons, according to the father, is likely to settle in this country.

The O. S. Presbytery of Benicia, Cal., votes against Re-union on the Committee's Basis, but in favor "on the Standards." [Didn't find the Standards in the first article.] Stockton, O. S., votes for the Basis.

The Christian Witness, U. P. paper, in Cincinnati, has sold out to the United Presbyterian of Pittsburg.

The Joint Committee of the U. P. and R. P. Churches on Re-union, failed to gather a quorum at the appointed time of meeting in Pittsburg, Nov. 4th. This seems to dispose of the matter negatively, as far as the Committee is concerned.

The Methodists are less than half as strong as the Congregationalists in Massachusetts.

The entire increase of the M. E. church during the year ending last spring is stated to be 95,410. This increase has been almost entirely in the South and in the Border States. In the North, the increase has been but 4 1/2 per cent.

A son-in-law of the Bishop of Oxford, a rector of the Church of England, with a living of £250, has, with his wife, gone over to Rome.

THE EVANGELIZATION OF SPAIN.

One of the most thronged and intensely interesting public meetings held in any of our churches, since the Presbyterian Union Convention of last year, was that of last Sunday night in Calvary church, in behalf of Spanish Evangelization. The three great Societies, Bible, Tract, and Foreign and Christian Union very appropriately united to rally Christian sentiment at this serious and encouraging moment in the Providence of God towards that country. All the services were well sustained, from the rich and thrilling introductory by the choir, to the close. Dr. Beadle read the Scripture, and after prayer, Dr. Humphrey opened the subject by alluding in beautiful terms to the debt owed by this country to Ferdinand of Spain, who aided Columbus to make his voyage of discovery. Here he said, in the living stream of the free Gospel, was the fabled fountain of youth which the early explorers from Spain vainly expected to find on our soil, and which now we were met to devise means of sending in earnest to Spain itself. Rev. Henry Riley pastor of the Spanish Church in New York, and under appointment of the A. and F. C. N. for the city of Mexico, delivered an impassioned and telling address, which his foreign accent (he is a Spanish South American by birth) rendered none the less impressive. In his eloquent plea, Spain, the land of romance, of beauty, of ancient grandeur, and noble ardor seemed to stand before us, asking for the glorious Gospel of Christ as alone necessary to give her more than all her ancient greatness and to make her a blessing to all Europe, and to mankind. Dr. Wylie, pastor of the 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church spoke eloquently of the organization of the Reformed Church of Spain. He also gave testimony to the degraded condition of the Romish people and Clergy of Spanish America, and referred to a sermon by the late Dr. Brainerd upon the death of one of his members (Mr. Eldridge) in which is described the barbarous and revolting treatment of the Protestant dead on the Island of Cuba, and the terrible expense incurred in bringing away the dead body, all from the prevalence and bitterness of Popish tyranny. Dr. Herrick Johnson showed what Spain had been in the past, what she is in the present and what she may be in the future. He called upon the Church to seize upon the present opportunity, in most earnest and stirring words. The Bible Society has but recently completed a revision of the Valera Spanish version of the Bible, and is now sending it forth; and the American Tract Society, New York, has a very good list of religious books including Pilgrim's Progress, translated and published in Spanish; and the American and Foreign Christian Union is prepared to send the living preacher and teacher, armed and furnished with these publications. Only one thing was wanting to make the meeting a complete success—while the feelings of the audience were warmly enlisted, a collection should have been taken up.

GROWTH.

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A similar meeting will be held at Alexander Church, 19th and Green-street, on Sunday evening.

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the main building, and the ceremony of laying the corner-stone is soon to occur, so that the work of erecting the church proper may be commenced at the earliest opening of spring. It is to be one of the finest church edifices in the State, large, massive, and every way admirable, if we may judge from the plans and the work so far accomplished.

The First church of Auburn was organized in 1811. It certainly has enjoyed the ministry of some of the best of men; Rev. Dircck C. Lansing, D. D., being pastor from 1817 to 1829; Josiah Hopkins, D. D., from 1830 to 1846; during whose combined ministry there were no less than twelve or fourteen general revivals of religion. Dr. Nelson was its pastor from 1846 to 1856, and Dr. Hawley from 1856 to the present time. It will thus be seen that in a period of over fifty years, the church has had only four pastors. Dr. Lansing was called from them to Utica; Dr. Hopkins died in their service; Dr. Nelson was called to St. Louis; and Dr. Hawley remains. Long may he be spared to minister in that new and beautiful edifice intended for him.

Auburn continues to grow rapidly. And yet we see that quite a colony of good people are about leaving that beautiful city, to find a home in more sunny climes—they go to Florida. "We hope they will find peace. They have a right to it; the Constitution guarantees it; and it is about time those gorgeous amounts to something more than a mockery. Surely blood enough has already been shed; and some few men in high places, or one at least, already have enough to answer for, in this regard. "Let us have peace." Let the country be one. We have hope it may be so after the 4th of March.

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Having defined very briefly what we understand by a good religious family newspaper, let us now advert to a few reasons why greater effort should be exerted to circulate such papers:

1. First, to keep them alive and make them prosperous. You are an interested party. You have stock in the concern. If the circulation of your paper is ten thousand, you will have twice as good a paper as if its circulation was only five thousand. The editor and publisher will both do you better service, more and better writers will be secured, and a commendable pride will stimulate the minds both of the readers and writers.

2. Secondly, to benefit the souls of your fellow-men. The paper is a great educator. It is school-master, preacher, pastor, parent and friend combined. It does not indeed take the place of these personages, but it must be admitted it is the coadjutor of each. It is like the pungent tract. It wedges its way between the crevices made by the Spirit of God into the very souls of men. It puts the reader in a thoughtful frame of mind, and thus prepares him for the next sermon he hears, and if that sermon, having the eye and voice and eloquence of the preacher as applicable to work upon the mind, is effective by God's grace in producing conviction and conversion, who shall say how much the paper previously read had to do with that blessed result?

Then, too, the good religious family paper is a source of edification and spiritual profit to its pious readers. No Christian can peruse such a journal week after week without receiving an immense amount of good. The child of God who hungers and thirsts after righteousness, gleams his paper with delight. There he comes in contact with many others of kindred minds. He drinks the water of life from many different fountains. He is refreshed, strengthened. He is not compelled to go a whole week on the strength of one or two sermons. Here comes his paper. He learns to look for it, to welcome it eagerly, to read it with delight, to recommend its truths to others. He is fed every time he takes it up. He places it beside his Bible, each making him more interested in the other. He communicates with God and his fellow-Christians, and thus becomes a wiser, happier, more influential, and in every way a better disciple of Jesus.

3. He who reads such a paper regularly cannot fail to be stimulated to duty. He will read his Bible more frequently; will be more regular in his attendance at the sanctuary, and will listen with greater docility to the exposition of divine truth; will frequent the prayer-meeting, and be willing to take any part he can consistently in the exercises; will be interested in his pastor and fellow-members; will have a desire for the prosperity of his Sabbath-school and church; will do all he can for the furtherance of religion at home; will learn and acknowledge the claims of his Church Boards and all other benevolent institutions upon himself and others; will find his hands and feet and tongue, as well as his mind, interested; will instinctively thrust his hand in his pocket and esteem it a privilege to give of his substance to the Lord; and thus will be a more efficient laborer in the cause of truth and righteousness than he would be if he was under no such influence. We can hardly conceive of a true Christian in this age of holy activity reading his religious paper every week, and thus made familiar with the spiritual wants of the world, and yet not be aroused to the comprehension and discharge of personal duty.

If these things be so, then the Church and every individual in it should be more in sympathy with those who are engaged in the responsible and often most trying work of religious journalism. They should pray for them, speak a good word in their favor, and in every way consistent, seek to promote a larger circulation of their papers. You do not say "Our pastor is paid to do his work, and therefore has no claim upon my assistance." Why should you say "The editor and publisher make money by their papers—let them attend to their business?"

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

Church Erection.—A meeting of ministers and laymen was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 12th, in the lecture room of the First church, to consider the various building enterprises now in progress among the city churches of our denomination. The attendance of laymen was very encouraging. Hon. Wm. Strong was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Wm. G. Crowell, Secretary. Statements were made by the Chairman and by pastors and others representing the enterprises under consideration; remarks were made by Messrs. Whildin, Potter, and others, and a Committee of seven laymen, with Judge Strong as Chairman, was appointed to examine more minutely the condition of each enterprise and mature the whole subject for the future consideration of the meeting, which adjourned to next Monday evening, to meet in the same place. As business of the highest importance to the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in our own city will then be presented, and as an opportunity of unusual promise will be given to participate in this great work, it is hoped that a very large attendance will be secured.

Eleven Years of Church History.—The Young Men's Christian Association of the Central church, Wilmington, have just issued a discourse by Rev. Dr. Wiswell, first pastor of the church, under the above title. It was preached in 1863, seven years after his settlement; and by an additional note is brought down four years further, so as to cover the entire time indicated by the title. During those eleven years, the church had enjoyed a career of almost unexampled prosperity and progress. Nine decided seasons of revival were enjoyed, the last, in 1866, being the most extensive of all, when over 80 souls were brought into the spiritual communion. This is a remarkable evidence that the tone of the Church had not been injured by the numerous and extensive seasons of spiritual excitement through which it had previously passed. In seven years the Sabbath School, with its 51 scholars and 11 teachers, grew to four schools, 800 scholars and 85 teachers. One of the most striking instances of expansive missionary effort and enterprise given by any church, appears in the eleven years' history of the Central. Four years after the organization, the lot for Monroe St. chapel was bought and the structure, fifty by thirty feet, completed and dedicated in May 1861. In the two years, 1865-6, two other missionary chapels, the Rodney-Street and the Gilbert-chapel were erected and occupied by flourishing Sabbath Schools. Rev. Charles D. Shaw, the successor of Dr. Wiswell, has just been privileged to see one of these mission enterprises, Monroe St. chapel, reach the consummating point of a church-organization. In less than two years from the date of the organization, the substantial brick and stone edifice of the church was dedicated and occupied for worship, the enterprise being carried through during the most trying financial crisis the country had yet known. And yet, we read the gratifying and honorable record; that not a workman em-

ployed was allowed to go without his pay." Thus carefully did this healthful church-organization walk in wisdom towards them that are without. On the 26th of February, 1863, a remaining debt of \$15,000 on the building was swept away, making a total of about \$60,000, contributed by the church during the first seven years of its existence.

The Young Men's Christian Association was organized in 1858, to concentrate the energies and increase the efficiency of this numerous part of the congregation. It has been a leading instrumentality in the missionary enterprises of the church, and in city evangelization generally. It has proved a most valuable adjunct of pastoral labor. One of its first Vice Presidents had, in 1863, entered upon the active duties of the ministry, and many of its members, at the same time, were imperiling their lives in defense of their country.

The discourse is one of absorbing interest, and portrays a scene of church-life such as, take it altogether, is rarely witnessed even in the most favored portions of the vineyard. One might almost be content, after such an eleven years to sing his *Nunc Dimittis*; but the more noble and Christian course is that of Paul, to forget even such things that are behind, and press towards higher and greater. Such we believe to be the purpose and spirit of the pastor of Green Hill church, in this city.

MINISTERS.

Rev. M. P. Jones on the 8th inst. resigned the pastorate of the Chester City Presbyterian church, the resignation to take effect Jan. 6th, 1869. During the three years of pastoral labor a church has been organized. Seventy-three have been added on profession of faith and sixty-nine by certificate. Every communion season has witnessed additions. At a congregational meeting on the 12th inst., the pastor's resignation was not accepted.

Yates Hickey.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montrose, October 27th, Rev. Yates Hickey was installed pastor of the congregation in Abington, Pa. The sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Whaley, of Providence. Charge to the pastor, by Rev. William F. Arms, of Nicholson. Charge to the congregation, by Rev. Bently S. Foster, of Danmore.

Samuel Whaley.—The pastoral relation of Rev. Samuel Whaley to the congregation in Providence, Pa., was, at his request, dissolved. Mr. Whaley commenced his labors at Providence about ten years ago. The congregation was then feeble and discouraged. The Head of the Church has given them prosperity under this ministry.

Rev. J. B. Brandt has resigned the charge of the Olivet Presbyterian church in Indianapolis, and has entered upon the work of City Missionary, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. Association of that city.

Rev. H. L. Dickerson is about closing his labors as Missionary of the Synod of Indiana, and has accepted an invitation from the churches in Thoraxpolis, and will enter upon his labors with them on the first of December.

Rev. J. M. Harlow has resigned his charge of the Bath Presbyterian congregation, N. Y.

Rev. G. C. Noyes.—At a called meeting of the Presbytery of St. Joseph, Ind., the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. G. C. Noyes and the church of Laporte, Ind., was dissolved. He has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Evanston, Ills.

Rev. Robert Procter, of Alden, N. Y., has been called to the church in Polo, Ill. Salary \$1,200.

Rev. Nelson Millard has closed his labors with the Olivet church of Chicago.

Rev. W. C. Birchard, of the Presbytery of Meadville, Pa., accepts a unanimous call to the First church of Rushville, Schuyler Co., Ill.

Rev. Lyongrus Rainsback, lately chaplain and superintendent of the Children's Home, Cincinnati, has removed to New York, to labor as a missionary in connection with the Five Points' Mission. He has been a faithful and successful worker here in the Second Mission Sunday-school, and in the Penn mission as well as the Home.—The Christian Herald.

Mr. B. D. Conkling, a licentiate of Hamilton Presbytery, has accepted a call to the Congregational church in Kent, O., and will be ordained about Dec. 1st.

Rev. T. F. Bacon accepts a call to our church in Courtland, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. Harwarth, of Detroit, has been called to the First church, St. Louis, vacant by the removal of Dr. Nelson to Lane Seminary.

Rev. Arthur Mitchell was installed pastor of the First church, Chicago, [late Dr. Z. M. Humphrey's] Nov. 11th. The sermon, by Rev. J. H. Taylor, of Lake Forest, was most earnest, exceedingly able and forcible, upon the "manifestation of the truth" as the grand instrument and source of power to the minister of Christ. The charge to the incoming pastor, by Rev. Glen Wood, was both pertinent and impressive; and that to the people, by Rev. Dr. Patterson, presenting a sketch of the history of the church and of the several able and distinguished pastors with which it has been honored and blessed—of all which he is personally cognizant—and setting forth the high position and attendant responsibilities of this church and congregation, was unusually excellent. The services commanded the close attention of the large audience present to the close. Mr. Mitchell has already won for himself a large measure of esteem and confidence, not only among his own charge but from all who have listened to his fervent preaching, or who have in any way come in contact with him. And, while that people will never forget or cease to love their late pastor, now one of your own most esteemed ministers, they yet feel that God has dealt most graciously with them in sending them one so worthy to follow in his steps. We look for a new life and vigor even in this living and vigorous church.

CHURCHES.

Brooklyn.—The people of Dr. Duryea's church in Brooklyn have established two mission Sabbath-schools within a few weeks, one in Atlantic avenue, the other in Fulton avenue, and both not very far from Flatbush avenue. They are under control of gentlemen experienced in Sunday-school work.—The Brooklyn Daily Union.

Northville (Mich.) church is without a pastor. It has eighty-five members, and is willing to pay a fair preacher from \$800 to \$1000. So writes Mr. Wm. P. Hamilton to The Evangelist.

CHURCH COURTS.—Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Grand River Valley held its semi-annual session at Cortland, Mich., it consists of fourteen churches and ten ministers. All the churches, except one, are at present supplied; and all, except two, receive Home Missionary aid. Six, or less than one half the whole number, have small houses of worship, while of the other half, now worshipping in halls and school-houses, three have commenced to build churches. Two were received under the care of Presbytery, viz.: Big Rapids and Montague, some sixty miles north of the Detroit and Milwaukee R. R. To us, therefore, the inseparable causes of Home Mission and Church Erection, are not merely interesting, but absolutely necessary to our present life and future growth. Our meeting was largely taken up with the consideration of the causes, especially these two, and their peculiar claims upon us. The churches are asked by the Presbytery to contribute at the rate of one dollar per member to each, and an elder is designated to each church, large or small, to aid in