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The late King of Siam by Rev. V. D. Collins, Freedmen's cause in Pittsburgh, Extract from Dr. Riddle's sermon, Rev. A. M. Stewart's Letters XXIII: Try it, by "Dorcas Hicks," Romanist Church News, page 2nd; Editor's Table, page 3d; "Pange, Lingua," (Poetry), Foreordination of Freedom, by John Todd, The Palm Tree, New York Women's Hospital, page 6th; Religious Intelligence: Reformed Churches, Episcopalian, Congregationalist, Baptist, Methodist, page 7th.

The new Edition of Beggars of Holland just issued, is a very great improvement in externals, over the first. The volume is less bulky, some inaccuracies of statement are corrected, the map is made to face to the right hand and the paper and typography are elegant.

GOOD NEWS FROM SPAIN.—A despatch dated Madrid, Nov. 21, brings the news that the requisite formal authorization for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a Protestant church in that city has been given by the Provisional Government. It is addressed to Colonel Fitch, the British resident at Madrid, who has so long tried in vain to get it. It runs: "The Minister of Grace and Justice has duly considered your petition for permission to erect a Protestant temple in this Capital, and he has seen fit to authorize it. You can now proceed to its construction in such a manner as shall conform to the municipal ordinances."—Madrid, Nov. 9, 1868.

The Priests organs are frantic at this concession. "The Regeneration" says "no man ever committed such an outrage on the Spanish people as Romero Ortiz, the minister who granted it. Since Spain existed such a disgraceful and suicidal act never was committed."

SUMMARY.

Chariton (Presbyterian) Iowa, has approved the Joint Committee's Plan. The Synod of Wabash expresses a great amount of gratification at the proposal of "The Standards pure and simple" as the Basis of Reunion. The same Synod, in confident expectation of immediate reunion, has appointed a Committee to negotiate for the sale of the Christian Herald. We do not hear that it is proposed to sell out any O. S. paper as the joyful consequence of Reunion.

One of our churches in Iowa (at Rossville) has applied to an O. S. Presbytery to be taken under its care. It needs \$400 from the Church Extension Fund. The O. S. Presbytery is proceeding very deliberately in the premises.

The Second German church of Cincinnati was dedicated Nov. 22d. The corner-stone of a German church at Shelbyville, Ind., was laid Nov. 16th. The 31st St. church, Chicago, was organized Nov. 20th, and their house dedicated Nov. 23d. A church of 37 members was organized at Nelsonville, O., Nov. 1st, amid deep spiritual interest; also a church at Flushing, Mich., recently, of 38 members. The corner-stone of Classon Avenue church, Brooklyn, was laid Dec. 1st. The dedication of the Third church, Pittsburg, occurred Nov. 29th. The First and North churches, Buffalo, are engaged in great and costly improvements.

Pew rents in the Third church, Pittsburg, range from \$5 to \$125.

The Fortieth Anniversary of the Fourth church, Washington, D. C., Rev. John C. Smith, D. D., pastor, occurred Nov. 24th. 8 of the original members remain. A total of 1,489 members has been received, an average of over 37 per annum. During Dr. Smith's ministry of 29 years, 1,152 were received, an annual average of 40, within a fraction. In the same pastorate, 650 infants, an annual average of over 22, were baptized.

Four calls accepted; Rev. W. W. Collins to Tekonsha Mich., Rev. S. A. Hayt Jr. (Ref. D.) to 2nd, church, Belvidere; Rev. J. A. French to Morris-town, N. J. and Rev. I. N. Sprague to Geneseo; N. Y. and 4 installations, Rev. E. G. Read, at Elizabeth, N. J., Rev. J. G. Porter, of Du Page Ills.; Rev. N. Seaver, 1st church, Brooklyn, and Rev. Joel S. Jewell at Northville, N. Y., are among the new items of this week and last.

The Church of the Covenant, Dr. Prentiss, pastor, gives \$5,742.49 to Home Missions, an advance of \$2,030 on last year.

Mr. Baras preached a sermon commemorative of his attaining the measure of three-score years and ten, last Sunday. It was delivered *à tempore*.

The death of Rev. A. S. Avery, Presbytery of Pataskala O. is announced.

In the O. S. Synod of New York, Dr. Vandyle's Elder, Prof. Eaton, a signer of the "Declaration and Testimony" against the loyal action of the O. S. Assembly of 1865, and hitherto excluded from a seat in the church courts of the body, appeared, answered to his name and was enrolled, without objection. So says the Ky. organ of that party.

The Howard St. church, San Francisco, O. S., are erecting a building to cost \$150,000.

The U. P. Foreign Missions are five, with forty stations, 12 churches, 211 members contributing \$763. There are 42 American laborers.

The Editor of the Standard of the Cross, P. E. organ of Ohio, in response to a question, says that he does recognize the validity of churches of other denominations.

The *ex parte* Council called by Gen. Howard and his friends in reference to the troubles in the Congregational church in Washington, emphatically disapprove the acts of Dr. Boynton, and suggest a mutual council to settle all differences. The regular attendance on this church is stated by Congregationalists at over 160, membership about 200.

The Baptists of San Francisco are cordially entertaining a proposal for union with the Campbellites. Bitter complaints from Methodist laborers at the South, of violent and murderous proceedings in connection with their labors are being received.

The French Bishops and Cardinals, meeting in Rome, have decided to effect sweeping reforms to the consideration of the Ecumenical Council.

Of 3,429 Jesuits employed in missionary work, 759 are said to be in the United States.

CHURCH MATTERS IN BROOKLYN.

Dr. MEARS.—Last evening the Presbytery of Brooklyn installed the Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D., as pastor of the First Church. The venerable Dr. Cox, for so many years the pastor of this church was present, and took part in the exercises. Dr. Duryea preached an admirable sermon from this text, "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. Cuyler, and the charge to the people by Rev. Theo. S. Brown. The services generally, are spoken of as being well-sustained throughout.

It is now about seven months, since Dr. Robinson vacated this pulpit. He left a people, who with one voice desired him to remain; his successor comes to a people, who with one voice desire him to come. It is ever a matter of thanksgiving, when so large and influential a church can call a new pastor with such perfect unanimity. The First Church is the mother church of our Presbyterian family [in Brooklyn.] She has wealth, and position, and intellect, and influence. Under the lead of Dr. Robinson, she moved nobly in the cause of church extension in this city. She founded, and now sustains, a mission chapel, which sheds the pure light of the Gospel in a dark place. She both directly, and indirectly, instigated and fostered the incipency of the Classon Avenue church, which yesterday laid the corner-stone of its new edifice. She has done her part in the broader field of the world. Dr. Seaver takes the helm under very favorable circumstances. The ship is in good condition, under good headway. Dr. Seaver has but little experience in our Presbyterian methods, but he will easily fall into our habits. We hope for him a prosperous and happy pastorate.

Rev. John A. French, a member of this Presbytery, goes out from us to the pastorate of the old First Church of Morristown. He was licensed by this Presbytery, and ordained nearly two years ago. He has been preaching in Flushing since his ordination. Mr. Bartlett goes from our city to Chicago. He came here several years ago, to take charge of a new enterprise. He has established a good church, with a good edifice, and seemed apparently settled for life,—having very recently purchased a new house. But Chicago called too loud, and kept calling, and would not cease calling; and so he has consented to go, something as maidens say "Yes," to get rid of so much beseeching. I am told that he said "No," publicly and privately, but the Chicago church was very deaf, and still asked for an answer. And she has carried her point. The Elm Place Congregational church, (Mr. Bartlett's), the State Street church, Central Presbyterian, and the Lee Avenue, are now vacant.

Our Presbytery has raised a committee to consider the subject of church music in general. Choirs, quartettes and precentors, will have a thorough sifting: We wish to find out whether singing is a part of worship; we want to know, whether it be the height of impudence for the people even to wish, now and then, for a good old tune, which they can sing. If it be a concert performance, then we are interested to know whether we can't somewhere else get more music for our money. We intend to have our say on the subject, and when we have it I will let you know what is the burden of our say. T. S. B. Brooklyn, Dec. 2d, 1868.

FORTY YEARS CHURCH HISTORY.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 24th, 1868.

The session met on the call of the Moderator in the session room on this the 40th Anniversary of the organization of the church, as per first minute on the first page of these records.

The congregation engaged in appropriate services of prayer, praise and thanksgiving, after which the Moderator opened the meeting of session with prayer.

Present, John C. Smith, Moderator. Elders: Moses Kelly, David Bassett, Robert S. Jordan, Daniel McFarlan, Thomas McGill and Joseph H. Blackfan.

The pastor furnished the following statistics: Total number received as per roll, 1,489

This includes the 23 members in the organization of the Church, and 117 added in the ministry of Joshua N. Danforth, 140

Ministry of Rev. Mason Noble, 197

Ministry of John C. Smith, begun Sep. 10th, 1839, 1,152

Of this number, "died," 197

" " "dismissed," 610

" " "Excommunicated," 94

Total now in communion as per roll, 588

Baptisms by J. N. Danforth, 45

" " "Mason Noble, 94

" " "Infants" 650 "Adults" 122 by John C. Smith, 772

Total of Baptisms, 911

Marriages by John C. Smith as per register, 591

Of the 337 on the roll, in the ministry of J. N. Danforth, and Mason Noble, there remain 3 of the original number of 23—and other 30, in all, 33

During these forty years, there have been in all, Ruling Elders 18. Of these 5 have died, and 7 dismissed to other churches—12.

Present number of Elders, as named, 6. Thomas McGill, David Bassett, and Daniel McFarlan were appointed a committee to prepare this "Church History of 40 Years," for publication, and John Stiles, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, invited to furnish a history of that Department.

Session adjourned. Concluded with prayer. JOHN C. SMITH, Moderator. DAVID BASSETT, Clerk of Ses.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

THE WAY TO DO IT.

Quite casually there fell into our hands, a few days since, a paper purporting to be a series of questions propounded by the Romish Bishop of this diocese to all his clergy. They were in the form of blanks to be filled by each priest, and forwarded to his Bishop at Buffalo, by the tenth of January, and indicated a degree of espionage and an arbitrariness of control, such as we should have expected, a few weeks ago, in Spain, but which seem strangely out of place in this free country. The people are treated as children, that must be looked after very closely by the big Padre, or they will be doing something very foolish or very naughty. We have Romanists here in Rochester who are quite competent to take care of their own affairs, men extensively and prosperously engaged in business, men respected and trusted in all secular matters, by the business community, and yet, come to church matters, they seem to have very little to do but to pay and report to the Bishop.

Suppose a set of questions covering the following points were sent by some big bishop to one of our churches, for one of our pastors to answer—"Number in your parish,—men,—women,—children. About how many have made their Easter duty? Any additions to the property of your church in the year? What amount of insurance on your church? What on your parochial house? What on your school house? In what companies? Have the premiums been regularly paid?" If Dr. Prentiss, in New York, should receive such a set of questions, he would have to turn them over, we presume, to Mr. Dodge, or Mr. Butler, or some one else. But in the Romish church, we are left to infer that the Priest looks after all these matters. Either the people are supposed to be incompetent or untrustworthy. And it is only a more damaging fact that they really are in most countries, where Popery has had full sway, and wrought all the ignorance and degradation to which it leads: "Why is it, that the more intelligent Romanists of this country do not see this, and assert their right to control their own affairs?"

But these are not all the questions. A dark perpendicular line runs through a part of the page. On the one side the Priest is to put the "Receipts" to the last farthing, and on the other the "Expenditures." Among the receipts he is to report: Pew rents, Sunday collections, Cemetery, [how much they get for burying the dead], Donations, Extraordinary Collections. On the side of "Expenditures," we have, "Pastor's salary, School Teacher's salary, Sexton's wages, Ordinary Church expenses, improvements, amount debt paid, insurance, choir, extras." If any one is tired of his liberty and his manhood, let him go over to Rome, become a child again or an imbecile, and put himself in some Padre's leading strings.

A DAY IN BUFFALO.

Every where we saw evidence of growth and improvement. In almost any direction, away from the business centre, new buildings, enough to constitute a good-sized village, may be seen going up, including some houses of palatial dimensions and elegance. Buffalo is the gateway of the west. Commerce and wealth flow to it as naturally as rivers to the sea. It is now a city of 120,000 inhabitants, where in 1804 there was but a hamlet of twenty families.

Our four churches are all now supplied with pastors, since Rev. E. N. White came to the Westminster, which is now, perhaps, the most prosperous of them all. It has a fine church edifice, beautifully located, far up town, where many of the finer residences are to be found, and where the city is rapidly growing.

We found also that the people have received their new pastor with open arms. They think themselves highly favored in securing his services. And in the other churches he is regarded as just the man needed in that place. After considerable discouragement in the past, it is pleasant to see this church now coming forward to the first rank.

The First church have really begun their contemplated improvements, to which we have before alluded. The plan is to put on a new front and tower, in advance of the present building. The present vestibule is to be thrown into the audience room, making it so much larger. The whole building is to be remodelled and improved. They are now laying the foundations for the new tower and front, so as to be ready to put up the walls at the earliest opening of Spring. A part of the plan, we trust, will be to lower the pulpit, and give it a more modern appearance. It is now quite antique.

The North church are also progressing finely with their great improvements; their Lecture Room, Sunday-school rooms, church parlors, Library and Parsonage, all under one roof. The building is now up, the roof on, and it is nearly enclosed, but the inside finishing remains to be done, and will probably occupy a good part of the winter.

If we may judge from present plans and appearance, it is to be the most complete thing of its kind yet erected. The Prayer-room is on the right hand, first story, at the entrance; church parlors on the left hand, opposite; the Lecture-room, across the whole building in the rear of these. The great Sunday school room, which will hold 800 persons; is over the Lecture-room; Infant School room over the church parlors; church library over the Prayer-room; and the pastor's study is alongside of this large church library, opening into it, so that this virtually forms a part of the minister's library as well. The minister's study also opens into his house in the second story. The building fronts on Pearl Street. The back of it stands right against the church proper, which fronts on Main-st. The two are connected by convenient passage-ways. We do not see how anything could be more convenient.

CALL ACCEPTED.

Rev. I. N. Sprague, D. D., of Caldwell, N. J. has accepted the unanimous and hearty call recently tendered him by the church of our connection in Geneseo, and is to enter upon his new field the first of January. His reputation as an able, judicious and successful pastor, has preceded him, and he will find a warm welcome in Western New York. He goes also to an in-

testing church, in one of the most beautiful of all our charming villages; to an intelligent and cultivated congregation, well prepared already to give him their entire confidence and co-operation.

There is a slight infelicity in the name of this church, which we wish could be corrected. It is called the Second church of Geneseo, whereas it is in fact the First of the village. The "First church of Geneseo" is now the church of Lakeville, three or four miles East of Geneseo, and in the edge of the town of Livonia. In earlier days this was indeed the First church of Geneseo, and its house of worship stood within the borders of that township, although three miles east of the village. If, when its building was moved into the village of Lakeville, a mile or so from its old site, it had taken the pleasant name of the Lakeville church, it would have left the second, situated in another township, in a village four miles further west, to call itself, as it is, the First church of Geneseo. This would be much better for both churches, and save some confusion.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 5, 1868.

News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., will hereafter preach regularly in the Western church, 17th and Filbert Sts., at 10.30 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

Rev. Dr. Humphrey of Calvary church has commenced a series of discourses on the Life of Christ, the first of which, on the "Fullness of Time," was preached on last Sabbath evening.

Wilmington, Del.—The congregation of Central church have purchased of James France, his elegant new brick house at 906 King street, for \$8,100, for a parsonage. The house is beautifully fitted up, has a pressed brick front and brown stone facings. The lot runs through to French street.—The Delaware Tribune.

Albany.—The Mission chapel of the Fourth church (N. S.), was crowded at the Sunday-school Anniversary on a recent Sabbath; addresses by Rev. Drs. Darling and Heckman, and Mr. Ward. This Mission will soon be organized into a church. It is located on Arbor Hill within the Northern limits of the city.—Cor. Western Presbyterian.

Newport, Ky.—Rev. R. T. Drake, (O. S.) of Manchester, Ohio, has taken charge of the Old and New School Presbyterian churches of Newport, Kentucky, which have agreed to unite.

San Jose, Cal.—The organ in this church was completely ruined, by the falling of the spire during the earthquake. The church will be closed for a time for repairs. The pastor has gone East for his health.

New York.—The Church of the Covenant.—The claims of our Home Missionary cause were presented on the second Sabbath in November, to this church, (Rev. Dr. Prentiss, pastor,) by Rev. William M. Martin, and a contribution was made amounting, with a few subsequent additions, to \$5,742.49,—nearly \$2,000 in excess of the previous year.—C. H. Leonard, who recently died at Rochester Centre, Mass., besides \$5,000 to the Congregational church and \$1,000 to the cemetery in that town, left \$3,000 to Dr. Prentiss, pastor of the church of the Covenant in New York, to which he formerly belonged.

Nooga, Ill.—At the communion, Nov. 29, nine united with this church. One was from a sister church in Indiana, one from the Other Branch, two from the Cumberland Presbyterians, two from the M. E. Church, and two from the world.

Nelsonville, O.—Rev. T. J. Downey has been engaged in missionary labors in this place since August last, a place of worship and a support for the preacher being readily secured. The hall was dedicated to divine service Oct. 25th, and a church of thirty-seven members organized Nov. 1. So great a religious interest spread through the town that no political meetings were held in the heat of the presidential canvass. Elders and deacons were ordained Nov. 8th; and the first Presbyterian communion in the place was held Nov. 22d. The church is now forty-seven strong in numbers, and equally well off in the quality and social standing of the membership. They propose to erect a house of worship to cost not less than \$6,000. The Sabbath-school contains from eighty to ninety scholars.

Flushing, Mich.—A correspondent of The Evening Gazette writes: "You will remember that I wrote you about a year ago of a settlement of Scotch people, some twelve or fourteen miles from here. There are from twenty to twenty-five families. At that time there was occasional preaching by a Methodist minister. I visited them during the summer, and found them anxious to establish themselves upon some organized basis. Accordingly at Synod I got a commission of Presbytery appointed, and by arrangement with the people we met and organized a church of thirty-eight members, a very united and harmonious body. I have since visited them as often as I could. I attended their Society meeting, and there is a very unanimous feeling to go forward and build a house to the Lord. They are beginning to get logs to the mill for lumber, and will this winter get out the timber in the woods, and have it ready for early Spring. They have appointed a Building Committee of the right men, and they now have a minister—an earnest faithful man."

Hopewell Ch. Tenn.—This morning, December 4th, at about two o'clock, the Presbyterian church of Hopewell was discovered on fire, evidently the work of an incendiary. Everything belonging to the church of any importance, was consumed in the flames. Our church was a neat framed building 60 by 40, with basement, having a cupola in front, and a good Meneely bell, all consumed. We have no minister, no Sunday-school library, and no house to worship God in. Pray that we may have grace to sustain us in this trying hour. We are few in number but we are strongly attached to the New School General Assembly. Your brother in Christ, B. A. BLACKBURN.

Ministers.

Rev. J. H. Trowbridge has returned home after a summer's respite, spent in Europe, and is again at his post as District Secretary of Home Missions. His address is No. 7 Custom House Place, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. R. Dunning requests his correspondence to be directed hereafter to Marion, N. Y., instead of Ontario, N. Y.

Rev. Samuel A. Hayt, Jr., of the Ref. Dutch Church, late of Fishkill, N. Y., has received and accepted a call to the Second church, Belvidere, N. J., made vacant by the removal of Rev. S. W. Dana to Philadelphia.

Rev. Wm. M. Martin, formerly of Virginia City, Nev., but more recently known in Home Mission service as "the man with the big map," has been again engaged by the Permanent Committee, for the purpose of aiding pastors in presenting the Home Mission cause to their people. He can be addressed, care of Rev. Dr. Kendall, Presbyterian Rooms, 150 Nassau St., New York.

Rev. S. H. Willey, the Vice President of the College of California has been ill since October 22d with typhoid fever. He is at times delirious, and is dangerously sick, at his home in Berkeley.—The Pacific.

Rev. A. Mitchell.—The Central Presbyterian of Richmond, Va., says: "As this young minister once

labored in the Third Presbyterian church in this city, his many friends will be glad to hear that he is doing a good work in Chicago, to which he has recently moved from New Jersey.

Rev. Ed. G. Read was installed last month as a pastor of the Third church, Elizabeth, N. J. Rev. E. Mix of Orange presided, Rev. Dr. Wilson preached the sermon, Rev. Hollis Read (father of the graduate) made the installing prayer, Rev. Dr. Post delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Robert Aikman to the people.

Banner of the Covenant.

DROWNING MEN OATOH AT STRAWS.

The November number of The Reformed Presbyterian Advocate contains an article of a somewhat startling character. In its first paragraph we are informed (we need hardly say by whom,) that "The Publication of the Minutes of Synod has opened the eyes of many to the true state of affairs [in the Stuart Suspension case.] A reaction has begun. We copy the articles below from various papers, making extracts."

Considering the trouble which one Doctor of Divinity (whose leading distinction is that he is the son of his father,) has taken to distribute those valuable Minutes, we might really have expected that he would have "something to show for it." We should especially hope for some fruit of his labors in clearing his own skirts of all responsibility for Synod's action. We looked down the page, therefore, with some interest. A glance showed that of all the hundreds of religious papers and the thousands of secular papers published in America, the writer actually adduces just two of the former and one of the latter in defence of the action of General Synod. A beggarly show for a reaction. But to come to details. He adduces

1. "An Iowa paper of June 18, published by Edward Pollock." The name is not given, (possibly for good reasons,) and mark the date. To prove a reaction produced by the distribution of Minutes in August, a paper of June 18th is quoted. The name of the editor is notably a United Presbyterian one, which of itself sufficiently accounts for the commendation of Synod's "faithfulness."

2. The Christian Instructor is quoted to prove this great reaction, but the reader is not informed that the article quoted appeared in that excellent weekly very soon after Synod adjourned. So much for the reaction following the August distribution of the Minutes.

3. The United Presbyterian of Pittsburg is (professionally) quoted, the article quoted being really a communication, not an editorial. As the editor has himself endorsed Synod's action from the first, but in a more courteous style than this anonymous correspondent, we presume that he (like the Orthodox Psalm-singing editor of the Christian Instructor, and probably also of that "Iowa paper,") will not feel complimented by the statement that the Minutes of Synod had caused "a reaction" in his mind, and had "opened his eyes to the true state of things." He will hardly be gratified by this attempt, as his own expense, to make the Rev. distributor of Minutes appear as an efficient champion of Synod's consistency, and, therefore, as having new claims to the reverence and obedience of his liege subjects. We may add that the same Rev. gentleman has informed more than one member of his church, that they may indulge in hymn-singing and open communion to their hearts' content without fear of molestation from him.

We think that Drs. Kerr and Dales will be still less willing to have that gentleman's prestige increased at their expense, when they become aware of the course which he has been pursuing on the Union question; and of the position which he and the editors of The Advocate will assume in the next Synod.

Rich, however, as was the November number that for December surpasses it in its candor and in forcible proof of this "REACTION." A long quotation is thus introduced: "We clip from The Occident, a high toned religious paper of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) published in San Francisco. Its position in regard to the Stuart case is decided. Thus, from the far West, as well as from the East, [Sahar anpur?] from beyond the seas as well as at home, testimony comes to us which endorses General Synod, and contradicts the assertion that its action is condemned by the whole Christian world."

Who would suppose that what follows does not express the opinion of The Occident at all, that that paper (which, by the way, is not O. S., but O. and N. S.) is not a whit behind the very foremost of our exchanges in condemning Synod. On the Stuart question The Occident is very "decided." It gave a stinging editorial on the uncompromising and un-Christian folly of the Stuart Suspension, and then, for the sake of fair play and a full hearing, allowed the pastor of the U. P. Church in San Francisco to express in its columns his dissent from [its opinion. And this letter (with the signature omitted,) is foisted on the readers of The Advocate as the opinion of The Occident. We are glad to know that the attention of Messrs. Walsworth and Ellis has been called to this imposition, and that they will probably be heard from. In the meantime we can only say, there was no great addition to the sum of human honesty and truthfulness when the author of the Advocate's statement was born.

To sum up—The Advocate proves a reaction in favor of Synod by quoting the words of four United Presbyterians, who always held strict views on Psalmody. It ascribes that reaction to the Minutes when all but one of those opinions were in print before the Minutes were out.

MARRIED.

TWADDLE—HUNT.—In Wilkes Barre, Pa., Nov. 19th, by Rev. Thos. P. Hunt, Edward H. Twaddle of Philadelphia, to Lucy J. daughter of the officiating minister.

Presbytery of Steuben.—The Presbytery of Steuben, will hold its next meeting at Campbellton, Pa., Dec. 8th at 9 o'clock P. M. W. A. NILES, Stated Clerk.

Phidelpheia Fourth Presbytery is called to meet in the Presbyterian House, Monday, 21st December, 12½ o'clock P. M. T. J. SHEPHERD, Stated Clerk.

Y. M. C. A. LECTURES.

JOHN B. GOUGH will deliver his new Lecture, "CIRCUMSTANCES," AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, MONDAY EVENING DEC. 14.

The sale of Tickets will begin at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, at J. E. Gould's Piano Warehouse, 923 Chestnut street. Admission to all parts of the house, 50 CENTS. Reserved seats in Parquet, Parquet Circle, and Gallery, sold on the first day, 25 CENTS extra. After Wednesday no extra charge for reserved seats. del.-St.

While we sympathize with our friends of Oak Hall in the loss of one of their firm, we appreciate the opportunity that is now for a few days offered to our readers of securing a bargain in clothing which will repay ten-fold a visit to the city. We, the editors of this paper, will certainly not lose the chance, but will either go or send for something from Wanamaker & Brown's. We advise you all to do the same thing, for sure are we, that if you don't you will regret it all winter.

It would not be a bad idea for us to go "en masse" and get the whole country "dressed up" for once—cheap for cash, and if any can not possibly go, let them send their orders along with us, and by getting such a big lot at once, no doubt our delegation could secure even better terms than will be current. Whether we go singly or together, let us go at once, for first come is first served, and we all know what a rush there will be as soon as this announcement is made public.