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SUMMARY.

Buffalo Presbytery approves of the Joint Committee's Basis, and authorizes the Assembly to consummate Union on the Standards.

North Broad St. Church installed 2 elders, Dec. 11th.

One ordination; one O. S. minister received, and one Congregational minister understood to accept a call to one of our churches (at Denver), also one death—Rev. Alex. Lemon, at Ripon, Wis., Nov. 15th,—are announced. A death in the O. S. ministry is announced, that of Rev. J. S. Smith, D. D., of Greensburg, Pa., author of "Old Redstone," a minister of the O. S., Rev. Jas. M. Ludlow, of Albany, has gone into the Ref. (Dutch) Church, N. Y. City.

Mr. C. H. McCormick, the reaper manufacturer of Chicago, is very sore at what he regards as a misdirection by the O. S. General Assembly of the funds which he gave for a Theological Seminary at Chicago, to be under "Conservative" influence. Pretty decided sympathizers with the present state of things in the country, having been appointed Professors, in place of such men as Dr. Rice, Mr. McCormick now suggests that the money be contributed, with far other intentions, be refunded. Persons who repudiate Mr. McC.'s principles, may feel that his plea is founded in justice. The Seminary has thirty-four students. Allegheny Seminary has 65.

The Presbytery of Muhlenburg (Decl. and Test.) go to the South by a unanimous vote.

The Reformed Church of Spain has for a considerable time been organized, and had, at the outbreak of the rebellion, 3,000 members.

The O. S. Church has gathered nearly 5,000 members among the Freedmen.

The Ritualists in England are offering prayers for the dead.

Trinity P. E. church, of New York, is unlocking some of its vast wealth in chapel building and in every kind of mission work in that city.

A Ritualist rector in Memphis, whose church is that of "the Blessed Virgin," in a recent fit of consistency went over to Rome.

President Blanchard, a "red hot" Congregationalist of Illinois, impeaches the Western College Society of a purpose to build up Presbyterianism—a dreadful monster—in the West. Yet even he admits that we have the advantage of not being Beecherized or Tiltonized.

On a recent Sabbath, the M. E. churches of this city took up a collection of \$4,489 for Church Extension.

The Baptists have a Church Extension Society for this city, which has resolved to build a church every year. They are understood to contemplate beginning on South Broad St.

Hamilton College has 171 students.

Rev. C. R. Burdick, late of Youngstown, N. Y., has been invited to Marquette, Mich.

Provost Stille says not four hundred of the young men of this city are pursuing a collegiate course anywhere; and considers it a proof of the low state of liberal studies in Philadelphia. He puts our population at 800,000, which could give one college student to every 2,000, which it strikes us is about the average for the whole country. But we have no business to be content with the average.

The fearfully fatal steamboat disaster on the Ohio River, at Warsaw, Ind., has deprived the Low Church party in the Episcopal Church of two of its ablest men. The elder of the two, Rev. Robt. J. Parvin of this city, was widely known through his labors in the service of the U. S. Christian Commission, and latterly as Secretary of the Evangelical Education Society, but has been rector of churches in Towanda, Pa., Rochester and Le Roy, N. Y., and Cheltenham, Pa., a suburb of our city. In this last place he was pastor and friend of Jay Cooke, Esq., who secured him the position in the Education Society in whose service he lost his life. In 1865 he was nominated for the Missionary Episcopate, by the House of Bishops, but was objected to by the Lower House as too independent and out-spoken for the dominant party. He was not seen by any survivor during the collision and conflagration. He died in his fortieth year, leaving a wife and four children.

Rev. Franklin S. Rising, Secretary of the American Church Mission Society was in his thirtieth year. He had been a rector in Nevada before accepting his last position, and was the respected author of a fearless and outspoken pamphlet which has caused great discussion in the P. E. Church—"Are there Romanizing Germs in the Prayer-Book?"

Rev. Dr. Cooper of this city and Dr. Noah E. Schenck of Brooklyn had intended to join Messrs. Parvin and Rising in this ill-fated trip, but by the good providence of God were unexpectedly prevented.

Our cheeks burn as we read the account of the noble work achieved by our brethren of the other branch among the Freedmen, and contrast it with our own inaction as a church. Look at the results of their three years work: \$77,000 collected, and \$122,887 expended (the difference being procured from other boards of the Church and from the Government), 23 churches organized, with 4,603 communicants; 23 houses of worship built or purchased in the year 1868,

and 2,869 pupils in schools. In 1865 we passed some brave resolutions, and had two colored men in our Assembly. In that year the other branch went to work, and have something to show for it. We have taken three mortal years to get ready, and the world moves so fast, oh! so fast, in these times. A nation is born in a day. And the New School Church is not accused of being a particularly lingering institution. But we can never dare to lift up our faces before the world, if we falter now, when the field is opening clearly before us, and with Grant and Howard, under Christ, to lead us.

—Dr. Norman M'Leod is to be moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland next summer, while Rev. Sir Henry Wellswood Moncrieff, of Edinburgh is to preside in the Free Church Assembly, of which he has long been Stated Clerk.

—The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland has received for the six months ending, November 15th, £55,896 in gold, equal to \$360,856 in our money, a net increase of \$6,767.08. The Committee have been able to add £10 to 220 salaries and £5 to 240 salaries of £150 each, and are now aiming at a minimum of £200.

—In our report of the National Christian Convention we overlooked the announcement, made by Dr. M'Cosh, that the World's Evangelical Alliance will hold its next session in the city of New York, and that Lord Shaftesbury promises to be present.

—The January Number of "Hours at Home" is already announced in our advertising columns. We take pleasure in recommending this excellent and steadily improving magazine to the regards of our readers. It is the only one of our higher-class monthlies which is conducted with sincere respect to the principles of Evangelical religion, without professing to be a religious periodical. Its recently added literary features commend it to the regard of students and men of letters, while the larger parts of contents will greatly interest our educated families.

—Mr. Barnes is not unnaturally much solemnized on arriving at the generally conceded limit of active human life. The "chances," using the word for convenience, are certainly against his living many years longer. The vision of a green old age stretching along a half a generation further, is but, perhaps, a vision, and certainly should not be confidently cherished. And yet, it is far from impossible. Such things have occurred in the higher walks of life quite often enough to warrant the hope that they may occur again. With the exception of the eyes, Mr. Barnes' general health is very good, much better than it was some fifteen years ago. His constitution is naturally one of uncommon vigor. Some of England's most famous statesmen, judges, and warriors have been in active and highly useful service when long past Mr. Barnes' present age. And no one could have told, except from its marks of maturity and high wisdom, that their work was not done by men half a century younger than themselves. Mr. Barnes has done great service for the Church and the world. What if God has opportunities of even greater in store for him in the future?

—The business of guiding inquirers can, of course, be done best by those of the deepest experience, and greatest practical wisdom. But there is not any one who has truly fled to the Saviour, who is too ignorant to be of service in guiding others to the same refuge. After all, it is a simple thing which every one must do to be saved. The psychological labyrinth through which the convicted soul often goes, is the result of a refusal to do that simple thing. Do! There is nothing to do but to renounce all doing and trust in the doing of Another; to forego self and submit to God; to separate from the world and come out upon the Lord's side. The humblest Christian can counsel, can urge and pray with and for sinners, that they may be led to these simple acts.

—We had supposed we could never more be surprised by anything Andrew Johnson chose to do. But his late message to Congress shows that there were depths of fatuity and wickedness in his nature, of which we knew nothing. That on the heels of the election of General Grant and a strongly republican Congress, he should coolly advise a withdrawal of all the reconstruction legislation of the past, was an insolent and wanton summons to the spirit of the age to go backward, after she had just secured her triumphs. But worse even than that, was his cool, downright proposal of repudiation of the national debt, under the plea, that with the five or six years of gold interest now paid, the lenders have already received back the full value of their loan! What if they have? They made the loan at a time when no one knew whether they would ever receive a penny for their investment; and it is a new code of business morality which teaches the debtor to repudiate, because the creditor's venture has proved successful. Mr. Johnson says:

"The lessons of the past admonish the lender that it is not well to be over-zealous in exacting from the borrower rigid compliance with the letter of the bond."

This open advice from the highest seat of authority in the land, to relax the principles of commercial morality, and to introduce uncertainty into the most extensive of all business

transactions, by substituting might for right, must be called by its true name if the nation is not to share in the guilt of it—and that name is villainy. We pray God that we may now have seen the last of Presidents who will disgrace a Christian nation, by proposing and defending the violation of the eighth commandment.

A BUDGET OF BLUNDERS.—Through The Evangelist's confounding the Presbytery of Chango with the Presbytery of Chemung, our O. S. exchanges are reporting eight N. S. Presbyteries as voting for "Reunion on the Standards alone," whereas only seven have done so.

The Independent referring to our recent item against woman's rights theories, and to Mr. Noble's Thanksgiving Sermon in which he advocated women suffrage, says:

"He, (Mr. Noble), shocks the medieval prejudices of some of his elder Presbyterian brethren, one of whom hit him a side-thrust in the last Am. Presbyterian, not venturing to attack him by name."

Our item was written and in type before we knew anything of Mr. Noble's sentiments on the subject, and it is not our fashion to strike at any one without daring to name him.

"The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia has chosen five ladies to be deaconesses in that church."

So says The Congregationalist. For "Presbyterian" reads Campbellite.

Several of our exchanges are publishing official statistics of the sale of spirituous liquors in the U. S. No such statistics are obtainable. The figures given are the value of goods of all kinds sold by those who have a license to deal in spirits. As liquor-dealing in the rural districts (and largely in our cities also) is combined with other branches of commerce, the figures given must greatly exceed the truth.

In a recent issue we spoke of the German Reformed Synod as electing Dr. Gerhard to the Presidency "of the College at Lancaster." We ought to have said, "of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg."

REVIVALS.

A singular Revival movement has appeared in Galt, a town in Upper Canada, west of Lake Ontario, on the Grand River,—the main feature of which is the meeting of large numbers of the people to read their Bibles, and to converse with one another as to the meaning of the passages read. It commenced with street preaching by two laymen, recently arrived from Scotland. Soon the Methodist church was opened for services, and finally, the Free Church, the largest building in the place, was allowed to be used. "We would there find" says a private letter, "a great assemblage; and after singing of a psalm, prayer and reading a portion of Scripture you would think you were in a meeting of Quakers, so silent are they all; thinking, speaking to their neighbors in the adjoining seats in an undertone, as to what saith that portion of the Scripture that hath been read, and what its application to their state, and from the explanations thus received assisting their own judgment." The Free church is, or a few days ago was, too small to accommodate the crowd, which assembles, we believe, on week days. The presence of two converted Jews, and their experience in conversion as based exclusively upon the Scriptures, are adding to the excitement. We may shortly be able to speak more fully of the work.

—There is a very hopeful degree of interest in one of the newly formed churches of Wilmington, Del., which is shared in by the Sabbath-school. We trust that the devotion and earnestness of those laboring in it may be largely rewarded.

—In the Presbyterian Church in Milford, Del., Rev. Richard Mallory pastor, there has, for some time, been a delightful, spiritual refreshing. A large number of instances of awakening have occurred, and here too the Sabbath-school is sharing in the interest.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

BRICK WITHOUT STRAW. How "Genesee" is to gather items from the ends of the earth, whilst confined to a sick room? How catch the last lights and shadows of this living moving panorama of Western New York, whilst his panorama is sixteen by twenty feet, is the question—happily—for the first time in five years. We have been waiting for the birds of the air to bring us something, but the birds are not flying now. We have invoked the good angels—as far as we thought best; but finally have had to depend on Uncle Sam's big wagons, together with such help as we have received from the sympathizing visits of personal friends.

We have learned that there is much snow without. How we should like to "tread it under foot," but suppose we must wait a few days longer before we shall be permitted to do it.

We hear that a Bishop is wanted for Central New York, Dr. Littlejohn having accepted a better berth, to remain in Brooklyn. How we should like to recommend a man for them. Surely "Eaton" is every way competent to fill the position. Already "Bishop of Rome," what more could be desired? Born to command, fully acquainted with ecclesiastical affairs, and particularly familiar with the affairs of the Episcopal Church, as he showed himself in a recent controversy with a Rector of that Church, why is he not just the man to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best of them in that relation? We charge nothing for the suggestion.

The Catalogue of Hamilton College is at hand,

neatly printed as usual, at the Press of the Utica Herald. The number of students in attendance is, Seniors 48, Juniors 46, Sophomores 34, Freshmen 43—total 171. It will be seen that the students are quite equally distributed through the classes, which is a great advantage in many respects. Studies are now, however, at an end for the present, the winter vacation of four weeks having commenced on the 8th, and to end January 7th.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Shaw of this city has been called to a sore affliction, in the death of a son-in-law, Mr. John H. West, a recent graduate of Rochester University. Mr. West has been for a year failing in health, and fled some time since to Minnesota, to try the bracing, healing air of that cooler climate; but all in vain: For two months past it has been manifest that neither medicines nor climate were going to make the consumptive well again, and the friends have been waiting almost daily for the sad intelligence, which came, like the lightnings themselves, through sleet and storm on Saturday.

The remains have been sent here for burial, and Dr. Shaw started at once for St. Paul to bring home his widowed daughter, (herself quite an invalid), and her infant child. About two years ago that daughter left the paternal home with quite other plans and hopes for the future. Last Sabbath also Dr. Shaw was to have preached his twenty-eighth anniversary sermon; but instead of that he was summoned so suddenly away on his sad errand. "Man proposes; God disposes."

Prof. Upson of Hamilton College spends each winter vacation, (one month) in lecturing. For several years he has spent most of the time West, speaking in the principal places of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, &c. He is one of the most pleasing, as well as suggestive and instructive lecturers in the field, welcome on every rostrum, East or West.

Rev. Charles Parker of Irving, Kansas, has been raising money in our city towards his educational enterprises in his western home, but more particularly supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, (O. S.). This he has done very acceptably, even though laboring under the disadvantage of almost perfect blindness. He closes his labors with them to-morrow, and Dr. Condit is to supply the Sunday following.

IN TRANSITU.

Rev. C. R. Burdick, of Youngstown, has received an invitation to Marquette, Mich., to supply the Presbyterian Church for the present, with a view to permanent settlement—a fine opening for an earnest worker. The town now contains four or five thousand inhabitants and is growing rapidly. Two hundred new houses were erected last year, with an increase of near a thousand in the population. The church is in good working order; has just completed a new house of worship, costing \$20,000, built of brick, gothic in style, with stained windows, with Sabbath-school rooms, church-parlor and pastor's study. The Society were great sufferers by the terrible fire which almost destroyed the place so recently, and yet nothing daunted, they have gone on with their building until complete success has crowned their efforts.

GENESEE.

Rochester, Dec. 12, 1868.

News of our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES.

North Broad St. Church.—At the Preparatory Service, Dec. 11th, two elders were installed, one of them being also ordained. Mr. Thos. Potter, after a brief absence from the church, was thus welcomed back to his old place among the original members of the Session, and Mr. Wm. E. Camp, now Superintendent of the Sabbath-school, was ordained. They are both excellent men for the position. Dr. Z. M. Humphrey preached the sermon—one of his best—"It is finished," and Dr. Stryker performed the ordaining service, with laying on of hands and prayer. On last Sabbath seventeen new members were received; thirteen by letter and four by profession, two of the latter being men of mature years. It was a very solemn service, leading to the hope of good things to come. Many more were expected by profession who will doubtless appear next time.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. B. Little declines the call to Oxford, just before receiving it he had engaged to remain in Dayton another year.

Mr. Jas. Stickle, a licentiate of Hamilton Presbytery, and recently of Lane Seminary, has removed to Clinton, Ind., and is engaged as stated supply of the church there and at Bono, about nine miles distant, until September next.

Rev. Alexander Lemon died at his residence at Ripon, Wisconsin, Nov. 15, at the age of 55 years and seven months. He was a native of our State.

Rev. John Patchin, recently pastor of the church in Owosso, Ill., has accepted an invitation to labor for one year with the church of Carlisle, Ill.

Rev. J. S. Sanford has received a call to become the pastor of the church in Wenona, Mich.

Rev. H. E. Cutter has been temporarily released from pastoral work by the church of Keesville, N. Y., with an increase of his salary.

Rev. E. P. Wells, late of Williamstown, Mass., has received and (it is understood) will accept a call to the church in Denver, Col., where he at present resides.

Rev. Chester Holcomb was ordained by the Presbytery of Lyons, N. Y., Dec. 2d. Sermon by Rev. H. Eaton of Palmyra, Questions by Rev. A. T. Young of Junius, Ordaining Prayer by Rev. A. H. Lilly of East Palmyra, and charge by Rev. Oliver Crane of Carbonate, Pa. This promising young servant of Christ has been appointed a Missionary to China by the A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. David Kennedy was received from the Central Presbytery (O. S.) of this city, by Wilmington Presbytery, at its fall meeting. He is laboring with the church at Christiansa, Del.

Rev. J. G. Porter was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Du Page, Ill., on Tuesday, Dec. 1, by a Committee of the Presbytery of Chicago. Sermon by Rev. D. S. Johnson; charge to the pastor by Rev. J. H. Trowbridge; charge to the people by Rev. J. W. Cunningham. Mr. Porter has for several years acted as stated supply of the church of Du Page with marked ability and a very large measure of success. It is moreover a "silver wedding," Bro. P. having once before, many years since, been pastor of the same congregation.

Rev. W. G. Dickinson, who has some time past been supplying the pulpit of the Calvary Presbyterian church of Chicago, closed his labors with that people on the last Sabbath in November.

Rev. W. W. Collins has accepted a call from the

Presbyterian church in Tekonsha, Calhoun county, Mich. Tekonsha is beautifully located on the St. Joseph river, on the route of the Grand Trunk Extension to the Chicago Railroad, new in course of construction, and is midway between Marshall and Coldwater, and bids fair to become a place of importance.

Rev. P. S. Cleland has ceased to preach to the church in Zionsville, Ind., to which he has been ministering, as his health would allow, since the 1st of February last. His friends and former parishioners made him a visit on Thanksgiving day, and not empty-handed.

Churches.

New York.—The Burchard Literary Association of the Thirteenth St. church has now for a number of years demonstrated in a very happy way that a church may provide needful literary instruction and recreation for its young people, without any diminution of its paramount influence as a religious organization. No church in the city has year by year a better record of new members, and no one has succeeded better in keeping its young people "at home." The Association has a course of lectures every winter, not of the sensational sort, but yet by no means of the dull kind.—The Evangelist.

Brooklyn.—The Classon Av. church (Dr. Duray pastor) laid the corner stone of their new church edifice, Thursday, Dec. 1st, as we reported last week. Rev. Messrs. Lee, Booth, Cuyler, and Gleason took part in the exercise. Dr. Duray laid the stone. The building is to be 100x74 feet, of Belville, (N. Y.), stone, trimmed with Ohio sandstone, built in the Norman style, though somewhat modified; to have two towers, and a spire of 200 feet high, and to cost when completed \$125,000. The interior arrangement is somewhat singular in that the pulpit will be on the side of the church and the aisles will be of course run across instead of lengthways of the building, and the organ is to be back of the pulpit, but the key-board on the ground floor in front of the pulpit. The pews are arranged much as those in Mr. Beecher's and Dr. Cuyler's churches; a gallery will be placed on three sides of the church and extended backward between the towers, thus furnishing about 1200 seats. From Classon-avenue there will be three entrances, from Monroe street two.

Cincinnati.—The Poplar Street Church is closed for improvements and repairs, and will not be opened again for several weeks. It is to be newly floored, and pewed, and carpeted, at an expense of nearly \$3,000.—The Second Church on a recent Sabbath dismissed thirty four of its members to the recently organized Mt. Auburn Church. Among the thirty-four were one elder and several of the most active and liberal gentlemen of the church.

Educational.

Lake Forest, one of Chicago's suburban districts, twenty-eight miles north of the city, on the Milwaukee Railroad, is soon to realize the expectations of its founders, in the possession of a first-class Presbyterian college. This enterprise, which has for some time been retarded by unforeseen causes, has been taken hold of with earnestness by the new pastor of the Lake Forest church, Rev. J. H. Taylor, whose efforts now promise success. He has nearly raised \$100,000, which with the fund before secured, will be a good start for this most desirable object. Here is now building also a large and beautiful structure for a young ladies' seminary; while an academy for boys is in successful operation. So that this is destined to be an educational centre, while from its beautiful location it is the most attractive place for residences of business men within reach of Chicago.—Cor. of The Evangelist.

Buffalo Presbytery met in the North church, Dec. 8th. The Rev. Walter Clarke was elected Moderator, and Sylvester Cowles temporary clerk. The opening sermon was preached in the evening by Rev. Horace P. Bogue, the retiring Moderator. Rev. Robert Proctor was dismissed, and recommended to the Presbytery of Galena and Belvidere, Ill.; Rev. Levi P. Sabin to the Franklin Presbytery, Ohio; Rev. Philander Griffin to Niagara Presbytery. Notice was also taken of the death of Rev. Benjamin F. Randolph, who was sacrificed in South Carolina a martyr to loyalty in September last. Rev. G. W. Heacock, D. D., and Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., with Elders Loran Danforth and James D. Sawyer, were elected commissioners to the next General Assembly.

After assenting to the Committee's Basis of Reunion, the following was offered by Dr. Chester and passed; it is not stated with what degree of unanimity:

Resolved, That while the Presbyteries with but one dissenting voice votes 'aye upon the overture in respect to reunion, it hereby expresses its preference that the Reunion be accomplished upon the simple basis of the Standards instead of the basis set down in the overture, and that if the next General Assembly can see its way clear to declare the union consummated, it has the consent and concurrence of this Presbytery.

On the 9th, a conference with the Buffalo (O. S.) Presbytery was held on the subject of Reunion, when addresses were made by Dr. Clark, (N. S.), Dr. Lord, Mr. McLean (O. S.), and Dr. Chester (N. S.). A delightful feeling prevailed.

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Banner of the Covenant.

In our next number we hope to be able to make an announcement of such changes in the Banner, as will make it more acceptable to the great mass of our Church people.

Our readers may look for an answer to recent articles in the R. P. Advocate from the pen of Rev. S. W. Crawford, in our next.

FREEDMEN'S MISSIONS.

The Treasurer hereby acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for the support of the three teachers employed at Alexandria for the current year:

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Washington \$18.00, Bethel \$9.20, Princeton \$24.00, Garrison \$64.25, First R. P. Ch., Allegheny \$12.35, Mrs. Bailey, Tarentum, per Rev. J. Douglass \$3.00, 4th R. P. Ch., Philadelphia \$33.25, Cedarville cong., Ohio \$35.00, Morning Sun \$16.00, Xenia Cong., Ohio, Thanksgiving Collection \$40.00, Catharine Bratton's Estate, Legacy \$50.00.

Am't received since meeting of Synod, \$355.05 Amount since paid out to Wm. G. Scott, balance due him, \$34.00 Two months salaries p'd teachers, \$240.00-281.00 Balance on hands to pay, a month's salary now due, and other expenses of fuel, &c., \$74.05 J. C. McMILLAN, Treasurer. Xenia, Ohio, Dec. 8th, 1868.