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well, follow him with fervent wishes and prayers

four new ruling elders in Clinton Street church, Rev. Dr. March, pastor. The unusual care exercised in all the details of the service showed suitable regard for the office, and tended to communicate to all who took part in, or witnessed them, similar appropriate feelings, which, it must be admitted, not every service of the kind is fitted

The preliminary services, conducted by the pastor, with prayer by Dr. Mears, were much as usual. The opening piece by the choir: "How beautiful upon the mountains," was sung with great taste and in fine voice. The pastor then preached a brief but comprehensive discourse, on the divine warrant for the office of Ruling Elder, and on the nature of its duties and the corresponding ones of the congregation. The tone of the discourse was animated, fervent, and joyous. What, exclaimed the speaker what may not a minister expect to accomplish with eight good men as his board of elders? With scriptural fidelity, the grave responsibilities of the office were set before the elders-elect, their associates and

After singing a hymn, the special services began. The four existing elders, Messrs. Tingley, Comegys, Roe and Boyd came forward and took seats on the platform. Throughout the services they were re-cognized as participants with the pastor. The four elders-elect, Messrs. H. L. Lipman, D. D. Willard, John F. Sheaff and Geo. W. Mears, presented themselves directly in front of the pulpit in the middle aisle. All the eight stood in their places, while the pastor nut to the elders elect the Constitutional questions. To each question there was a distinct response, " do." The ministers, Mesers. March, Barnes, and Mears, then descended from the desk; the elderselect knelt at the edge of the platform; the four elders came forward, and with the ministers, laid hands on the heads of the elders elect, while the ordaining prayer was offered by the pastor. The new elders resumed their places in the aisle, the ministers returned to the pulpit, when the usual charge was delivered by Mr. Barnes, the four elders on the

platform remaining upon their feet.

Mr. Barnes supposed that he had been called upon to make the charge on account of his connection with the early history of their church, which had been organized in the First church. He had performed the same part of the service in installing the four elders at that time. Those elders were Dr. Paul, Mr. Tingley, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Wurts. The speaker would embrace the special duties of the eldership under the following points: (1) The admission of members to the church. The ministers felt this to be so serious a matter that they were unwilling alone to take the responsibility of presenting persons to the church as suitable for membership. They desired the aid of experienced Christian men in conducting the inquiry. It was a duty requiring the greatest care. Very seldom does a person admitted into the Church without conversion become converted afterwards. (2) Church discipline. Here, too, the ministry feel the responsibility is too great to be borne alone. Mr. Barnes dwelt associally went the proof of the binds of the control of t dwelt especially upon the need of that kind of wisdom in an eldership which obviated the necessity of formal trials and public suspensions. He said that in the First church, for 38 years, there had been no formal trial and no citation of witnesses. Not that there had been no suspensions; but everything had been done to avoid scandal. (3) Oversight of the congregation. The cares of the ministry, their outside duties in a great city were so onerous, that once a year was about as often as they could regularly visit their families. The elders must aid them in keeping necessary watch over the people. They were laymen, and in that respect stood nearer to the members. He thought it would be well if the congregation were classified in some way, and each class assigned to one of the session, and he thought each class might meet with its elder once a week, or once a month, making, if you choose; a kind of class meeting, in order to become better acquainted, and that members might have difficulties removed, and be aided in their Christian life. (4)
Visitation of the sick. Elders should take part in this work, and they should have access to the houses and homes of the members. Mr. Barnes concluded with a tender and beautiful tribute to the high Christian character of the two original elders who had been removed by death, Messrs.

Fobes and Wurts. When he had concluded, the four elders on the platform s'epped forward and showed the new el-

ders to seats upon the platform, and all being seated, the charge to the people was delivered by Dr

Mears.
Dr. Mears referred to the great Apostle's declaration to the Corinthians that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were theirs, and said that these new officers were not set over the congregation in a spirit of priestly tyranny but as theirs to serve them, to be their ministers All right official position was ministry—the higher the position the greater the service. Whosoever wil be great among you let him be your minister. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. As the officers are the army's and the soldiers', to organize, to give unity, to represent and embody their idea and to lead them to victory, so the elders belong to the people. On the other hand, the soldiers belong to the officers; the people to the elders (1.) They owe them respect as their own chosen representatives, and as holding an office which, in its main features and purpose is of divine appoint ment. (2.) They must co-operate with them (a) in the delicate yet indispensable work of discipline. The best help in this respect is to do nothing disciplinable. By your conduct and the guidance of your families draw the line between the church and the world. If cases of discipline arise, aid and not embarrase their work. (b.) Second their plans of church work. A plan which is not the best, which you think migh be mended, when well and harmoniously carried ou is far more effectual than the very best plan which is coldly and partially executed. How much greater would have been General Washington's success at Trenton, if his subordinates who were to cross above and below him had not failed him! How conspicuous in our late struggle the loss of important bat not stiffness, formality and coldness continue to be the reproach of the Presbyterian Church as it has been, from Calvin down. Dr. Mears here with much feeling, asked special regard for one of these elders, his own beloved bother in the flesh; in electing whom the people had made a warm place for themselves in his own heart. The last ten or fifteen years of this brother's life, he said had been a scarcely expected, special gift of Providence, and if his want of robust health prevented his fulfilling all the duttes of his place, he begged their forbearance. Finally, the speaker expressed his fervent hope that this happy occasion of doubling the numbers of the eldership, Rev. Wm. Aikman has accepted the call to the Spring St. Church, New York. Hosts of friends in this vicinity, in bidding him a sad fareof Moses might be fulfilled: "Would God that all

well, follow him with fervent wishes and prayers for his success in this new and important field.

INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AT OLINFON ST. OHUROH.

Last Sabbath morning witnessed an impressive ceremonial, in the ordination and installation of four new relies of characteristics. It is successive to the session, in the order of their official, age gave the right hand of fellowship with the usual salutation to the new members; and then in response to the invitation which had been given from the pulpit, the entire congregation, including Sabbath-school children, pressed forward, with evident heartiness to renew the greeting for themselves. It ful in a high degree.

A CASTLE IN THE AIR. BY A PASTOR'S WIFE.

A pretty, cheerful parsonage, Not small nor yet too large, With space enough to welcome,
At times the Pastor's "charge."
Wide halls and airy chambers,
Whose windows each enframes
Some charming bit of landscape,
Wooing poetic dreams.

Bright parlors, neat and tasteful, And hung with pictures choice, With many graceful ornaments, Yet not too fine for use. Then such a cosy sitting room, Of all the rooms the best— With tempting lounges, books and flowers, All speaking home and rest!

Two easy, cushioned "Rockers," With wide, encircling arms, Tempt weary. Wife and Husband, To try their soothing charms. Piano, book, and basket (With needlework stored well), Each waits the proper moment, Its mission to fulfill.

Close by, a cheerful sanctum, With table, desk and chair, Just made for sermonizing, You'd feel it in the air. Great shelves close filled with authors; Jacobus, Barnes and Scott: With all the other "Fathers," And many who are not.

Sublime to the ridiculous, Is but a step, you know, So dining room and kitchen With tables white as snow, You'd find, with "late improvements," Conveniently bestowed, For lightening cook's labors, And working a la mode.

Nor must my hasty sketch omit Those cosy little nooks, Dear to the careful housewife, Who first for comfort looks: Those shelved and spacious closets, For "putting things away; Those bathing rooms and pantries, That never fail to "pay."

Of my " Sweet Home " ideal, The "outer courts" I've named, Where all are warmly welcomed, The lowly or the famed; But there's an "inner chamber;". Untrod by careless feet, Where wife and husband, only. Before their altar meet.

There tenderly united. By holiest of ties, Their daily, grateful offerings Continually arise. And at this precious altar, Unseen by mortal gaze,
They cast their cares and burdens, And mingle prayer and praise.

In this dear home I covet Perennial friendship's bloom; Grim Discord dare not enter, And Anger finds no room. Two loyal hearts thus answer, The counsels vile of Pride, "What God hath joined together, Your wiles shall not divide."

Calm trust and meek forbearance, Make it their dwelling-place; Content, and sunny cheerfulness, Bestow attractive grace. This is the home, my husband, I'd cherish with fond care, Should future years make real, My Castle in the Air! My Boarding House, Feb. 1869.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

This body held its annual meeting this week in Penn Yan. The thing of chief importance a copy. done, was the adoption of the Assembly's basis of reunion, at the same time empowering the next General Assembly to make any modification in that basis, which our own committee may see fit to suggest. Rev. D. Krum, of Seneca Baptism, which was quite Lorough and satisfactory. A strong desire for its publication was expressed by members of the Presbytery, and it will probably yet find its way to the public eye.

There was also an earnest, practical discussion of the subject of lay agency, opened by Rev. Dr. Wood of Geneva, and participated in by Rev. Dr. Gridley, of Waterloo, and others. So much interest was awakened by this discussion, that the elders themselves propose to continue the consideration of it in a meeting of their own, to be and join in the deliberations.

INSTALLATION AT GENESEO.

On Tuesday last Rev. I. N. Sprague, late of Caldwell, N. J., was justalled pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Geneseo sermon, good, pungent, and fervid, by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of this city; charge to the pastor by Rev. P. F. Sanborne, of West Bloomfield; address to the people by Rev. A. L. Benton, of Lima; and installing prayer by Rev. J. R. Page, of East Avon. The services were interesting throughout, and the pastor is received with great favor by his new charge. Everything indicates for him a pleasant and useful settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO: At the meeting of the Presbytery of Ontario, n connection with this installation, the follow, ng resolutions were passed, relating to two dis-

First, "That this Presbytery hereby authorize so far as they can) the approaching General the other branch of the Presbyterian Church, on the basis submitted by the Assembly's Committee in their recent action, or on such terms

as may be mutually satisfactory." Secondly, "That we earnestly request the next General Assembly to discontinue the practice of appointing delegates to the ecclesiastical bodies in this country, inasmuch as it involves a ness to renew the greeting for themselves. It was about one o'clock before the congregation dispersed. And the effect of the whole service was felt to be delightful, encouraging, and spiritually hope.

serious tax upon our Commissioners' fund, is not ize his people and set them also at work. No delegates are sent, and, in this age of religious pastor can do much without this power.

Rev. E. P. Hammond is still laboring in this For these and other reasons, we strongly favor the abolition of the custom, and hope that the approaching General Assembly will so order. If the correspondence be not discontinued, we

request that hereafter it be by letter." The reasons given for this last resolution are, that the expense of paying delegates to all the New England States, Wisconsin, &c., is so great as to endanger the Commissioners' fund. These must be paid, it was said, before the mileage of members of the Assembly; and it is no small addition to the tax on the churches for that fund. When the Congregations lists have a General Convention, let us send to that, and not to each State association. There are good reasons for the suggestion made by the Presbytery, and we trust it will come finally before the Assembly, and be wisely disposed of.

The Presbytery also received three new members, Rev. L. D. Chapin, from the Presbytery of Washtenaw; Rev. I. N. Sprague, D. D. from of Christians have here their organ, and it has the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. H. M. Hazeltine, from the Consociation of Western New York. Mr. Chapin is pastor at East Bloomfield; Mr. Hazeltine at Perry; and Dr. Sprague is just settled at Geneseo.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR.

DR. HENRY S. WEST, for ten years a missionary physician of the American Board to Eastern Turkey, was honored, on the 21st ult., with a complimentary dinner, by the Academy of Medicine of Binghamton, his native town. The dinner was given at the Lewis House, at which some sixty persons were present, embracing many of the prominent citizens of that city and vicinity.

Dr. West was the son of a physician, his father having occupied a prominent position in that profession in Binghamton. The son succeeded him for a time in his practice, but, yielding to a strong sense of duty, he relinquished all and went to Turkey. His residence was at Siva, 450 miles east of Constantinople; but he was called to practice in many of the principal cities, in all the regions for 300 miles around. In that distant field, his great skill, both as a physician and surgeon, gave him extraordinary opportunities also for Christian usefulness.

It must have been peculiarly grateful to his feelings, to have his services so recognized and honored in his native place, and among the friends of his youth. Beside the complimentary address of Dr. Burr, the President of the Academy, and the response of Dr. West, speeches were also made by Rev. Dr. Boardman, of Binghamton, Dr. Purple, an eminent physician of Chenango, Dr. Allen, of Tioga, and others. The

occasion was one of rare interest and enjoyment. The President very justly remarked, that the path of duty had been to Dr. West the path of fame and eminence, and that his zeal and ability in the profession had excited the highest admiration of his brethren, and his faithfulness to his work their profound regard. Dr. West stated that the native physicians are very ignorant, mostly Armenians or Greeks, the profession descending from father to son. Their practice is routine and harsh, consisting of bleeding, emetics and purgatives.

Dr. West is to return to his field of labor in the spring, and will certainly carry back with him the assurance that he is well remembered and highly appreciated in his own land, and in his native city.

CAYUGA COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Auburn on the 28th ult.;—annual report by C. P. Williams, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, adand Searls, of Auburn. The meeting was largely be disappointed.

attended, and was one of great interest. A resolution was adopted, declaring that during the present year the Bible ought to be so generally distributed as to supply all that are destitute with

STRANGE. We know an eminent clergyman, graduate of one of our best universities, valeall over the land and in Europe, who uniformly in giving out a hymn talks about the the "two has not taught him better than to repeat that blunder, year after year, to mortify his own intelnot two first; and so of the last two, not two last. There is but one first, or one last to any hymn.

HUMILIATING.—A venerable clergyman, a man of fine appearance, apparently fifty years of age, was invited unexpectedly, in our hearing, to open a public meeting with prayer. He declined on the ground that he did not dare trust himself in such an extempore service. It was then suggested held in Geneva, on the 24th instant. All the that he should repeat the Lord's prayer and the elders in the Presbytery are invited to attend Apostles' creed, but even on these he was afraid to venture without the book! We thought it was time he had learned his lesson, if he ever intended to do it.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Dr. Curtis of Elmira, preached an able and pungent discourse on the 24th ult., before the Young Men's Christian Associa-tion of that city, on the Dangers which beset Young Men-their "Danger and Defense." He laid down principles which, if heeded, will make any young man safe resist the beginnings of evil; no dalliance with wrong; total abstinence from all manner of sin is the only safety. "Taking the pure atmosphere of home, that best of all sanctuaries, and building on that with the teaching and example of God's dear Son—this is his sure defense."

Rev. Edwin Allen has received and accepted an invitation as acting pastor of the Stone church South Bergen, and has entered upon his duties

ITEMS.—The churches of Pike and Prattsburg, both of which have been Presbyterian in spirit Assembly, to consumnate an organic union with and in name for years past, connected also with ing elders.

In Prattsburg they have also recently organized a Young People's Christian Association, which is doing a good work among the young. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Palmer, is showing himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed;

ity. The meetings this week have been held in the Brick Church. They have been well attended. a part of the time crowded, and have given evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Christians are looking and praying for still greater blessings. The meetings next week are to be again in the Central church.

Rochester, Feb. 6, 1869. GENESEE.

LETTER FROM OHIOAGO.

DEAR AMERICAN - Presbyterians of our branch of the Church have long felt the need of first-class journal in Chicago, which should be the exponent of our views, and the defender and advocate of the polity and principles of what you properly characterize as American Presbyterianism. Almost all other denominations most part scattered turough a landing region, and Mr. Beale does not keep a horse, he has made been to neither our honor or advantage that we ance on the prayer-meetings in the week has have been so long without this most important agency. You will be glad to hear that movements are on foot to supply this want. At a meeting of gentlemen convened on Tuesday for obtaining stock to the amount of fifty thouthe enterprise. It now only remains to do it.
The people of Chicago have a habit of doing what they undertake, which we hope will not be broken through in this thing.

PRESBYTERIAN LEAGUE.

Another important meeting was held on last evening to consider the subject of the formation of a "Presbyterian League" for the purpose of planting and fostering churches of our order in this city and its suburbs. A constitution was adopted and steps taken for obtaining a charter. From the spirit displayed by those present, we augur things both good and great. for our Zion, as the result of this movement.

THE SECOND CHURCH

in view of the opposition developed to the plan of removing from the present location has aban- new field of labor, and his present congregation doned the idea for the present.

TEMPERANCE.

The friends of temperance in the State are on the whisky and beer selling interests. At a years. recent State gathering at Bloomington it was resolved that "we proceed to form a State Temperance party for the purpose of procuring pro-hibitory legislation." This action is likely to secure the cooperation of the earnest friends of important results. In resorting to political action to secure their ends, temperance men have measured the ground and counted the cost, and are prepared to "fight it out on this line" however long and arduous may be the contest. They are organizing all over the State for the

On the other hand the interests assailed are not less determined not only to resistuallinew unfriendly legislation, but to remove every existing legal impediment to their nefarious business. They have thrown down the gauntlet, declaring that they will support no man for office who is not with them. It is understood that millions of money are pledged for the support of these The Anniversary of this Society was held in designs. The friends of temperance have only accepted the challenge of their enemies in resorting to action at the polls. They say that REVIVAL AT ROCK ISLAND.

A correspondent, writing from Rock Island. says that that city is now enjoying the most extensive revival of religion that has visited it during its entire history. All the churches share in the blessed effusion of the Spirit, and 'hundreds" are rejoicing in hope. Our own dictorian also, an author of many books, known long and sorely tried Church, now under the care of Rev. E. L. Burnett, late of your city, is participating largely in the benefits of the work fit to suggest. Rev. D. Krim, of Seneca first verses," or "two last verses;" as though To any one who knows how desperately ungodly, Falls, read, by appointment, on Essay on Infant there could be more than one first, or one last how far removed, to all human appearance, verse to a hymn. Strange that all his learning from all susceptibility to religious influences has been this city, this news will be alike unex-pected and joyful. And it should encourage all ligent congregation, and astonish strangers who hear it. Think, Doctor; it should be first two, In other places we hear of gentle showers upon In other places we hear of gentle showers upon the churches.

PERSONAL.

REV. O. A. KINGSBURY resigns his charge over the First Presbyterian Church in Joliet, and REV. MR. OVERSTREET retires from being stated supply to our church in Sandwich

JONATHAN BURR.—In the death of this wealthy and well known citizen of Chicago, who expired yesterday, our city mourns the loss of one of its most generous and philanthropic men. He leaves behind him more than one monument of his enlightened and humane spirit, and will be missed by those who prosecute our great benevolent enterprises. His works do follow NORTHWEST.

Chicago, Feb. 5, 1869.

Aews of Aur Churches.

Revivals.—Our church in Shawneetown, Ill., has an accession of fifteen persons, mostly heads of families, and two of them over sixty years of age. The revival has lasted since the beginning of the year.—Fourteen were added to our church in Omaha, Nev., January 10.—The church in North Bergen, N. Y., has been favored with a revival lasting since the week of prayer, and several have been converted. The interest continues.-Our church in Byron, N. Y., has been Presbyteries, but Congregational in form, have blessed with a revival in connection with daily recently "perfected" their organizations by electservice since the week of prayer, in which Christians have been quickened and many sinners converted.—In Chicago, from twenty to thirty have been hopefully converted in the congregation of the North church, the Rev. A. Eddy's. There is also considerable interest in one or two other Presbyterian churches in that city.—In Manchester, Mich., our church received twenty to membership January 17th, the fruits of a revival.-Following the Week of Prayer, the officers of the church in Red Wing, Minn., eight in number, went out two and two from house to house, holding religious conversation, reading portions of the

Scripture, with prayer.

Adams, N. Y.—"There is a powerful revival in progress in the beautiful village of Adams in Jefferson county near the east end of Lake Ontario. The church was formerly Congregational, but has now a 'rotary session.' It was here that Rev. Charles G. Finney was converted, while studying law; and here he began the study of theology alone. Rev. Jedediah Burchard, the somewhat eccentric evangelist, once very successful in his methods of labor, died a few years since, and is buried here."-The Congregational-

Rev. D. J. Beale, pastor-elect of St. George's church, has engaged in pastoral work with great energy. Although the congregation is for the most part scattered through a farming region, and over forty visits in about a month. The attendgreatly increased. On the 24th of January, Mr. Theodore T. Clark, son of John C. Clark, was ordained and installed Ruling Elder, Mr. Beale conducting the services.

Corning, N. Y.—This church has had a markevening last, it was resolved to take steps at once ed growth in attendance on Dr. Niles' preaching, and an accession of 17 to the membership dursand dollars (\$50,000) as the financial basis of ing the year. It raised for all purposes \$9,741. 68, or an increase of more than one-half. The Sunday school contains 271 persons, and three of the members are Superintendents of Union Mission Sunday-schools.

Franklinville, N. Y.—This church, which was put in thorough repair the last Fall, was rededicated December 22d. The cost of repairs on the house has been about \$1800, and the people were but a feeble folk, who for six years previous to the coming among them of Rev. J. E. Tinker, had been without any stated preaching.

Cleveland, O .- The Second church have recently greatly improved their house of worship by extensive repairs. It is now one of the most pleasant and commodious church edifices in our beautiful city. They it was who extended a call te Rev. Washington Gladden of North Adams, Mass. Mr. Gladden was strongly drawn to this were almost despairing of retaining him, but he at last decided to stay where he is.

College Hill, O .- The carpet of our church was stolen at night recently. This is the third marshalling their forces for a determined onset carpet theft in that church within less than three

Northern Ohio. Warren and Monroeville churches are vacant, the former through the death of Rev. B. St. J. Page. The church in Elyria have granted their pastor (Rev. Fergus L. Kenyon), a temporary release from pastoral the cause throughout the State and to lead to work to recruit his health. A correspondent of The Evangelist says: "There are many other churches in northern Ohio which are vacant because they are not able to give an adequate support to a minister. But the Synod of the Western Reserve, at their Fall meeting, took the initiatory steps to supply this lack of service, by the recommendation of a good brother to be employed by the Committee in New York as a general Bishop over northern Ohio, to care for all the feeble flocks in the Presbyterian fold. Has Dr. Kendall and his advisers yet acted on this suggestion?"

Indianapolis, Ind .- The Second church (Rev. H. A. Edson, pastor), will complete their new church, an elegant edifice during the Spring or Summer, at a cost of \$60,000. The lecture room and Sabbath-school room are models of neatness and comfort. Rev. C. H. Marshall of the Fourth P. Williams, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, and by the fight must be a long one, but that they have church refuses a call to a church in New Jersey. Rev. Messrs. Bingham, of Watertown, Fowler he disappointed to the result. God grant they may not School and New School and New School and New School and School and New School and Sc School) and Congregational are holding Union