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#### PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

Attention is called to this meeting, to be held to day. Our city churches will hold union services in the morning, in Green Hill church, Girard Avenue, above 16th St., at 11 o'clock, and, in the evening, in the First church, Washington Square, at 71 o'clock.

Doly the devoted friends of the Sabbathschool cause can estimate the loss which it has New York. He was a native of New York State, and when quite a young man became an Elder in the Presbyterian church. It was after his ent posture of the case; and, without assuming removal to New York city that the cause took | any authority, would recommend that, at a reguhold of him with that absorbing interest which | lar meeting preceding the next General Assemdirected the whole course of his later life. For bly, they express their assent to the amendment it he gave up a lucrative business, devoting himself to this one end, or occasionally adding to his to the other, and is regarded by some as moderate resources by acting as an Insurance Agent. From him many of the more recent the omission of the whole of the Tenth Article. methods of Sabbath-school work take their rise. and he may truly be said to have died full of plied to its doctrine; and, while it will serve to good works.

nor The foreign Branches of the Evangelical Alliance having signified a wish for delay in Alliance having signified a wish for delay in holding the next meeting, which, it is under-stood, is to be held in this country, the Execu-tions, the two Assemblies may find themselves in the sanctuary; but here, at lait, he had found the Saviour. Words almost filed him as he tried to express his unbounded gratitude that tive Committee of the branch in the United a position to consummate the reunion at the ap-States, announce that at their meeting of Febru. proaching meeting, and thus avoid the delay ary 11th, the call for a General Conference of the Alliance was deferred to a future period. It is probable that a Conference of Evangelical Christians in New York City will be called in the autumn of this year, to consider questions more immediately affecting our own country, and to prepare for the Universal Council.

#### ADDRESS OF THE REUNION COMMITTEE secured.

TO THE PRESBYTERIES. In pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly, at its meeting at Harrisburgh, Pa., May, 1868, continuing the Committee on Reunion for the purpose of "furnishing such information as they may deem best to the churches, in order to secure intelligent action on the subject of reunion," the said Committee met in the city of New York, on the 20th day of January, 1869. It appeared from the best evidence that could be obtained, that, while a large proportion of the N.S. Presbyteries, acting on the overture sent down by both General Assemblies had given their approval of the same, most of the O.S. Presbyteries had given their approval only to an amended basis, for which their Assembly had expressed a preference, in case the Assembly at Harrisburgh should concur; that is, to the basis of the Overture with the omission in the First Article, of the following words: "It being understood," etc.-or, as some of them have expressed

their action, "the basis of the Standards pure and simple." It thus appeared, that, while on both sides there has been a very general approval of re-

union itself, a difference of action has prevailed which, as the case now stands, is likely to defeat what we believe is the earnest purpose of a very large majority of the members of both branches of our Church, to wit, the accomplishment of reunion at the meeting of the next General Assemblies.

That the other Assembly did not intend to make any alteration in the principles of the plan submitted by the Joint Committee, is clear from the fact that, having adopted that plan by a large majority, the amendment was proposed only as a matter of "preference," subject to the concurrence of our General Assembly; and the reason given for the preference is, that, so amended, the basis would be more simple and more expressive of mutual confidence." It appears from the statement of the Committee sent by the Assembly at Albany to report their action to the Assembly at Harrisburgh, that they were influenced in part also by the hope of reconciling opposing elements in their own body, and so se-

curing in favor of reunion a greater unanimity. Believing that the Presbyteries connected with us, and our branch of the Church generally, are disposed to make any concessions to their brethren of the other body not inconsistent with principle, and that express guarantees, both in regard to doctrine and polity, may be safely dispensed with, now that free discussion of the subsustained in the death of Richard G. Pardee of ject has brought about so good an understanding, this Committee deem it their duty, in accordcall the attention of the Presbyteries to the presbly, they express their assent to the amendment referred to, with the *additional* one, (which to us of the public mind within the present week. appears to carry with it all the reasons that apply quite necessary in case the other is adopted,) viz., We cannot but trust that our Old School brethren will concede this additional omission, since harmonize differing preferences among us, as theirs does among them, will be equally with

> dence.' Should the requisite number of Presbyteries, of another year, which is much to be deprecated. in order to frame and send down a new overture. It must, however, be well understood, that, by agreeing to the omissions in question, the Presbyteries do not relinquish nor deny the right to her she gave him a Bible, saying that that was all reasonable liberty in the statement of views, the best parting present she could possibly make and the interpretations of the Standards, as generally expressed in the First Article as it now stands: and also that the interpretation of their own language by the Joint Committee in the preamble and conclusion of their Report, May, 1868, is to be accepted as the true interpretation. With these views, and in order to prepare the way for definite and uniform action on the part of the Presbyteries, the Committee beg leave to submit the following form, not to supersede but to follow their previous action, in case they have already approved of the terms of the overture : "This Presbytery, having already approved of the Basis of Reunion overtured by the last General Assembly, do now, in order to a final and harmonious adjustment of the whole case, consent to the amending of the Basis, by the omission,

theirs expressive of the same "mutual confi-

Both the "Coe" and "Parsons" donations until the reunion of the Old and New-school come property of the united Church.

In view of these facts, a conference of committees from the three Synods of Iowa (two Oldschool and one New-school) was held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the 27th of January last, to consult as to the propriety and duty of uniting the strength of the two denominations in the State in founding and sustaining, somewhere within its bounds, an institution of learning creditable to the Presbyterian cause and name. Rev. J. D. Mason was chosen chairman of the meeting, and Rev. Dr. Spees, of Dubuque, secretary. It appeared, upon an interchange of views, that the committee of the New-school Synod were especially instructed to take the initiatory steps for the establishment of a theological seminary, in the expectation that the "Coe" and "Parsons" donations might be made available for that purpose also. They were fully authorized by their Synod to locate the institution, secure its incorporation, appoint a financial agent,

&c., &c. Our committee, in view of the prospective union of the two denominations, thought that the Chicago Seminary would meet the necessities of the united Church, and that present action should look only to the establishment of a "first-class" Presbyterian college or university. As, however, they could only consult and advise, they withdrew, after a free and fraternal interchange of views with the New-school brethren, and resolved to call another meeting immediately after the meeting of the ensuing Assembly. The New-school committee adopted the Cedar Rapids, or "Parsons" seminary, as the their purposes to open the collegiate department | that place. next autumn, and deferred further action upon the subject of a theological seminary, or a theological department, until they could be further of a fine college endownent, and the general needed.

## FROM OUR BOCHESTER CORRESPONDENT THE REVIVAL.

Mr. Hammond has now been laboring for four weeks in our city. The churches continue to be crowded, night after night, and hundreds remain each night to the inquiry meeting, which immediately succeeds the preaching service. Many are indulging hope-we know not how ance with the purpose of their continuance, to many-we hardly dare ask hiw many. We only know that we rejoice greatly in that which has already been accomplished, and that we are very anxious to see still greater works than these.

Larger numbers have rish for prayers, and more are expressing hope, mbracing some cases of striking character and interest.

On Wednesday morning, in the prayer-meet-As his years grew upon him, so did the loving it is but the application of the same principle to a manner as to draw tears from many eyes. He confidence and affection of all who knew him, the polity of the Church which they have ap- was an Englishman; once lived in Bath; used to hear the celebrated William Jay preach; came to this country twelve years ago; gave himself up to all manner of wickedness, breaking the Sabbath, blaspheming God's pame, neglecting

fund of one hundred thousand dollars already heard in many families. The children, as well as adults, catch them easily and dwell on them with evident delight. They have mighty power are secured to the Synod of Iowa (New-school) also to impress the heart as sung by the great congregations. The free use of sacred music is bodies. In the event of such union, they be- a part of Mr. Hammond's power, under God, to carry on such a work, and this little book, prepared by himself, is well adapted to this important service. We can cheerfully and conscientiously commend it to others for similar uses.

#### DEATH OF BENJAMIN JOY.

A standard bearer has fallen. All we learn, s yet, is, that he died suddenly, at his residence in Penn Yan, day before yesterday. He was one of the apostles of the temperance cause; has been prominent in that service for forty years; was here only a few weeks ago and participated largely in the meeting of the State Temperance Society; has recently been engaged in a newspaper controversy with Rev. T. K. Beecher of Elmira, on the duty of total abstinence; was engaged soon to speak on his favorite theme in several places of this region ; but his engagements are all ended.

He was near seventy years of age, a man of decided ability in his way, a very effective speaker, a social, genial, honest Christian man, who has gone from long and faithful service to a great reward.

### ITEMS.

We hear of revivals in Lancaster, Meridian, and other places, which we have not before named; of some quickening also in Northeast Pennsylvania, under the pastorate of Rev. T. B. Hudson, where some fourteen have been converted, all of them adults, and some heads of families. We hear also of the beginning of good things in Erie, under Mr. Kimball's faithful labors. We shall soon expect to hear of still academic department of their institution, declared | greater manifestations of the Spirit's power in

In Holley also, in this State, God is doing great things for his people. The work began by the conversion of a man seventy years of age. instructed by their Synod. In the event of the Soon another old man and his wife were brought reunion of the two bodies, here is the beginning in; and all this almost before Christians were aware that there was any special seriousness in sentiment was that this is the institution really any minds. Since that other persons, old and young, have been turning to the Lord, many young ladies being among the happy number. And still the work is going on.

#### PERSONAL.

Rev. G. G. Smith, who has labored for a year with the Presbyterian church of Sennett, retires from that field.

Rev. J. R. Lewis of Booneville, has been visited to the amount of \$200, by his affectionate people; and Rev. A. L. Benton of Lima, \$150: | sums intended only as expressions of good feel-ing, and not as a full reward of faithful services. A note to The Presbyterian Banner says: "The Rochester, Feb. 20, 1869. Genesee.

## LINES SUGGESTED BY "MY CASTLE IN THE AIR."

(Published in "The American Presbyterian," Feb. 11, 1869. BY A MINISTER'S WIFE. Dream on 'mid heights poetic, I would not break the spell; Yet duty bids me whisper A ruth I've learned too well.

A parsonage ideal, With pictures choice and rare, Is all a fancy vision-

A "castle in the air."

"Wide halls and airy chambers" Are fine to contemplate, For distance lends enchantment To ev'ry earthly state. But "halls and fairy chambers," Begrimed by age, unclean, With ceiling drooping downward, Are not so fine I ween.

### REVIVAL IN MINNESOTA.

REV. JOHN W. MEARS: My Dear Bro.:-Last Sabbath was our regular communion sea. son. It was, indeed, a day of great joy to us. Thirty-two persons were received into the church-twenty-six on profession of their faith. and six by letter. A very large proportion were men-several of them prominent citizens. Our church was filled nearly to its utmost capacity, and the exercises were deeply solemn and inter. esting. As we sat down to the table of the Lord, the language of many hearts was : "Mas. ter, it is good for us to be here." We do rejoice in God our Saviour. Perhaps not more than a third of those who have been more or less interested during our meetings, have thus far connected themselves with the Church. We hope to gather in much more precious fruit. The work has gone on very quietly, yet we trust it has been deep and thorough. Unto Him who has had mercy upon us, be all the glory. In Christian love,

THOMAS MARSHALL. Mankato, Minn., Feb. 11, 1869.

## Aews of Aur Churches.

#### Revivals.

Newark, O.-Rev. Daniel Tenney writes to The Herald: "We entered the basement rooms of our new church two weeks since. Twenty were added to the church on that day, seventeen of the number by profession."

Winchester, O.-Twenty-six have recently been received on profession by this church, Rev. D. Van Dyke, pastor.

Brooklyn, Pa.-A note to The Evangelist says : We are enjoying a precious season of revival: quite a number give evidence of having passed from death to life; more than thirty have at different times signified a desire for the prayers of God's people, and the work seems gradually spreading and deepening. Geneva Village, N. Y.—This church is again.

visited with the gracious influences of the Spirit.

Buffalo, N. Y .- The religious interest has been very marked in the Methodist churches, where Dr. Palmer and wife have been laboring. Scores of new members have been received. There is also more than usual interest in the Lafayette and North Presbyterian churches.

Troy, Iowa.-The churches of the two branches held a joint communion some weeks ago, which was followed by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. session of the church, O. S., have received twenty-two additions on examination, and the New School brethren have received ten. There are still some more that will unite with one of these branches. The feature of this revival is, that several heads of families have been converted; another feature is, that most of the young people converted were outside of any particular church influence."

#### Ministerial.

Rev. W. B. Parmelee, for ten years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Westernville, N. Y., has received and accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the Presbyterian church at Little Falls.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, of the Fourth Presbytery of New York, has resigned the pastorate of the First Congregational church in Southport, Conn.

Rev. W. E. Knox, the pastor of the First church of Rome, N.Y., sailed from New York on Thursday last, in the steamer Donau for Bremen. He road for his health and will be absent for some six months, extending his visit as far as Rome. Rev. Elihu T. Sanford, was ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Wenona, Mich., by the Presbytery of Saginaw, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, January 13th. The people of this growing town filled the church on the occasion. Rev. E. B. Thompson has resigned the pastor-ate and closed his labors at Peru, Ind., after a year of labor, and expects to remove to Ohio. He leaves with testimonials of the esteem and affection of his people and the community. Rev. Hen. A. Nelson, D.D., of Lane Seminary was the preacher selected on a recent Sabbath, by the Y. M. C. A. of Cincinnati to preach in Wood's Theatre, on Fourth St., where they have been holding a series of services for the people. The Herald says that Dr. Nelson repeated memoriter, and expounded the parable of the Prodigal Son. He presented it as a series of photographic pictures, and pressed its lessons with great earnestness and power upon the attention of the young men present, appealing to their own consciousness of the soul's hunger when estranged from God, and entreating them to arise and so to him without delay. The audience was thin on account of the rain, but it was remarkably attentive. Rev. J. G. Fackler of the Central Church, of San Francisco, has again presented his resigna-tion as pastor of the Church. Calls from Kansas City by letter and by telegraph are very urgent, and he thinks the field there will be larger than this. Sabbath, Jan. 24, eight persons united with the Church, six upon profession. Rev. L. Hamilton's standing in the Church was to be finally decided, Jan. 28, by the Presbytery of San Jose, meeting in Oakland, Cal. Rev. T. De Witt Tullmage of this city is said to have received a call from the Central Church of Brooklyn. The Ledger says that a Committee are in town, urging to accept a call to a wealthy and influential church in Chicago, where a salary \$5,000 is offered. Licensures.—At the meeting of the Third Presbytery of New York, held February 16th, the following young men were duly licensed to preach the Gospel: — John M. Allis, Robert C. Bell, Ashley D. Francisco, Homer T. Fuller, Ferdinand V. D. Garretson, Merril N. Hutchinson, Howard Kingsbury, Alfonso R. Olney, and Henry T. Rose, all but Mr. Francisco, members of the Senior Class of the Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Francisco goes as a Missionary to the Freedmen of South Carolina, under the Commission of the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions. - The Evangelist. Sunny Side.-The church of Keeseville, N.Y., besides increasing the salary of their pastor, Rev. H. E. Butler, and giving him respite from minis

HOURS AT HOME FOR MARCH has continuations of Books and Reading, by Prof. N. Porter; of Motherless Girls, of Christopher Kroy, and of Sevastopol in May 1855; also Papers upon Émile Girardin, Tally-Ho, (the Fox), by Prof. DeVere, the New Life of Raleigh, by Prof. Fisher; Lost in the Desert, by John D. Sherwood; A Day among the Vineyards, by G. M. Towle; Reminiscences of Schleiermacher. The Poetry by Josephine Pollard and others is better than sometimes appears in this journal, though not first class. The Leisure Moments, Books and Authors Abroad, and Literary notices are entertaining and valuable. C. Scribner & Co., New York.

-In Wharton St. church, Rev. J. GARLAND HAMNER, pastor, the indications of the Spirit's presence are very manifold. The number of inquirers is large, and many express themselves as having found peace in believing.

-Services are held more frequently than usual, in North Broad St. church, where hopeful indications are not wanting. Special services to some extent are still carried on in Green Hill and in the First churches. A series of meetings was commenced, on Monday night last, at Clinton St. church, where the happy release of one of the Elders, Mr. Tingley, in the full ripeness of years, and without a struggle or a sigh, occurring almost immediately after the installation of new elders, has aided in mellowing and preparing the feelings of the congregation for such services.

-In the First church, the pastor, Dr. Johnson, is preaching on conformity to the world. The sermon last Sabbath evening was on the Limitations of the Law of things Indifferent. That for next Sunday evening is the application of these principles to Popular Amusements. The preacher's tone, while utterly removed from latiity. The large audience-room was well filled last Sabbath evening.

"1st. Of that part of the First Article of the Basis that begins with the words, 'It' being understood,' &c., and ends with the words, 'in the separate churches.' And

the Basis."

THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION IN IOWA. The Chicago correspondent of The Presby. terian writes :

A few years since, a Mr. Coe, by will, I be-lieve, donated to the "New-school" Presbyterian Church, for educational purposes, thirty acres of land adjoining the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which are now supposed to be well worth thirtyfive thousand dollars. Upon this land our Newschool brethren, with the active and liberal cooperation of the people of Cedar Rapids, have lately erected fine and commodious buildings, worth at least twenty-five thousand dollars. The present value of this property is, therefore, sixty thousand dollars.

To the same body, and for the same purposes, Mr. Parsons also donated four thousand acres of land, in another section of the same State,

now valued at forty thousand dollars. It is understood that this donation can, without any viopreacher's tone, while utterly removed from lati-tudinarianism, is equally clear of needless sever-the institution of Cedar Rapids, if such approfriends in Iowa have, therefore, an educational with Rochester audiences, and may be daily office.

God had spared his life through all those long years of his great wickedness, and had now brought him to accept offered mercy.

He alluded beautifully to his farewell interview with his mother, before coming to this country. She was a pious woman. As he left him, begging him to read it and live by it. That parting request and that blessel book had been sadly neglected, but not utterly forgotten.

He attests his sincerity by giving up his business. He is afraid of /its associations and its temptations, especially its Sunday work, and so, as the safest way to make a sure thing of his Christian life and eternal salvation he sells out his horses and carriage, and seeks some other employment. In this he has the warmest sympathy of his new Christian friends. We are quite sure he will not long lack for employment The daily morning prayer-meeting continues to be thronged, and is attended by many of the leading men and women of the various churches. A delightful spirit of harmony continues to prevail. The ministers continue to stand by Mr. Hammond, and aid hin all they possibly can; Drs. Shaw and Campbell, and Mr. Barilett, of the Plymouth church, apparently vieing with each other to see which shall do most to help on the good work. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The work at the House of Refuge also conti-nues. New cases of conversion have occurred almost daily It is toucking to hear some of the confessions and prayers of the boys, such simplicity, such naturalness, such pathos. One said, "You all know that I've been a bad boy, but I've found Jesus. I hope you will all love Jesus, and he'll help you to be good and do right." Another said, "Boys, I could not sleep last night. I lay awake the greater part of the night. I had a great burden on my heart. I was afraid some of you would turn back. But I prayed for you, and I want you all to love Jesus." And still another said he wanted all the boys to read the Bible, and to flove to read it as some boys love to read novels." One prayed for the boys that "scoff and scorn." Another prayed for one of the unconverted teachers, that God would "bless him and convert him, and make him good to the boys;" another said, "Bless all our teachers, and all the managers of this in-

song. It is a beautiful book, with many precious gems of poetry and music in it. Some of

"A sitting room " so " cosy," With books and lounges, too, Your fond imagination Has opened to the view. I almost cry Eureka,

The picture seems so bright.

But glancing 'round there meets me, How different a sight.

For lounges all have vanished, While books are scarce and few, You know it takes the *lucre* To keep things bright and new. Therefore, we must not indulge, At least so people say, In all the little luxuries And comforts of the day.

"Piano," "basket," waiting ! The latter is too true, For six bright little cherubs There's work enough to do. And winds that o'er the tree-tops, And through the branches sigh Remind us of the music Of angels passing by.

Like you, we have our "sanctum," "With table, desk and chair," Where anxious thought sits brooding " You'd feel it in the air." Though "made for sermonizing," The charm I fail to see When poverty is blighting The one most dear to me

"Improvements late" are minus, Our antiquated nook Has dining-room for kitchen, Where mistress serves for cook; Where " pantries " are full spacious For "putting things away," If hungry mouths consumed not Our all from day to day.

Yet to the "inner chamber," O ark, for weary dove, Our willing footsteps hasten With gratitude and love To Him who watches o'er us, Recording ev'ry prayer, Arising from the ruins

Of castles in the air. The world with all its pleasures Endures but for a day;

We laugh, we weep, then vanish From earth and time away.

The grave, that narrow portal, Through which the soul shall rise,

Will open to our vision

A "mansion in the skies."

Owl Hamlet, Feb. 18, 1869.

SHEM'S ECCLESIASTICAL ALMANAC for 1869 has just appeared. Its summaries of ecclesiastical and educational information are extensive, carefully prepared and simply indispensable to all who would think and write accurately upon these priation is deemed desirable. Our New-school these have already become great favorites subjects. Price 50 cts. Orders received at this 1 - alah

stitution."

In all our meetings we are using the "New PRAISES OF JESUS" in the service of sacred

"2d. Of the whole of the Tenth Article of WILLIAM ADAMS, Chairman.