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Correspondents in every Presbytery and Synod will promptly furnish us with fresh items of news from their respective fields.

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SUMMARY.

[INCLUDING TWO WEEKS.]

Revivals in the N. S. churches continue to be reported, in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, N. E. Pennsylvania, Central and Western New York.

The work of grace in Rochester, N. Y., has attained great proportions: see letter of our correspondent. The secular press give extended reports of the meetings, and prompt the good object while revealing the current of popular feeling.

In this city there is a good work going on in Whar-ton St. and North Broad St. churches.

Rev. Dr. James Bells, Jr., the former pastor, has been called to the 2d church, Cleveland, O.

We note four calls accepted, seven resignations, two installations, nine licences, three church edifices completed, one church organized, two ministers and one church received from the other branch, and two ministers from the Congregationalists.

Dr. Sunderland has a call to Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Presbytery of Troy has agreed to the recom-mendations of our Re-union Committee as to striking out the clauses of the First, and the whole of the Tenth Article.

There will be no meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in this country this year.

Rev. A. M. Stewart preached twice, by invitation, to an audience of several thousand in the Mormon Temple recently. See his letter in this paper.

The labors of the N. S. Committee among the Freed-men are chiefly educational thus far. They will open a normal school in Winchester, Va., soon.

Our Publication Committee offer \$1650 in prizes for good books.

Rev. R. G. Wilder has performed the entire tour of the villages of Kolapoor.

The annual income of the benevolent institutions of London is put at \$35,000,000 in gold!

Spurgeon's College has sent out 178 ministers; there were 82 at the last session.

The Laplanders skate to church, and bury their children in the snow outside during service.

There are 2,000 missionaries to the heathen, and \$5,000,000 in gold are annually expended for missions.

The Baptists have had over 40,000 converts among Burmans, Karens, and Shans since Dr. Judson's time—more than two a day.

The most remarkable missionary success of 1868, has been in Madagascar, where the whole current is towards Christianity.

Extensive revivals are reported in Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches.

Four new churches: two Reformed (Dutch), one U. P., and one (German) Reformed; and six new build-ings, five Old School and one G. R., churches are announced.

Rev. S. S. Mitchell, of Harrisburg, goes to the late Dr. Gurley's place, in Washington.

The Baptists have recently immersed a Presbyterian minister from England, Rev. A. E. Anderson.

Dr. John Hall's church, 5th Avenue, N. Y., (O. S.) contributed \$40,000 last year, to aid in educating the-ological students.

A U. P. Presbytery of the West has resolved to deal with liquor-sellers.

The new Bishop, Littlejohn, of Long Island, has made vigorous onslaught upon the Romanizing ten-dencies in the P. E. Church.

There are in Colorado Territory, a Protestant Epis-copal bishop, eleven clergymen, nine churches, ten parishes, five church schools, and four young men, studying for the ministry.

Pew rents are abolished in Calvary church, Baptist, in this city, with marked success. Also, in the N. S. church, of Elkton, Md.

The M. E. Church, South, has an organization in Oregon.

The assets of the M. E. Book Concern are \$1,340,916; earnings last year, \$102,882.

A book is about to appear, the result of ten years' labor, to show that the world's whole physical history is included within six thousand years.

Of 4430 books published in England in 1868, by far the largest number in any one branch, were the Theo-logical and Religious, 916.

The Receipts of the American Board for January were from Donations, \$37,926.27; Legacies, \$3,865.22; Total, \$46,791.49. Of this, Massachusetts gave \$13,821.21, over one-fourth (nearly one-third of the donations), Con-necticut and New York gave each over \$6,500, New Jersey gave \$4,827.08, nearly all a legacy, Pennsylvania over \$2,500, all contributions. The largest specified contribution from any single church in this month, is that from the First church in this city, \$2,000. Total receipts for five months, \$132,301.95.

A SABBATH AMONG THE SAINTS.

Rev. A. M. Stewart's Letters, XXXI.

A strong desire had been cherished, while crossing the continent, and plans laid accordingly to spend a few days,—and one of them a Sabbath, in Salt Lake City. This with a desire of personal observation concerning that most wonderful modern fanaticism, delusion, knavery, imposture or whatever else it may be termed. There are in its workings, its marvellous developments and success, many grave and unsolved problems for the statesman, philanthropist and Christian.

Because of various hindrances and delays in the rugged overland winter-staging through Nevada and Utah, it was late on Saturday night, instead of Friday morning, when we entered the Capitol of his Excellency Brigham Young. Two principal hotels are in the city, one kept by a Mormon, the other by an intrusive Gentile. My visit being to Mormondom, to the Mormon house I went. The landlord is an important character among the Saints, and keeps a quiet, comfortable, home-like house. After breakfast on Sabbath morning I introduced myself to mine host, stating my profession, mission, correspon-dence with the press, and desire, without im-pertinent inquisitiveness, to learn as much of the place and people as my limited stay would per-mit.

"What do you wish? Happy to oblige."

"First, an introduction to Brigham Young."

"He is away sixty miles South, on a mission tour."

"Who is next in authority?"

"George Smith, nephew of the sainted Joseph. He is at home and it will afford me pleasure to give you an introduction."

We were presently away and soon at the rather spacious mansion of Mr. Smith, Governor in the absence of the great Brigham. A meeting of fifteen or twenty elders, prophets, apostles and bishops, was being held in his reception-room at the time of our entrance. My profession, mission and design in stopping to spend the Sabbath, was briefly made known to the assem- blage. A seemingly cordial and even gracious reception was given me, with an introduction to and shaking of hands with each dignitary. Mr. Smith, as leader, then addressed me, saying, "Brother, we are glad to see you in the city of Latter day saints. This is the Sabbath of our Great Communion, on which two of the elders preach. Will you take the place of one of them?" "Certainly, sir, preaching the gospel is my business."

At the hour for service, I was escorted into the Tabernacle of the congregation by the attentive and obliging landlord; and on enter- ing, the elders motioned me to come upon the platform and seated me in the veritable chair of Father Brigham. "Will you preach first or second," was interrogated. "Would prefer to follow the elder."

The elder accordingly opened and talked for two hours and a half; during which time he went over not only King James' Bible and that of Joe Smith, but also traversed all the rest of creation. When finally through, my suggestion to the prophets was, "You have had preaching enough for one diet." "Not at all, we continue our meeting four hours; occupy whatever time you wish."

My impressions were that should ought be said specially infringing upon or in direct antag- onism with Mormon notions, some of these shrewd leaders would follow with attempted criticisms and emendations. This, my desire was to avoid, and present before that immense mass of listeners the simple gospel of the king- dom not wont to be heard by them in its purity. The Lord helped me, and when through, I felt no uneasiness about criticisms from preachers among Latter Day saints. There were none; but before closing the service, some of the patriarchs came around me and inquired: "Will you not preach again this evening?" "With pleasure; preaching is my calling."

THE TABERNACLE.

The Tabernacle of Congregation for Saints of the latter kingdom is by far the largest audience hall in which it has ever been my privilege to speak—much the most spacious on the con- tinent. The entire structure is wholly unique, and certainly without any architectural likeness in the world's history. The sainthood seem to have a pride in the belief that it baffles all in- telligent description. The best comparison now thought of would be, an enormous elongated haystack; or half an egg-shell; the convex side upward. The lengthened dome like roof rests upon fifty-five abutments of sand stone, fifteen feet high. The interior is an arch without ap- parent support and no ornament, with an ex- treme height of sixty feet. The floor of the Tabernacle is two hundred and fifty feet long and a hundred and fifty feet wide in the clear; on which there are seats for ten thousand people. At one end is an immense platform, which will accommodate as large an audience as one of our churches in Eastern cities. Here are the speak- ers, desks and where all the dignitaries of the latter kingdom are assembled on set occasions. On this platform there is also being erected by Mormon architects an enormous organ of eight thousand voice power.

Not a seat was empty, some groups compelled to stand as I preached. The largest audience I ever addressed; army experience not excepted. Undivided attention was given by all present. It was their great communion day. The bread was blessed in scriptural language by a prophet, and handed from seat to seat on silver plates by a dozen elders, occupying an hour in its distri- bution, during which the saintly preacher con- tinued his harangue. A bishop then asked him to wait for a moment while he blessed the water. This element is instead of wine, for what reason was not ascertained—perhaps on account of the expense of giving such a multitude wine; perhaps, from the fact that the Mormons; with respect to intoxicating drinks, are teetotalers; or the sainted Joseph or uncle Brigham may have had a revelation on the subject. During the hour's distribution of water the unwearied elder preached on. The communion was over when I rose to preach.

EVENING SERVICE.

The assembly was more crowded than during the day, and myself the only formal preacher. Never had minister more attentive or seemingly

interested audience. My text and aim in preach- ing was, "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." It was an unspeakable privilege thus to present the scriptural plan of salvation to this immense mass of deluded, human beings. After closing, a leading Bishop arose and complimented the speaker, by saying: that he would make an ex- cellent Latter Day saint-preacher; that he wished I was one; and that I would be, if I would only believe the revelations from the Lord, which he and the bishops would tell me. At which grave announcement I could not refrain from laughing, in which the large bench of holy magnates good-naturedly joined. In one thing the Bishop went on to say, he disagreed with the speaker, stating to the audience his point of Theology. I arose and stated, that the Bishop had misapprehended, and showing his mistake; whereupon he turned to me in the blindest man- ner, thanking me for the correction, and express- ing sorrow for his misunderstanding.

It was then announced that a young lady was about to receive her Endowment, and must first be confirmed. By endowment was probably meant her intended taking by some elder as a fifth or tenth wife. If present she was asked to come forward. A plain looking girl about seventeen, arose, came forward and took a chair place for her. Three Bishops stood round the chair, placing their hands upon the head of the candidate, and one of them saying in substance; "We do hereby confirm and establish you in the church and kingdom of the Latter day saints." Singing by a large choir closed the exercises.

That Sabbath, amid this mysterious community was one to be remembered. New and strange conditions in preaching—a mass of human be- ings earnest to fanaticism, yet strongly deluded—their leaders shrewd, active, worldly and far- seeing; with whom, after seeing and hearing and talking with, you are in doubt whether to locate them in the category of dupes or knaves. Of Mormondom in general in my next.

A. M. STEWART.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

THE REVIVAL AGAIN.

We find it difficult to write of anything just now but the glorious revival which is in progress in our city. We have tried hitherto to speak cau- tiously. We did not wish to overstate anything. But we risk nothing now in calling it a glorious revival. Great progress has been made since we last wrote. The blessed influences from heaven are spreading and deepening.

Our esteemed fellow-citizen, Hon. Frederick Starr, stated in one of the prayer-meetings, that he had witnessed all the revivals that had visited Rochester since 1821, and he felt confident on no former occasion were the people generally more ready to talk on the subject of religion than now. And we doubt if Christians were ever more ac- tive and faithful in this city than at present.

"Many are giving almost their whole time to Christian labor, going from house to house, in- viting people to the sanctuary, and urging them now to turn to Christ and be saved. Ladies are even visiting the gambling halls and liquor sal- oons, and kindly urging the inmates to come to the meetings and now to attend to the salvation of their souls. Yesterday also two ladies, of their own accord, went to the Mayor, and begged that all the police of the city might be permitted to come to the sanctuary, that they might have part and lot in this matter. He gave his consent; said he would see them himself and invite them to come. Several complied with the invitation and came.

The preaching this week has been in the Ply- mouth (Congregational) church, Rev. Dr. Bart- lett's, which is very large; and yet the house has been uncomfortably crowded every night but one, when a very severe storm interfered somewhat with the attendance. On Thursday and Friday nights about two hundred rose each time for prayers, and almost the entire congregation re- mained at the inquiry meeting, hundreds ready to be conversed with, many inquiring, some deep- ly distressed, and hundreds of Christians, with several ministers, passing from seat to seat deal- ing faithfully with anxious souls. It was a time of awful solemnity—it was a scene upon which the angels must have looked with peculiar inter- est. It was the deciding point for eternity with many there present, and we have the best of rea- sons for believing that many decided aright.

Every day something of new and touching in- terest comes to light. In one of his sermons Mr. Hammond, to the surprise of many of his hear- ers, repeated Tennyson's thrilling poem, the Charge of the Light Brigade.

Yesterday morning before he was dressed, he had a rap at his door. A man had called to thank him for repeating that poem. It was the means of his awakening; and now he and his wife also are hoping that they have passed from death unto life. That man was in that awful charge of the immortal six hundred. He was one of the thirty- six who survived the fearful carnage. And when Mr. Hammond recited those stanzas and put such meaning into every line, as he did by his vigor- ous and feeling elocution, the man began to realize how mercifully God had spared his unprofit- able life. This set him to asking how he had required such kindness, and he found no peace until he came to Christ for help and safety. The man is residing in this city, a man of education and culture. Since his conversion, his wife also is indulging hope.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Hammond refer- red with great effect to the conversion of Thomas A. D. Fessenden of Maine, a brother of the dis- tinguished Senator from that State. It occurred a few years ago in connection with Mr. Ham- mond's labors in that State. Mr. F. was a large, strong man, a lawyer by profession, with vigor- ous, clear, calm, well-balanced mind, the last man in the world to be moved by any mere animal excitement. But he was moved by something else, and he gave a very simple, modest account of his conversion in one of the meetings, which was taken down by a reporter and published in the daily paper, and afterward inserted in the book called the "Harvest Work of the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Hammond read his speech, and we have seldom seen a congregation more thoroughly melted by it. Hundreds were weeping. We hope that some strong men received impressions which they can never shake off until they do as Fessen-

den did, go to Christ, and find peace believing in Him. But the story of that strong man's con- version is so interesting and suggestive, that we copy it entire, and hope others may read it and profit by it.

Mr. Fessenden spoke nearly as follows:—"I cannot refrain from saying that it is repugnant to my natural feelings to speak of myself, but in the hope that it may possibly, with God's blessing, be the means of some little good, I will speak. I feel im- pelled to speak for the cause of Jesus and of my late experience, though my words be feeble. My story is a simple one. But a short time since I had supposed that I was possessed of a strong will, of good nerves, and of a clear judgment. I did not think I was emotional, and I remarked to a friend with whom I was conversing, and who mentioned that Mr. Hammond was creating an excitement, that if he could raise any emotion in me I should like to have him, for it was dull, and had been so long since I had felt emotion, that I should like to feel it. One Sunday evening it entered my mind that I would go and hear. I went and listened in- tently, but it was with no expectation that it would afford me any pleasure, except that of hearing one who, from report, appeared to be an earnest and im- passioned speaker.

"I listened to him and went away. I descended to my friends upon his power of illustrating, and told them that he drew upon his travels for his fig- ures of speech. I was utterly indifferent so far as my personal state was concerned. Some time after, I attended again, and listened attentively. I fasten- ed my eye upon the speaker, and for some moments his gaze was riveted on mine, as he addressed me in tone of impassioned earnestness to come to Christ. It was thus I began to think, is this real? Is it nec- essary? Is it a duty we have resting upon us? But when the sermon closed, I walked down the aisle, and out of church alone. I thought then, there is no necessity of my stopping here to talk with these people; it will do well enough for per- sons not in the habit of thinking for themselves, but not for me. I concluded that I would not go again; but, on reflection, I said, I will go. I am not afraid to hear the man. I went. I was inter- ested in the sermon; I was interested in the ex- perience of Mr. Wight; I was interested and moved by the affecting prayer for physicians and lawyers, more particularly, perhaps, because I had been in- troduced to Mr. Hammond during the day, and thought that he might have been in his mind, and my heart was somewhat softened; but I did not heed the invitation to stop, but steeling my heart I walked to the door.

"I was overtaken by him. He urged me and a friend who was with me to remain. He said my old father was praying for me, and kindly pressed me to stay. He asked me to promise him that I would pray that night, but I refused the promise, and said I would see him the next day. As I walked down the still street my feelings overcame me, and I wept; but when I reached my home I endeavored to crush out all my feelings of remorse, so that I might en- ter the presence of my wife calm and unmoved, for I would not let her see, that a man in the prime of life could be so wrought upon, and appear so un- manly. I sat down, but my grief came over me, and I covered my face with my handkerchief. She sought to comfort me. I choked down my sensa- tions for the moment and said, 'This is excitement—it will pass away'; but she replied, 'It is the Spirit of God struggling with you,' and begged me to yield to its influences. I was softened. I asked her to pray. She did so, and asked me to pray, and for the first time since I was a young boy, I knelt and prayed. The next morning, Mr. Adams met me. He talked a moment with me in the street, and I invited him to my office. He then talked and prayed with me, and I tried to pray. He left, and during that day I was overwhelmed with mental anguish. My sins were before me. The memory of my past life came vividly to my mind, and tem- ptations and suggestions of all sorts pressed upon me to shake off these delusions; but I prayed constantly and fervently in my mind that the Spirit of God would not leave me, but would continue to strive. That evening I attended meeting and heard the story of the Son of God; that He came to save the lost; that for our sakes he was treated as though a guilty rebel; of his agony on the cross; and when I listened to the words of the dying Jesus, in the extremity of agony, 'My God! My God! why hast Thou forsaken me?' my heart melted. I stopped at the inquiry meeting, and on my knees I promis- ed God, that if He would forgive my sins, I would take sides with Jesus—that I would stand up for Jesus—give my heart to Him, and would trust to Him and be His. I was at peace. Hence I am willing to stand up and speak to you to-night. It may seem to some a simple story, but appears a solemn reality to me."

The strong man who thus told the simple, touching story of his conversion, has since been called to give his account, and died triumphantly in the faith which he then received. That was his day of special mercy. How well that he im- proved it. This is a day of special mercy for thousands in this and other cities. May they improve it as Fessenden did.

Mr. Hammond is to remain in our city one week longer, to preach in the Central church. Hundreds will bless God forever for his visit to our city at this time. GENESEE.

Rochester, February 27, 1869.

News of Our Churches.

Revivals.

The Church of Northumberland, Pa., received an accession of fifteen persons February 21st, twelve on profession. There are other encourag- ing indications of progress. The church has re- cently become the pastoral charge of Rev. A. D. Moore.

Washingtonville, N. Y.—The two Presbyterian churches of this place gathered in a rich har- vest Feb. 14, the result of special united effort, ranging from the aged grandmother down to the child of fourteen years. About sixty or seventy in all have been converted; some sixty have joined the church.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The North and Lafayette St. churches hold daily prayer-meetings, the first in the morning and the second in the afternoon. Both are preaching at night.

Campbell, N. Y.—This church (Dr. Joel Wakeman, pastor), having recently dedicated a new house of worship, has begun to find it a house of mercy, where many are being called out of darkness into God's marvellous light.

Parma, N. Y.—This church has seen six or eight brought to Christ recently, and is hoping for better blessings to come soon.

Big Flats, N. Y.—This church is enjoying a season of revival, in which many are believed to have passed from death unto life.

Frestone, O.—The religious interest, begin- ning with the Week of Prayer in the M. E. and Presbyterian Churches of Rome, has resulted in the addition of fifteen members to our church, four of whom were by letter. Large accessions had already been made to the M. E. Church. The two churches have doubled their former

membership. A marked feature of the work is the apparent lack of all organized opposition, and the satisfaction with which all have seen their acquaintance engaging in the service of Christ.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Second church had a very valuable addition of thirteen members on the first Sabbath in February.

Wabash, Ind.—This church has had a time of refreshing, the fourth in seven years and the greatest of the four. The membership have been roused to a new consecration, the Sabbath school has received largely of the blessing, and between thirty and forty have been added to the church on profession, as others will be hereafter. The people though not wealthy, raised \$180 for the Church Erection cause, nine times what they gave last year.

Neoga, Ill.—For four months our church at this place has enjoyed the ministrations of Rev. W. B. Faris, during which time there has been an increase in the membership of thirty four. At the last communion, twenty were received on pro- fession of faith, others are expected.

Churches.

Wilkesville, O.—This church advertise their want of a minister after the first of March. They are united, generous, and awake to spiritual things.

Cleveland, O.—We learn from a private letter that the announcement of a call by the Second church to Rev. A. Erdman, of Clinton, N. Y., which we copied from The American Presbyterian, was incorrect. Last Friday the church voted a cor- dial and unanimous call to Rev. James Bells, Jr., D. D., of San Francisco, its former pastor, and hope that he will return to them. The church has been painted, frescoed, and carpeted anew at an expense of \$5,000.—The Christian Herald.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The new chapel of this congregation's house of worship was dedicated February 14th. The church has grown steadily in the face of coldness and opposition since its organization in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol in January, 1866, and now numbers thirty-four members. The worship has been mostly conducted in a hired hall, but a house of worship was felt to be indispensable, and a central and tasteful site was secured and improved. This chapel has cost \$11,000, and is the finest house of worship in the city, and will be supplemented by a church in the same style. Gov. McClurg, and U. S. Senator Drake, both elders, worship here while in the city, and assisted the session at the last communion.

Dubuois, Ill.—A new church of nine members was organized Jan. 24, by Revs. Dr. Norton and Halsey, at this village on the Illinois Central Railroad, twenty miles South of Centralia. Mr. Halsey is to give them half his time for a year. This is the forty-third church in Alton Presby- tery, the arch-bishopate of that energetic Home Missionary, Dr. Norton.

Cairo, Ill.—This church is growing in strength and liberality, pays \$1800 salary and with promp- tness, and has expended \$1000 on a new organ, besides other improvements.

Anna, Ill.—This church, not two years old, has built and paid for a tasteful house of worship costing \$4,000.

Walden Centre, N. Y.—This church will be vacant after March 1st.

Addison, N. Y.—This church has paid off all debt resting on its church and parsonage. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Parrott, M. D., is lecturing on Geology.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Mission School for the Chinese, lately established by the Howard Presbyterian church is already a great success. As many as sixty pupils have been present at one meeting. They appear to be greatly interested, and there is no doubt that they will induce a large number of their companions to attend. The following notice is printed on red fire cracker paper, in English and Chinese, and circulated in all parts of the city:

NOTICE.—Mission St., at Dr. Scudder's church, every Sunday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A school is opened for teaching the English language, with- out charge. Any Chinaman who wishes to learn may come at that hour.

Ministerial.

Rev. Jas. B. Fisher has accepted a call to our church in Providence, Luzerne Co., Pa., leaving the churches of Uniondale and Pleasantmount vacant.

Rev. James D. Wilson was installed pastor of the Central Church, New York, by the Fourth Presbytery, February 28th. Sermon by Dr. Wm. Adams.

Rev. H. B. Smith, D. D., of Union Seminary, sailed last Thursday for Europe by the steamer Bremen. Overwork has compelled him to rest and change of scene, but it is expected that he will be home again by autumn.

Rev. Wm. Aikman was to be installed yester- day as pastor of the Spring St. church by the Third Presbytery of New York.

Rev. A. J. Buell, of Oriskany Falls, N. Y., has accepted a call to Northville, Mich., and will enter on his new field March 1st.

Rev. E. B. Thompson has closed his labors with the First church of Peru, Ind.

Sunny Side.—The church of Almond, N. Y., have raised the salary of their pastor, Rev. J. G. Ogden, to \$1500.—The Park church of Newark, N. J., have carpeted and furnished the residence of their new pastor, Rev. Prentiss De Veave, before making him a social visit.—The church in Middle Graveline, N. Y., have increased the salary of their pastor one-sixth, have nearly com- pleted a convenient parsonage for his use, and at a recent entertainment given in a public hall presented him with \$265.

Rev. H. C. Hovey.—Salem Presbytery met at New Albany, Ind., Feb. 18th, and dissolved the pastoral relation heretofore existing between Rev. H. C. Hovey and the Second church, that he might accept the call to the church in Peoria, Ill. They put on record their regret at parting labors—“the addition of 150 persons to the membership of the church, the deep interest awakened in the Sabbath-school, and the renovation of this house of worship.” The church re- cently gave Mr. Hovey and lady a splendid silver tea-set, and several other tasteful gifts, as proofs of their regard, and mementoes of a pleasant and successful pastorate.

Rev. W. B. Gregg, of East St. Louis, Ill., on Sabbath, February 14, resigned the care of that congregation. He has accepted the appointment of District Secretary of the American Tract So- ciety, and is to be located at St. Louis.