

Rev. C. A. Williams of Rockford, Ill., has resigned and retired for the present from ministerial labor on account of impaired health.

Rev. J. G. Fackler's church in San Francisco refuses his resignation, offered with a view to his accepting a call to Kansas City or some other place in the East.

Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Troy met at Granville, N. Y., Feb. 16. Resolutions were adopted authorizing the General Assembly to consummate reunion on the basis of "our common Standards" and calling for the exclusion in that case of the Tenth Article, were adopted.

The Presbytery of Whitehall met Feb. 17th. Eddy was received from the Third Presbytery of New York. Rev. John Tatlock from the Berkshire (Mass.) Association, and Rev. Chas. J. Hill from the Albany Association.

Mr. Tatlock is to be installed pastor of our church at Hoosick Falls, March 17th. Mr. Hill was installed pastor of our church at Whitehall, Feb. 17th.

The Presbytery of Chicago met February 22, and dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. O. A. Kingsbury and the First church of Joliet.

The Presbytery of San Jose met in special session at Oakland, Cal., January 28th, to act on Rev. L. Hamilton's case. Their first step seems to have been to summon the Oakland church before them to show cause why the pastoral relation should not be dissolved.

On the following Sunday, January 31st, the matter was brought before the church in congregational meeting, and it was voted (65 to 16) not to consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

Considerable feeling was manifested on the occasion and hot speeches were made and applauded.

Educational. Union Seminary.—Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., preached the annual sermon before the Society of Inquiry of the Union Theological Seminary, at the Madison Square church on Sunday evening, February 14th.

His theme was "The Incarnation of God, the Son, the Foundation Stone of Christian Teaching." A large audience was present.

INTERESTING TO READERS. The offer of \$1650 in prizes for manuscripts, by the Presbyterian Publication Committee, (New-School,) will interest those able to wield the pen.

The committee desire to draw to their aid the best talent for the most effective prosecution of their work, and therefore offer the following series of prizes for books for the Sunday-School, and for practical Christian work:

\$400 for the Best Book, of large size, for the Sunday-school library.

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\$250 for the Best Book for the instruction of the young convert.

The manuscripts for the larger Sunday-school Book must be sent in by August 1st; those for the smaller Book, July 1st; those for the other Books, by September 1st, 1869.

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The Secretaries of the American and Foreign Christian Union, in sending the following facts just received from Mr. Henry C. Hall, their Missionary Director, take occasion to say, that thus far, no other Society has proposed to employ men, colporteurs or evangelists in Spain.

The Union, because it is American, has every advantage there, for successful missionary work, and it designs to do as much as the Christians of America will authorize by their contributions.

After giving detailed estimates for printing the Bible, Mr. Hall writes: As regarding the advisability of printing here, there can be but one opinion, it seems to me.

The facts are: 1st. Spain has never permitted the entry of foreign-printed Spanish books.

2d. After having promised to permit, she proves faithless to her promise.

3d. There is no law which prohibits printing.

4th. Matter printed here is of fifty per cent. more value, because gratifying the national pride. Tracts can be printed very cheaply. Paper is cheap, and the ordinary price for labor is 20 @ 40 cents per day.

For want of other printed truth, Mr. Alonzo and myself have commenced the publication of a weekly newspaper, filled with the facts and stories of the Gospel of Christ, together with an exposition of portions of the Word of God.

LESSONS ON PAUL—VII. [Prepared weekly for the American Presbyterian.] Acts. Chap. 13: 6-12.

1. How far from Salamis was Paphos? 2. What would be the route of the Apostles? 3. Did they probably stop to preach at intervening places?

4. What was Paphos? For what noted? 5. What was the character of its population? 6. What religion prevailed? and why?

7. What famous general afterward visited this city? 8. What celebrated poets wrote of it?

9. Was the religion of Paphos moral? 10. What is the morality of heathen nations now?

11. What made the visit of the Apostles the most important event in the history of the city? 12. What distinguished person resided in Paphos?

13. What was his position and character? 14. What were the two classes of Roman Governors?

15. To which did Sergius Paulus belong? 16. What office may he have held at Rome? 17. What officers were under him?

18. What officer in our government resembles a Pro-Consul? 19. Is any other Pro-Consul mentioned in the Acts?

20. Whom did the Apostles find at the court of the Pro Consul? 21. What other men like him are mentioned in the Scriptures?

22. Meaning of "was with the deputy"? 23. Were such associations common at the residences of distinguished men?

24. Why would a Jew receive particular favor? 25. Will education keep a man from absurd and wicked things in religion?

26. Meaning of Bar-jesus? Meaning of Elymas, and what language is it? 27. Whom did the Pro-Consul send for?

28. How would he know of their arrival? 29. What motive would he have in sending for them?

30. What did Elymas do? 31. What would be his chief apprehension in regard to the Apostles?

32. In what manner probably "withstood them"? 33. What right had Saul to call down blindness upon him?

34. Any other instances in Scripture of the exercise of such power? 35. How does this miracle resemble those of the Old Testament?

36. How did Saul publicly condemn the motives of Elymas? 37. Have we a right to condemn the motives of others?

38. How did the Pro-Consul differ from the Jews who saw the miracles of Jesus? 39. Had Saul the power to work miracles at his own option?

40. What would be the influence of the Pro-Consul's conversion through the island? 41. What must we have, like Saul, to lead men to Jesus?

42. What change is made in the Apostle's name? 43. What similar changes of name in the Scriptures?

44. By which name does he speak of himself? 45. What does Peter call him?

46. What three ways of accounting for the change? 47. Were Gentile names ever adopted in Jewish families?

48. What examples in Scripture? 49. Who now becomes the prominent figure in Apostolical History?

We know it to be very largely our habit to postpone the purchase of our Fall or Winter clothing just as long as we possibly can, and those of us who buy in Philadelphia, often delay until the season is far advanced before we think of furnishing ourselves with clothing suitable to it.

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The 22nd Union Meeting in behalf of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society will be held in the 2nd Presbyterian church, Leister street, above 41st Street, on Sabbath morning, March 7th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. N. A. French, Rev. Dr. Foote, and the General Agent will address the meeting. Tract for March distribution: How John Ross began to "Kneel Down" by JOSEPH H. SCHREINER.

The Presbytery of Omaha will hold its next annual meeting at Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday, April 9th, 1869, at 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M. F. M. DIMMICK, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Mankato (Minn.) will hold its next annual meeting at La Crosse, March 12, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, and Commissioners' Reports will be in order. M. N. ADA'S, Stated Clerk.

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