

Religious Intelligence.

THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

A Peace Convention in Kentucky.—The Kentucky papers recently contained a call for a conference of clergies and laymen of the O. S. Presbyterian churches in connection with the two rival Synods in Kentucky; the conference to be held at Lexington, Feb. 24th. The call was signed by representatives of both Synods, and breathes a most Christian spirit, expressing a hope and belief "that the time has arrived for a more intimate and fraternal connection, it may be, a permanent and lasting reunion of the two bodies," and it is proposed "to take measures looking to that end."

Revolutions.—In Washington, Pa., meetings have been held since the Week of Prayer; thirteen have united with the church, and others are expected.—The church in Muncie, Ind., has had an accession of fifty-six adults, twenty two by baptism, besides an accession of twelve children through the same ordinance.—The O. S. church in Troy, Iowa, have shared with the N. S. church in a revival following a joint communion, and twenty-two have been added to the church,—many of them from the world and many leads of families. Others are expected.—The vacant church of Uhrisvicio, O., has been blessed with a revival under the occasional ministrations of neighboring ministers, and eighteen have been received, seven of them by baptism, besides ten on certificate.—In the church in Charlestown, Pa., many have been awakened, and about fifty have found Christ.—In Marietta, Pa., over seventy have been added to the church by a powerful revival, nearly doubling its membership. Mr. Bridell, who filled the pulpit of the Western church in this city for some time, is laboring there.—In the church in Minneapolis, Minn., there is much religious interest, and some have been converted.—The First U. P. church of New Wilmington, Pa., enjoys the ministrations of Rev. J. R. Miller, once widely known as Field Agent of the U. S. C. C. in the Valley of the Shenandoah. By a recent revival, forty were added to the church, making the membership 300.—The U. P. church of St. Louis, Mo., has been recently distracted by the withdrawal of a number of its members to the Declaration and Testimony church, following their pastor, who had been suspended by the U. P. Presbytery, nominally for intemperance, but (it is alleged) really for excessive liberality. The remnant church is now enjoying a season of refreshment, and twelve have been received "on their experience."

A Far-off Presbytery.—The Occident of San Francisco says: "The Presbytery of Oregon held an unusually interesting and pleasant meeting at Brownsville, on December 24th, 25th, and 26th. The ministers were all present, and the churches well represented. The usual routine of business was attended to with harmony. Resolutions on reunion on the basis of the Standards of the Church were unanimously adopted. The Committee on Education reported encouragingly of the Albany Collegiate Institute. Rev. J. A. Hanna was appointed financial agent for said Institute. But the most cheering was the solemnity of its devotions. It held four special sessions of prayer; seven sermons were preached on the occasion, including the Sabbath; also, the administration of the Lord's Supper. The good seed sown at this meeting cannot fail to yield fruit in its time."

A Syrian Mission.—The Old Side Covenanters have a mission in Syria. One of their missionaries writes home the following report of their operations: "We have the following schools in operation in the mountains at present, B'hama, 13 scholars; Bitaly, 14 scholars; Kardaha, 13 scholars. On the plain: Gendariyah, 12 scholars; Miseriety, 8 scholars. Besides these we have Saleen Saleh, stationed at B'hama to take the present oversight of the schools, and to do, at some time, the work of an evangelist. We have also employed as teacher a converted Turk from Constantinople; who was obliged to flee to Egypt on account of the persecution of his friends, the year of the cholera; he came to Syria, and finally to Latakiyah, where he has been residing for more than a year now, at my private expense chiefly. He has on all occasions shown himself a worthy man, both with us and in the society of others. He assisted with us at our last communion, and has at all times justified by his exemplary behavior the confidence we reposed in him."

Church Erection.—On Sabbath, the 14th inst., the congregation of Pine Creek, Presbytery of Allegheny City, small in numbers, but one of the oldest of our churches, dedicated their new edifice to the worship of God. It is a brick building, attractive in appearance, handsomely seated, neatly carpeted, and almost paid for.—The members of the Rev. Dr. Sprague's congregation, Albany, have just built a large and beautiful mission chapel in the western part of the city, at an expense of \$22,000, which was dedicated on Sabbath, Jan. 31. The pastor gave the address, and in honor of him it is named Sprague Chapel.—The German Reformed congregation organized at Pleasantville, Pa., some eighteen months ago has recently "built a house unto the Lord."

Ministerial.—Rev. Geo. Hale, D.D., of Pennington, N. J., has been elected successor to the late Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D.D., as Secretary of the O. S. Fund for Disabled Ministers.—Rev. S. S. Mitchell, of Harrisburg, has formally accepted a call from Washington, D. C., as successor of the late Rev. Dr. Gurley. The Washington correspondent of The Banner says: "Mr. Mitchell did not preach at New York Avenue church until the morning and evening of last Sabbath, when very large congregations listened attentively to both discourses. Mr. Mitchell has made a very favorable impression, and at a meeting of officers of the church, resolutions were passed urging him to accept the call." Rev. W. J. Alexander, for many years pastor of the church at Haneytown, West Penn., died Jan. 26th ult. He preached on the morning of the Lord's day preceding his death, and at the close of the service announced that he did not feel able to occupy the pulpit in the evening.—Dr. George J. C. Duncan, well known by his many services in the English Presbyterian Church, died a few weeks since.—Rev. Stephen Mattson, a member of the Presbytery of Albany, and pastor of the church at Ballston Spa, N. Y., has been elected President of the Middle Memorial Institute at Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Mattson was for many years a missionary in Siam, and is admirably fitted for the post to which he is called. The Institute is designed for the education of colored men as preachers.—Rev. Mr. Hickok, of Fort Edward, N. Y., has been elected pastor of the Second church at Orange.—Rev. Wm. G. Moorehead, of the U. P. Church, now laboring in the service of the American and Foreign Christian Union in Italy, will be obliged to return to this country from his wife's ill-health.—Mr. John Rea, a graduate of the Western Seminary, and son of the President of the People's Bank of Pittsburg, is called to the church in Downingtown, Pa., vacant by the removal of Rev. Matthew Newkirk to this city.—Rev. L. V. W. Shroyok has been elected Financial Agent of Hanover College, Indiana, and also Professor of Latin, the chair to be occupied as soon as the finances of the College will justify it. His congregation, in the hope of retaining him,

have consented simply to one year's release for the financial work.—A paragraph has been going the rounds of the papers, that Rev. Dr. McCosh, the new President of Princeton College, plays whist and is a wine-bibber. Dr. Prime writes to The Evening Post: "I have the best authority for saying that he never played a game of whist in his life, and is not in the habit of using wine; never drinking it, except on those rare occasions when good sense or medical advice dictates its propriety."—Rev. S. T. Wilson, D.D., late of Rock Island, Ill., has, we understand, accepted the call to Galesburg, Ill., and has entered upon his labors.—The Second church at Jacksonville, Ill., has renewed the call to Rev. W. W. Harsha, of Chicago.—The pastoral relation between Rev. D. A. Wilson and the First church of Ironton, Missouri, has been dissolved. Mr. Wilson has received from the Governor of Missouri the appointment as Warden of the State Penitentiary. His post office address is Jefferson City, Missouri.—Rev. Geo. Norcross has entered upon his duties as pastor of the Second church of Carlisle, Pa.—The Rev. J. H. Young has resigned the charge of the church at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, in the Presbytery of Donegal.—Rev. A. E. Anderson was recently immersed by a Baptist minister, and installed pastor of a Baptist church in Wilmington, Ohio. He had been eleven years a member and minister of the Presbyterian Church in England.

Churches.—The annual collection of the Second U. P. church, Pittsburg, Pa. (Rev. T. H. Hanna, formerly of the Fifth church of this city, pastor,) to the different mission funds, taken on the last Sabbath of January, amounted to over three thousand and hundred dollars, some three hundred over last year's contribution. This is a pretty emphatic answer to the charge made by exclusivist U. P.'s that the indifference of "Liberal" pastors was the cause of deficits in the Church's contributions.—The Jefferson Park church (O. S.), on the West Side of Chicago, of which Dr. Robert Patterson is pastor, at the commencement of the present year, paid off the remaining portion of their debt and raised the salary of their pastor from \$2,500 to \$3,000.—The church of Rehoboth, Pa., has increased the salary of their pastor from \$1,100 to \$1,500, bought ten acres of ground for a parsonage, and largely increased its membership.—Forty thousand dollars were contributed last year, by Dr. Hall's church, New York, to aid in the education of theological students.

Sustentation Fund.—One of the Northern Presbyteries of the English Presbyterian Church has adopted an overture, praying its Synod, which meets at Liverpool in May next, to take steps for the establishment of a Sustentation Fund for the support of the ministry. The question of the better support of the ministry is also the subject of anxious consideration in the Scotch Established and Irish Presbyterian Churches. In the former, a scheme has been originated for the augmentation of the smaller livings, so as to bring all up to a platform of £200 a year. Opinion is divided in the Irish Presbyterian Church as to whether a sustentation fund, like that of the Free Church of Scotland, should be adopted, or an aid fund to supplement the incomes of the weak charges, such as the United Presbyteries possess.

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a miniature copy, we suspect, especially in the two important matters of architectural munificence of endowment.—Rev. Dr. Carter, has resigned his position as rector of St. James church, Vincennes, Ind. He took charge of the parish in September, 1859. While discharging the duties of his calling, he consented to fill for one year the Chair of Professor of Mathematics in the University of Vincennes, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. He was also chaplain of the 60th Indiana Regiment during thirteen months of their rough campaign in the Southwest.—Since the decision on Ritualism, it has been determined, by those in authority at the ritualistic church of St. Albans, Holborn, not to retain the two altar lights during the celebration of the sacrament, but to keep seven pendent lamps constantly burning before the altar. This is substituting an "Oriental use" for a "Roman" one.—Two years and a half ago, when Bishop Randall went to Colorado, he found there three Episcopal clergymen, there are now in the jurisdiction eleven; two churches, now there are nine built and building; two parishes, now ten. There were two church schools, now there are five. One of these—Woll Hall at Denver is a diocesan school for girls. It is a substantial brick edifice, fifty feet square, having three stories—was completed and opened in September—is free of debt, has seventy-five scholars, eight teachers, and is entirely self-supporting. The Bishop desires to establish a collegiate boys' school on the same principle, and which will also be self-supporting, with which may be connected a training school for the education of candidates for Holy Orders. Already are there four young men in this jurisdiction studying for the ministry.

Baptist.—The action of Calvary Church of this city in abolishing pew-rents and establishing a free system, is promising well, and is likely soon to double the revenue of this city.—The Third Germantown Church expect to dedicate their new chapel during the month of March. It is nearly completed,—substantial, convenient and tasteful, but probably too small to accommodate this young, vigorous, and growing Church.—The National Baptist of week before last reported forty-nine baptisms in six churches of this city, two hundred and thirty-nine in sixteen churches of this State, and sixty in seven churches of New Jersey. The Examiner and Chronicle reported one hundred and ninety-six in six churches in New York State. Of these we note that twenty were in the Third church of this city: sixty were in the church at Willistown, Pa., where over a hundred have asked the prayers of God's people; sixty were in the vacant church of Carmel, Pa., and one hundred were in the First church of Albany, N. Y. The Morning Star reports two hundred and eleven accessions or conversions in six Free Will baptist churches.

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