Aews of our Churches.

Presbyteries.

Wilmington Presbytery met in Central church. Tuesday evening April, 20th, and was opened with a sermon from the retiring moderator, Rev. John Crowell. Rev. L. Marks was received from the Philadelphia U. P. Presbytery, and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of Hanover Street church, on Wednesday evening, April 28th. Rev. Dr. Patton to preach the sermon, Rev. E. Webb to preside and put the constitutional questions, Rev. J. Crowell to charge the pastor, Rev. C. D. Shaw to charge the people. Rev. D. J. Beale was received from Huntington Presbytery (O. S.), and accepted the call from the St. George's church, where he is to be installed May 25th. Rev. A. J. Snyder, the acceptable and useful stated supply of Olivet church, was received from Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery.

On Reunion, "Resolved, That this Presbytery adheres to its views heretofore expressed, and desires immediate reunion of the two branches of the Church on the basis of the standards, pure and simple, leaving minor points to be arranged by the united Church after the union shall have

Commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. John Patton, D.D., of Middletown; Edward T. Taylor, of Wilmington. Alternates: Rev. C. D. Shaw, of Wilmington; E. D. Cleaver, of Delaware City.

The churches at Pencader, Elkton, Milford, and St. George's reported gracious revivals, and large accessions to their membership.

Rev. Lafayette Marks was installed pastor of Hanover St. Church, Wednesday evening, 28th inst., according to appointment. A large congregation was in attendance. The communion table was adorned with beautiful boquets, and the front of the pulpit was also decorated with a graceful floral device. The utmost harmony pervades the congregation, and the new pastorate begins under happy auspices. Adjourned to meet at Milford, May 11th.

The Presbytery of Catskill declined to take any action on the proposals to modify the Basis of Reunion overtured by the two Assemblies, to which it had assented.

The Rev. G. A. Howard with Rev. W. S. Drysdale as Alternate, and David B. Hull, Elder of Durham 1st, with Henry Waterbury, of Rensselaerville, Alternate, were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. Joseph Vanden burgh was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The Rev. V. Le Roy Lockwood was dismissed to the Presbytery of Utica.

The Presbytery was called on to record the death of one of its members, Rev. John Moore, who died at Middleburgh, Dec. 8th, in the 76th year of his age. He was for several years pastor of one of our churches, laboring with zeal and fidelity. Of later years he has travelled as a colporteur through this and adjoining counties, continuing this work until a short time before his death; thus leaving an example of activity and usefulness in old age worthy of imitation. If not a great man he was a good man, and eminently a man of prayer.

The reports of our churches show an unusually

large accession of members during the year.

The Presbytery of Hudson, at its recent stated meeting: 1. Approved by a unanimous vote of the Basis overtured to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly; and, 2. Gave their consent to to the amending of the Basis, by the omissions suggested by our Reunion Committee. The Rev. George Pierson and Elder Jesse Roe, were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly, and O. M. Johnson, minister, and elder Jirah J. Foote, alternates.

Isaac Swift, Jr., of the Senior Class of the New York Union Theological Seminary, was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Rockaway at its meeting on the 28th ult., appointed the Rev. John Ford and the Hon. Daniel Haines Commissioners to the General Assembly. Having already approved of the Basis of Reunion overtured by the last Gen eral Assembly, the Presbytery voted in favor of the January amendment; or if preferred by the two Assemblies, of a reunion on the basis of our common standards.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Lewis Thompson and the church of Whippany was dissolved. Mr. Thompson expects to spend the summer in Europe for the benefit of his health. The Rev. James H. Board was dismissed and recommended to the Presbytery of Steuben and the Rev. Samuel Cox Hay to the Presbytery of Alton. A call from the church of Hanover was tendered to the Rev. James A. Furgerson, and the installation is expected to take place on the

Presbytery of Dubuque, Iowo.—Rev. Alrah Day was received from the Presbytery of Ottawa. His present P. O. address is Manchester, Iowa. The Rossville church was permitted to connect with the Presbytery of Frankville (O. S.) Rev. David Blakely, and Elder P. C. Samson were appointed Commissioners to the General Assem-

Last fall the Presbytery approved the basis of union sent down by the General Assembly. It now declares its unanimous opinion, that if the reunion be consummated, the Tenth Article should be left out of the basis of Union.

The Central church of Norristown, Pa., have, for years past, observed the "Week of Prayer," with great profit, and before each communion season, we spend the preceding week in exercises preparatory to that solemn and delightful Christian privilege. This year, the "week of prayer" and "preparatory week" came together, and it was evident very soon, that the Spirit of the Lord was present in an unusual manner, impressing the hearts of sinners with their necessity of a Saviour. At the close of the "week of prayer." it was manifest, that hearts were desirous of salvation all around, and another week of service was proposed; and thus week by week the meetings were kept up, through January and most of February. As a result of this effort, thirty-three

the Church. Great care was exercised, that the interest should not develop into an unnatural excitement. At the close of the preaching service, shared and aided the revival of religion. - Corr. the members of the church would retire into the Sabbath-school room for prayer for half an hour, for a special blessing upon the truth, while the

with the inquirers. Buffalo, N. Y.—At the communion service at to be prepared by instruction for the next communion. Their names, with those of many others who preferred to delay, increase the number into Westminster church, April 4. The recep- crowded to overflowing last Sabbath -Cor. tions into the First and Lafayette street churches are deferred until May 1st.

Rev. Samuel A. Hoyt, Jr., was installed pastor of the Second church at Belvidere, N. J., April

blessed during the winter, since the "Week of Prayer." On a late Sabbath thirty-seven united with the church. This church has recently made an addition of \$200 to the salary of their minister, Rev. John S. Bacon.

Lancaster, N. Y.—This church, so largely blessed in 1862, began to experience a still greater outpouring of the Spirit with the Week of questions. RevalDr. Burchard preached the ser-Prayer. In connection with the daily evening mon. Rev. S. N. Hutchison gave the charge to meetings, six o'clock morning prayer meetings were at once begun, and continued for several weeks. Inquiry-meetings were held nearly every day of the month of January; and the scenes there witnessed will never be forgotten. On the his days. first Sabbath of April fifty-six entered into cove nant with the church, more than forty on profession, thirteen by baptism, and a goodly proportion being heads of families. On the next Sabbath thirteen children were presented for baptism. The Sunday-school during the year past has wonderfully increased.

Adams, N. Y .- Meetings have been held in each of the evangelical churches for thirteen weeks with scarcely an omission of a single evening. Also a meeting was held by the wives of impenitent husbands, during a considerable portion of the time, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which hour all the Christian community united with them in prayer. The work resulting in the conversion of over 200 persons, was without excitement, but characterized by stillness, and calm and deep thought. Business was suspended during the hours for prayer, and but one topic engrossed the attention and conversation of the people, in the stores, manufacturing establishments, saloons, and hotels. On the first Sabbath in April, were received sixty-five persons into the church, almost the entire company uniting on "profession of faith." All classes of persons were included in this number, from the man of sixty to the child of eight years. A considerable addition to the church at the next communion is anticipated. The pastor of the church has been presented with a purse of \$650.

Otisville, N. Y.—On a late Sabbath the First members, twenty-four on profession of faith. This was the fruit of a revival which continued during the greater part of the winter. Rev. O. Parker, evangelist, assisted.

Indianapolis, Ind.—At communion the first Sabbath April in Olivet church, fourteen memthree by letter. The Olivet is growing steadily. The Union meetings are well attended and the

interest is increasing
Wakeman, O.—The fourth of April was a day never to be forgotten by this church. The country trade is its speciality. nine adults. About seventy persons, of all ages, stood up and entered into covenant with the church and sat down at the table of the Lord. Eight of this number were received by letter, and the rest on profession. Not less than twenty family altars have been erected within the last three months. At least, one hundred have indulged a hope in Christ.

Cincinnati, O .- On Sabbath, April 5th, fiftyone persons were added to the Third church of Cincinnati, Rev. C. H. Taylor, D.D., pastor. Dr. T. has had charge of this church for about

Ministerial.

Rev. T. J. Aiken .- The Third Presbytery of Philadelphia met according to adjournment at the East Whiteland church on Tuesday, April 27th. The examination of the Rev. Thomas J. Aiken having been sustained, the Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of this brother, and his installation as pastor of the churches of East Whiteland and Reeseville. Rev. Dr. Humphrey presided and put the questions, and made the ordaining prayer. Rev. Dr. Stryker preached the sermon, Rev. Wm. E. Moore charged the pastor and Rev. A. M. Stewart, the former pastor, now connected with the Presbytery of Nevada by invitation, charged the people. The exercises were full of interest. This young brother already has

the hearts of his people.

Washington, D. C.—There was a social gathering April 28, at the house of Dr. Sunderland, of a most interesting character. The ladies so-ciety of the church was present, and made a written report of their work during the winter. By their energy and perseverance, they have succeeded in cancelling the debt on the church, (an aggregate of over three thousand dollars). Before the party separated, Mr. Patch made a most happy speech, and, in behalf of the members and friends of the church in token of their love, presented the doctor with a purse of about four hundred dollars. The doctor was quite overcome, but ridding himself of the knot in his throat, made a capital reply.

Southhold, L. I .- The First church (formerly the pastoral charge of Rev. G. F. Wiswell, D.D., now that of Rev. Epher Whitaker,) established in 1640, has enjoyed the grace of God throughout the winter in more than usual measure. It met in the church edifice, or in the lecture room, every night for eight weeks. At the last celebration of the Lord's Supper, a larger number were persons on Sabbath April 11th, took upon admitted than at any other communion under the themselves the vows of the Christian. The Sab | min stry of a pastor for the last century, and it bath school shared very largely in this work; is supposed that there will be as many more at eleven were young ladies, members of the Bible the next communion. Two years since, the conclass. In these labors, the pastor, Rev. H. T. gregation bought a lot of 11 acres, and erected Ford, was assisted by Rev. C. Collins, Jr., and commodious and attractive buildings for an Rev. R. H. Allen was present with us one even- Academy, near the centre of the village, with a

and Christian morals." This school has been flourishing for more than a year, and largely

of The Evangelist. Battle Creek, Mich - The people have done a very good and necessary work the past season in pastor and elders would remain to communcate the enlargement of the church building, at an expense altogether of about \$20,000. The old one would not seat more than four hundred, the new the North Church, April 11, sixty persons were one has sittings for at least one thousand, besides received, fifty one by confession of faith; all but a basement room under the whole, making a catwo or three were adults; sixteen were baptized; pacious lecture and Sunday school room. The thirty-three were heads of families. There were audience room is beautifully frescoed and well eight whole families. A large number of chil- lighted with five fine chandeliers. The organ dren were brought to the session by their parents, from Boston cost over \$2000. The ladies have been hard laborers in the good work, as they are generally in such an enterprise. The dedication took place April 9th. All of the exercises were given above to about 100. Thirty were received very appropriate and interesting. The house was

Amboy, N. Y.—The church has been largely 22d. A gracious refreshing from on high has been experienced by this church since Mr. Hayt came among them-last November.

Rev. Henry J. Acker, recently of the Presby tery of Hudson, was installed pastor of the church in Pleasant Valley, by the Presbytery of North River on the evening of the 28th. Rev. A. G. Stockwell presided and put the constitutional the pastor, and Rev. Dr Wheeler the charge to the people. Bro. Acker succeeds Rev. B. F. Wile, for nearly forty years pastor of the Pleasant Valley church, and now in the full vigor of F. B. W.

-Rev. Joel Rudderow has resigned the position of Chaplain of the Protestant Episcopal Hospital, in this city.

-A public meeting in behalf of the Midnight Mission was held last Sunday at the church of the Epiphany. A suitable asylum has been secured in the central part of the city, adapted to the work, and on Thursday evening, the 20th of February, 1868, the house, situated at No. 911 Locust street, was thrown open for the reception of fallen women. From the commencement of the work in February last, an aggregate of 450 have been brought under the influence of the Humphreys, Rev. George Bringhurst and Mr. George H. Stuart, H. D. Sherrerd, L. Montgomery Bond, Dr. De F. Willard, Samuel Corey, William A. Farr.

-Workmen are now putting the roof on the new Catholic church of St. Anne, Port Richmond, and it will soon be ready for Divine service. The Catholic church of St. Agatha, in West Phila., is being handsomely frescoed. A fine toned bell has recently been placed in position at this church.

-Mayor Fox, on Thursday, followed a policemon into a tavern on Sixth street, near Race, and church received an addition of twenty-eight relieved him of his star for violating a rule of the department.

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