

ed, that the General Assemblies at their ensuing meetings may safely consummate the union of the two bodies without any further reference to the Presbyteries; and we herewith authorize our General Assembly to consummate the union, in connection with such action as may be taken in the Other Branch, on such terms as in their wisdom may seem best."

The Presbytery of Alton met at Brighton recently. The attendance was large. Nothing new was done on the subject of reunion. The action of last spring remains. The Commissioners to the Assembly are, ministers: G. C. Clark, Jas. W. Stark; Elders: Lewis Potter, David Boaty. Rev. Chester S. Armstrong, of Lansing, Mich., has accepted a call to the First church of Alton, and is expected about the middle of May.

The Presbytery of Fort Wayne met in the Second church of Fort Wayne. One new church was received, and another will be organized at the next meeting of Presbytery. Two churches have enjoyed special revival influence; and all our churches now have the stated preaching of the Word. Rev. H. L. Brown, of Marion, and Elder J. L. Knight of Wabash, were elected Commissioners to General Assembly. Presbytery had already unanimously approved of the basis of reunion sent down by our General Assembly, and now as unanimously approved of the amendments suggested by our members of the Joint Committee. The Stated Clerk says:

"If the Old School will not adopt the amended basis which includes the 'Standards pure and simple,' then they do not really wish reunion, and all negotiations on the subject ought to cease at once. Our ministers and people are all weary of this long-continued suspense."

Knox and Watertown Presbyteries adopt the Basis, and the Committee's modifications, and incorporates the further language of the Committee, viz.: "It being understood, however, that by agreeing to the omissions in question, the Presbytery do not relinquish nor deny the right to all reasonable liberty in the statement of views and the interpretations of the Standards as generally expressed in the First Article as it now stands." Should the above fail, Presbytery consents to a union on the Standards pure and simple.

Washtenaw Presbytery adopted the Basis and Committee's Amendments, but at the same time expressed the conviction that the first step in the negotiations be the repeal of the Excommunicating Act and the "Imperative Rule." It was also thought best that a new Committee be appointed to report to the Assemblies of 1870, and so arrive at a more matured conclusion drawn from a more intimate knowledge of all the facts of the case.

Cedar Rapids Presbytery has adopted the Basis, and after considerable discussion, the Committee's Amendments. Two of the members expressed dissatisfaction with the Tenth Article, doubting whether a union should be attempted upon any terms until greater confidence is manifested on the part of the Old School Church.

The Presbytery of Saginaw was pretty much unanimous for the recommendation of our Committee of Fifteen. Two new members were received, and two new churches (St. Charles and Tanna), making over twenty ministers and nineteen or twenty churches in the body. Revivals were reported as South Saginaw. Seventeen were lately received, and ten baptized. Vassar also reported forty conversions, of whom twelve or so are claimed by the Methodists.—"Ambrose" in The Evangelist.

The Presbytery of Northern Missouri met at New Providence, April 23d. [This church was organized in August, 1834, by Rev. David Nelson, author of "Cause and Cure of Infidelity," who in 1837 was driven out of Missouri by the Slaveocrats. The most of the mob are dead, and not one has ever been known to have become interested in the great salvation. All three of the original elders have always been anti-slavery, and all are now living in churches, the offshoots of this old vine. Two of these elders were present at the meeting. There were present, also, three ministers, students of Dr. Nelson, who joined him after he went to Illinois. The log dwelling in which the Doctor preached and organized the church still remains in good preservation. Two next frame houses of worship have been its successors.] The recommendation of the General Assembly's Reunion Committee was adopted after some discussion, and some discretionary power was given the Commissioners as to voting for union on the basis of the Standards. Mr. R. W. McAfee, a student in Pardee College, Louisiana, Mo., was received as a candidate for the ministry. This is the third candidate Presbytery has under its care. Rev. A. S. Powell was dismissed to Presbytery of Schuyler, Illinois. Additions to the working force of Presbytery are expected on the ground very soon. Rev. John Rendall, of Madura, India, was present, and did much to awaken a missionary spirit in Presbytery and the congregation.

Kansas Presbytery has unanimously adopted the Basis of Reunion and the Committee's Amendments. The Presbytery of Iowa City met in Victor, Iowa, on April 23d, received Mr. Snashall, a licentiate of Cayuga Presbytery, N. Y., and ordained him, together with Mr. Robert Court, previously received from the Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, to preach the Gospel. Mr. Court is stated supply of the church of Malcom; and the latter of the Victor church, and that of Warren township. They are most acceptable to the people as preachers. Presbytery answered the overture of our Assembly again, "in addition to our former action, approving of the recommendation of our Committee of Thirteen; and also instructing our Commissioners to vote for any plan the Assembly may adopt for the reunion of the two Assemblies." The Commissioners to the Assembly are Rev. Abner D. Chapman and Elder Wm. Ballantyne. Presbytery has overruled the Assembly on the necessary enlargement of the plan of church erection, so as to embrace and report yearly all collections now made outside of the New York Committee and custodians of the funds.

The Presbytery of Dakota held its spring meeting at Santee Agency, Nebraska. Rev. S. R. Riggs was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly. As the elders all speak a strange tongue, no "lay Commissioner" was chosen. The Basis of Reunion having been already approved, the amendments of the Committee on Reunion were approved.

The Presbytery of Nevada, represented in the coming Assembly by Rev. A. M. Stewart, is formed by the consolidation of the former Presbyteries of Sierra Nevada and Washoe. It votes for the Basis of 1868, and has had, and will have, in all probability no opportunity to alter its record before the coming Assembly.

Presbytery of San Francisco met at the Howard church, the 14th. Rev. A. H. Sloat was received from the Presbytery of Newark, N. J. A Committee was appointed to draft resolutions respecting the death of Rev. I. H. Brayton. The Presbytery consented to the proposed amendments of the "Basis of Union." Rev. D. McClure asked a dismission to the "Presbytery of the Independent Church of Oakland," which called forth the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of Rev. David McClure for a letter of dismission from this Presbytery to the so-called "Presbyterian Church, located at Oakland," be not granted, and for the following among other reasons—1st. This Presbytery has no official knowledge that there is any Christian Presbyterian Church under that title in this State. 2d. That the organization which is reported to have adopted the name of "Independent Presbyterian Church of Oakland" is in no sense worthy of recognition by us as a Church of Jesus Christ, being made up largely, as we are informed and believe, of persons whose religious views—as set forth by the person who is their acting minister—have been pronounced by the Presbytery of San José, after careful examination, to be opposed to the truth as held by the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Rev. Mr. McClure then declared his renunciation of connection with the Presbytery, and the church represented by it, and asked that his name be stricken from the roll of members of the Presbytery. Action upon this request was deferred to the October meeting.

Ministerial. Rev. Augustus T. Dobson, of the O. S. Presbytery of Long Island, having received and accepted a call from the First church of Chester, Pa., correspondents will please address him at Chester.

Wallace B. Lucas, of the graduating class of Auburn, and a licentiate under care of Cayuga Presbytery, has accepted a call from the church of Meriden, N. Y., and will commence his labors soon after graduating.

Rev. Walter S. Drysdale resigns the pastorate of the church in Cairo, N. Y., by reason of ill health, and removes to Kingston. The people of Cairo speak very highly of his labors.

Rev. M. M. Sherwood, of Patterson, N. J., is unanimously called to the Second church of Elmira.

Mr. Brainard T. Davitt, a licentiate of Seoto Presbytery, was ordained at its last meeting as an evangelist, the church of Frankford having presented a request to that effect.

Rev. H. B. Swift of the Cong. Gen. Association of Iowa is to supply our church in Plymouth, Illinois.

Rev. G. A. Hutchinson, of the O. S. Presbytery of Schuyler is to supply our church in Brooklyn, Ill., for a year, with the consent of our Presbytery.

Rev. A. B. Goodale, late of the "Parsons Seminary" at Cedar Rapids, has taken charge of the First church of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Rev. John J. Owen, D. D., late Professor of Greek in the College of the City of New York, and author of a valuable Commentary on the Gospels and of popular editions of Homer, Xenophon, and Thucydides, died on Sunday, April 18th. He was a graduate of Middlebury College and of Andover Theological Seminary. He preached occasionally, but the labor of his life was that of a teacher and author.

Rev. R. A. Clark, who has been supplying the Cong. church at Osego, and the Pres. church at Unadilla, N. Y., for some time past, has moved to Unadilla, where he is to devote his entire labors.

Rev. Sanford H. Smith has resigned the pastoral charge of the First church in Mendham, N. J.

Rev. Dr. D. D. Stewart of Johnstown, N. Y., is asked to supply the pulpit of the Second church of Indianapolis, for six months. Rev. E. W. Bullard is preaching there at present.

Rev. E. M. Cravath, Secretary of the Western Freedmen's Aid Society, is about removing to Delhi, Ohio, and will supply the pulpit of the church there.

Rev. A. M. Shaws has removed from Watervliet, Mich., and taken charge of the church in Concord, Jackson county, Mich., a pleasant village on the line of the Central Michigan Rail Road.

Rev. F. F. Judd has resigned the pastorate of the church at Hunter, Greene county, N. Y. The congregation have a good parsonage and twenty acres of cultivated land ready for occupancy.

Rev. A. Crocher was installed pastor of the Second church of Coventry, N. Y., on Wednesday, April 21st.

Rev. S. W. Cowles of Gowanda, N. Y., has received an application to supply the Congregational church in Central City, Colorado.

Rev. E. Eyleston has accepted a call to the Congregational church, in Gaines, Orleans county, N. Y.

Rev. G. N. Todd has taken charge of the church in Bridgeville, Del.

Rev. Augustus Marsh was installed pastor of the First Pres. church of Portland, Mich., by the Grand River Valley Presbytery, May the 5th inst. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Theodore D. Marsh of Hastings, brother of the pastor elect. Rev. Louis Mills presided and proposed the constitutional questions, Rev. Geo. Ransom gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. James Walker the charge to the people. Closing prayer by Rev. Justin Marsh, and the benediction by the pastor. The presence of the venerable father and the worthy brother, participating in the exercises, gave them a highly interesting and impressive character. This promising church which owes so much of its growth and prosperity in the midst of severe trials to the faithful and self-denying labors of Bro. Marsh, may well congratulate itself on being able to consummate a relation which it has long desired.

Rev. J. M. Newell has been installed pastor of church in Placerville, Cal.

Rev. A. H. Sloat, till recently pastor of the First church of Virginia, Nev., is supplying the pulpit of the Westminster church of San Francisco, S. B., Secretary.

Rev. J. S. Wylie resigns the pastoral charge of the church in San José, Cal. The edifice is undergoing the thorough repairs rendered necessary by the recent earthquake.

Rev. Dr. Eells of San Francisco, it will be remembered had accepted a call to his old church (the Second of Cleveland), provided his church and Presbytery would consent. As the state of his wife's health calls for the change, his session have reluctantly consented.

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