

Church's Mission Board—has been obliged to leave this congregation, for having assisted at Dr. Wylie's communion on the Sabbath previous. He has joined the First church (Dr. Wylie's).

The so-called "First R. P. church in connection with General Synod," (worshipping in Horticultural Hall), had an accession of twenty at their Spring communion. They are still vacant and waiting for General Synod "to make a case" for them, before proceeding to sue for the property of the First church.

The Second Reformed Presbytery, at its last meeting, received and licensed two students (Samuel and Joseph Moffat), from the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland.

The U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia met in the Second church, May 3d and 4th. A minister of the A. R. P. Church (South) was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. W. S. Owens was received and arrangements made for his ordination and installation in the North U. P. church. May 18th, Mr. T. H. Pollock, having completed his studies at Newburgh, was licensed.

The First U. P. church (Dr. Dale's) had an accession of seventeen members at its Spring communion. This is the oldest of our Psalmsing churches. Its first house of worship, in Thirteenth street near Market, was built by Mrs. Duncan, a Scotch lady, in fulfillment of a vow made while she was apparently about to be killed and eaten by the starving passengers of an emigrant vessel, on its way to our shores, in the earlier part of last century. The Scots' Presbyterian church also owes its origin to the Duncan family.

The U. P. church of Frankford (Rev. Jas. Price's) are finishing a fine new church on a fine site at the corner of Orthodox and Franklin streets, which is to cost \$20,000. The style is early English, the material Frankford stone in rubble work trimmed with granite. The tower is about 72 feet high. The main edifice is 123x42 feet. J. H. Windin, the builder of the Masonic temple, is the architect. The congregation is about 100 strong, and is only \$2,500 in debt so far.

News of Our Churches.

Revivals.

The work of God at Elkton, Md.—The Presbyterian church in this old town had prayed and waited for the refreshing season from the presence of the Lord a long time. They had received drops, but they lingered for the shower. God has not disappointed the prayer of faith. A series of weekly services have been held during the past winter, when the pastor was assisted by several brethren. In most protracted exercises of this character, we have seen more external manifestation of feeling. In this case no other means were used to develop it, than preaching always preceded by a prayer-meeting, and the most thorough pastoral visitation.

The results are now visible in an ingathering of thirty-one members, more than half of which were received on Sabbath, May 3rd, into the communion of the church, the remainder being detained by the severe storm. Probably this church never enjoyed so interesting a communion, nor felt so strong as they do at the present time. They are now, with commendable zeal, raising the funds preparatory to rebuilding their house of worship, which is a great desideratum, as was evinced in their recent protracted meetings. If they should deem it expedient to solicit aid from our city, we hope they will meet a favorable response. Their unsightly edifice prevents their commanding the influence to which the character of the congregation entitles them. It may not be known, that our present Post Master General (Cresswell), is a member of this congregation, and manifests an interest in the pastor, Rev. H. Mathews, and in whatever may promote the prosperity of this church.

E. B. BRUEN.

Marathon, N. Y.—A union protracted meeting here has resulted in a revival. The church under the care of Rev. H. Lyman has received an accession of ten as a part of the fruits. Other churches were blessed. The converts are young people. Nine received baptism.

King's Ferry, N. Y.—May 2d was an eventful day to our church here. The first fruits of the recent revival, (twenty-five) took upon them the vows of God. About two-thirds were heads of families, some of them prominent business men of the place. Eighteen had never received the ordinance of baptism, among them some who had numbered their three-score years and ten.

Ironton, O.—Our church on Sabbath, May 2d, received to its communion thirty-five persons on profession; two by profession were previously received. This is the result of a series of meetings conducted by Dr. Pratt, of Portsmouth, who spent three weeks here.

Huntington, O.—This church, besides the celebration of the Week of Prayer, held a series of union meetings and of special services in cooperation with the Methodists. Special attention was paid to the children of the Sabbath school. As a result, sixty-four have been added to the church, nearly all on profession. Sixty-six hopeful conversions are recorded in the Sabbath-school, including both the superintendents.

Peoria, Ill.—This church, of which Rev. H. C. Hovey recently became pastor, has just received twenty-one persons to membership, the first fruits of a revival. Dr. Duffield of Galesburg rendered timely aid.

Fulton, Ill.—The O. and N. S. churches of this place united a year ago, under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Keigwin, and voted to remain in our connection. On the 11th of April ninety-six were admitted to membership, all but ten on profession, and fifty-four by baptism. Fifty are heads of families and forty-six are young men and maidens. This raised the membership from 80 to 170.

Gilroy, Cal.—This church received fifteen new members to communion April 4th, nine on profession. Twenty-five hundred dollars have been subscribed for a new house of worship.

Churches.

Brooklyn.—The First church of Brooklyn, (Dr. Scaver's) have just contributed for Home Missions, the round sum of \$3,850.

Mt. Etna, Ind.—A church, consisting of twelve members, was organized here, in Huntington county, Ind., on April 24th, by a Committee from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne.

Milford Church, Del. has received 32 by profession and 14 by letter since last September, when Mr. Mallory took charge. Two of the young men converted last winter have made up their minds to prepare for the ministry. The ladies by a festival paid off debts in all nearly \$400. On the 12th the people celebrated the tenth anniversary of Mr. Mallory's wedding by taking possession of the house and filling it with gifts of the most appropriate and substantial character; not merely tin, wood, willow, glass and iron ware of all sorts, but silver ware, provision, clothing, a quilt made by the oldest member of the congregation, something for the pocket, called "Tin" by accommodation, and presents for the children. The recipient assures his people that he cherishes very tender feeling for them, which are shared by his wife and children.

The Second church of *Elmira*, and that at *Havana*, are still without pastors. *Tyrene* and *Sugar Hill* churches are in the same condition, or will be at the end of April—Rev. Mr. Russell removing to Andover, N. Y.

Ministerial.

The West Church of Wilmington, Del., have unanimously called Rev. Geo. H. Smyth of Washington, D. C., to be their pastor.

The Rev. *Robert Aikman* of Elizabeth, N. J., who has been supplying the church at Madison during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mandell, since resigned, owing to continued ill-health, has received and accepted a call to become their pastor.

Detroit, Mich.—Rev. Arthur T. Pierson was installed pastor of the Fort St. Church in Detroit, on the 5th inst. Rev. Jas. Quirk, of the mission at Panditerio, Ceylon, presided and asked the constitutional questions; other parts by Rev. Jas. Shaw, D. D., Wm. A. McCorkle, and Rev. Wm. Hogarth, D. D.

Rev. *Prof. I. H. Brayton*, ex-Principal of the College School in Oakland, Cal., died in Nevada City, Cal., April 12th, of pulmonary consumption. He was a native of Watertown, N. Y., and a graduate of Hamilton and Auburn. He went to California around Cape Horn in 1851-2, to become pastor of our church in San José, and afterwards removed to our church in Marysville. After a visit to the East he became Editor of *The Pacific* in 1856, and for a time supplied the pulpit of the First Congregational church in San Francisco.

Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Pittsburgh held a *pro nata* meeting this week in the pastor's study at Third church, beginning on Monday afternoon. The business transacted was (1.) The reception of the Free church of Lowellville, Mahoning Co., under the care and jurisdiction of Presbytery. (2.) The reception of Rev. J. E. Hill, stated supply of our new church at Hopewell, Pa., from the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the R. P. Church. Mr. Hill extends his labors to Lowellville also. (3.) The reception of licentiates A. B. Riggs and M. B. Reed from the Presbytery of Cayuga. (4.) The reception of Rev. H. C. Cooper from the Presbytery of Logansport, Ind.

The new Presbytery of South Carolina was organized at Columbia, May 11th, by Rev. E. J. Adams, formerly of Lombard St. church in this city, S. McKinney and Thomas Thompson. Mr. A. D. Francisco, licentiate of the New York Third, was examined and ordained May 12th. Rev. J. Douglas Robertson was received from the Presbytery of Newark, N. J. It was resolved that Presbytery be connected with the Synod of New York and New Jersey. Rev. S. McKinney was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly. Rev. T. Thompson was appointed a Committee to draw up resolutions with regard to ministerial qualifications for laborers in the South. Resolved, That this Presbytery consider it injurious to the cause of Christ to lower the standard of ministerial qualifications for laborers in the South. Resolved, That the church at Jackson Creek be received under the care of Presbytery. Resolved, That this Presbytery approve of the Re-union of the Old and New School churches on the standards pure and simple, or if this is not practicable upon the basis of the Joint Committee.

The Presbytery of Madison, Ind., approving the overture of the General Assembly in reference to Reunion, also approved of the General Assemblies consummating the union on the Standards if in the wisdom of the two assemblies this union should be thus effected. Commissioners, Rev. M. J. Drinnan, of Madison, Elder J. V. Vance, M. D., of Lawrenceburg.

Marshall Presbytery has adopted the Assemblies' Basis and Committee's Amendments. Lake Superior Presbytery adopted the Basis, and by correspondence with the Stated Clerk, the members signified their approval of the Committee's Amendments. Keokuk Presbytery adopts the Basis of the Assemblies, expressing a preference for a "reunion upon the simple Standards of the Presbyterian Church, as held in common before the disruption."

Chariton Presbytery reaffirmed its former convictions that a union of these branches should be consummated, if not on the Basis of the Joint-Committee, then on the "standards pure and simple," or on any scriptural, equal, and honorable terms; and so we instruct our commissioners to give their influence in this matter at the next meeting of our General Assembly.

Rev. John Fisher and Elder R. M. Evans were chosen commissioners.

The Presbytery of Smoky Hill.—Pursuant to an order of the Synod of Missouri, Presbytery met at Emporia, April 9th, and adopted the Basis overtured by the two Assemblies. Rev. Geo. F. Chapin from Presbytery of Kansas; Rev. Wilberforce K. Boggs from Presbytery of Iowa City; and Rev. I. T. Whittemore from Presbytery of Schuyler, were received. The church at Wamego, organized by Rev. T. Hill, Feb. 6th, was received under care of Presbytery. This Presbytery, conjointly with that of Kansas and Humboldt, overtured General Assembly, requesting that a new Synod be erected, embracing the three just named, to be called the Synod of Kansas.

San Jose has elected Rev. W. W. Brier Commissioner to the General Assembly.

Lane Seminary held its thirty-third anniversary May 12th and 13th. Rev. J. P. E. Kummer of Evansville, Ind., preached the Annual Sermon. After the addresses of the graduating class, the valedictory was delivered by Professor Evans. Rev. F. A. Noble of Pittsburg, addressed the Society of Inquiry. Union Seminary graduated 38 Students.

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