

News of Our Churches.

Ministerial.—Rev. C. E. Lindsley, of the Fourth Presbytery of New York, may be addressed at New Rochelle, N. Y.

—Rev. F. R. Gallagher, D.D., pastor of the church at Hillsdale, Mich., is dead. He was a son of the celebrated evangelist, Rev. James Gallagher, and was an unusually able preacher and a popular and successful pastor.

—Rev. G. D. Parker has removed from Edinburg, Ind., and become acting pastor of the Upper Indiana Church (O. S.), four miles north-east of Vincennes.

—Rev. R. A. Sawyer, of Dayton, is spending six weeks of midsummer, with his family, on Long Island Sound, at Branford, New Haven Co., Conn., and will supply the pulpit of Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs in Brooklyn, N. Y., preaching there to the three churches on the Heights united.

—Rev. Chas. A. Baldwin (who has accepted a call from the church of Johnson, N. Y.), was on Thursday week, at a reception given by the ladies of the Second church of Peekskill, at the residence of Wm. Amos, Esq., presented with a gold watch valued at \$200, and a \$100 bill enclosed therein.

—Rev. Dr. Poor, of Newark, N. J., has accepted by telegraph the call to the First Presbyterian church of Oakland, and we presume, will soon be at work in his new field. Dr. Poor has been a successful pastor; he is a strong man, and will be an important accession to the ministerial ranks on this coast.—The Pacific.

Churches.

—The new house of worship erected by the church of Gibson, Pa., was dedicated to the worship of God on the 7th of July. The building is commodious and pleasant, an ornament to the town, and a credit to those who have labored hard to erect it. It is carpeted and cushioned, and furnished with a fine-toned Meneely bell, and free of all debt.

A Quincy, Ill., correspondent of The Herald writes: "Two weeks ago last Sabbath the Presbyterian church at Reading, to which Rev. G. B. Barnes ministers, received five more on profession of their faith, making forty-two as the fruits of the revival in that village." He adds that among those whose minds were troubled on the mode of baptism, the pastor circulated the admirable work of our beloved Bro. Dimmick, of Omaha, entitled "Anna Clayton," with most happy effect.

—Rev. D. M. Moore writes of his new field in Lawrence, Kas.: "I am very much pleased with this city and country. Our church is prospering. We had seven additions to the church last Sabbath by certificate. We expect that our church and the O. S. will unite after the meeting of the General Assemblies in the fall. I have been called to the pastorate of this church, but will not accept until the union matter is decided, I now think."

—The temporary house of worship of Green Point, N. Y., church is completed, and was opened on Sunday last, July 18th.

—The new sanctuary of the church at Gilroy, Cal., (Rev. Mr. McLaughlin pastor,) has been enclosed and the lathing finished this week. The contract without the pews and interior finish will be about \$5,000, of which, about \$3,000 has been subscribed. The great importance and steady growth of this field justifies the noble effort being made; and entitles this devoted congregation and pastor to the material sympathy of the Church.—The Occident.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, in Philadelphia, June 25th, Mrs. Elizabeth C. K. Latimer, widow of John R. Latimer, late of Wilmington, Delaware.

To how many ministers of our church scattered through the length and breadth of our land, will this recall the hospitable mansion, the genial pleasant home so long presided over by her, who has now passed to purer climes and rejoined loved ones gone before.

Especially will the delegates to our Assembly, when it met in Wilmington a few years since, remember the hours spent so delightfully in the society of the generous couple, who, having been the main spring and pillars of the Central church enterprise, the chief supporters of all its schemes of benevolence, gave all their energies to make this meeting the social success, which it was.

Wealthy and liberal, no worthy cause ever pled in vain at their hands—whilst so quiet and unostentatious was their charity that few knew its extent.

Nor was Mrs. Latimer's usefulness lessened when, after her husband's death, four years and a half ago, she returned to her early home in Philadelphia and to the old seat in the First church, with which she had always retained her connection.

Greatly will the missionary boxes of that church miss her liberal hand—and many a western minister's home could testify to the comforts procured through her means.

As a manager of the Widow's Asylum, Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and

Old Man's Home, and as a contributor to many similar objects, her activity and interest were unflagging so long as health permitted.

For many months past she has been a patient sufferer—now, released from pain, she has gone to be with the Master whom she so long had served.

Affectionate, frank, and earnest in all her friendships, her loss will long be mourned, whilst many in the great day will rise up to call her blessed.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

HARVARD COLLEGE.—The Class Day was observed with no unusual features. At the "spreads" afterwards the friends of the students were entertained on a scale indicated by one item—2,000 boxes of strawberries. There was less rudeness than usual in some of the scenes which followed. The ivy was planted [which, of course, will die, as all ivy planted in our American midsummer must.] The dancing began at four o'clock. In the evening Dr. Peabody gave the usual reception as acting President. Commencement Day opened, June 29th, with the meeting of the Phi. B. K. Society. Prof. Lowell was elected President.

The procession formed in Gore Hall, and marched to the First church, headed by a band of music. After the speeches and conferring of degrees, the following honorary degrees were conferred: LL.D.—Wm. Claflin, Governor of the State; John Gorham Palfrey of Cambridge. A.M.—John Knowles Paine of Cambridge, Algonon Coolidge of Boston.

The alumni dinner began at two P. M. Dr. Peabody said that the Faculty had allowed the students to govern themselves, and said that never when he had apprehended trouble or disturbance had he appealed to the students themselves without that appeal being triumphantly successful. The best speech was made by Mr. Jos. H. Choate, of New York, who said that of the 6,000 alumni, not one approved of banishment of the classics from education. Prof. Lowell read a humorous poem in which the following allusions to the Ex-Minister to England occur:

"Yet how repress a patriotic thrill? E. J. half squared our Alabama bill. Yes, if John Bull is sometimes hard to bear, I rather call it a wed him there." Thoughtless he cried, "Speak, speak, thou fearful guest, Raro deservit—you recall the rest: Johnson the first with words two folios filled, which at one swash his mightier namesake split."

Like Samson, with one jaw of scriptural sort, He made Matt. Arnold's Philistines his sport. Not the broad ocean hindered limping fate, And all their dinners he made desolate. Ah, let us own, before such facts as these, There are set-offs in moral damages.

"But I have wandered to volcanic ground, Where the hot soil heaves with an ominous sound. Thou jessing piper, get thee somewhere else! Here is no place to shake your cap and bells. Down, awful shape of that unholly strife, That desperate wreath on the sea for life. Wee worth the hour of madness that devotes Freedom's twin champions to each other's throats."

O matris pulchre, filia pulchrior, Put if you will, but sulk not fito war! Had Adams stayed, this danger had not been. This less than kindness of two more than kin, He never wandered in the flowery way. That tempts to say the most where least's to say.

No word misspent, no reasoning out of joint, Justus et tenax, grappling to his point. Large of discourse, where wisdom might be large. Penurious where loose speech might harm his charge.

He served and suffered, but he won at last; Praised by the brave, athletes he had cast. Third of his stalwart race, to him is due. No smaller debt than to the other two; Behold, they brighten from the canvas dim To feel their praise renewed in praise of him."

City Bulletin.

—The new church building belonging to the First church of old Northern Liberties, being erected at the northeast corner of Franklin and Thompson sts., is progressing rapidly, a portion of the stone work of the sides and front of the building having been laid. This building will also be under roof, it is expected, by cold weather.

The congregation now worship in their old building on Coates street, below Fourth, and will continue to do so until the completion of the new building, after which the old structure will be occupied by a German congregation who have purchased it.

—Philadelphia is to have a bigger Musical Jubilee than Boston has had. It is proposed to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, on the Fourth of July, 1876, by a gigantic musical festival, in a building especially erected in Fairmount Park, capable of accommodating 100,000 spectators and 12,000 performers. Success to it!"

So a New York exchange says, but very little more is known of the matter here, than that two Germans (little known to our people) propose to have one, and that an irresponsible daily says, "Amen." We will have a big celebration in 1876, but we are not so slow that we need seven years to get ready.

—The entire tract known five years ago as Camac's Woods, Philadelphia, is now almost covered with brick dwell-

ings. When the war began, the place was a camp ground for Colonel Stanton's regiment. The mansion house was afterward a hospital for invalid officers. The year before the war an aeronaut rented the site as a place for sending up, three thousand feet into the air, an anchored balloon. All this is now done away with. Camac's Woods are woods no more.

—The new synagogue of the congregation, "Nevoh Shammuel," was instituted on Saturday morning, in Second street, above Callowhill. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gutman. At present the congregation will worship in the upper story of the building, No. 459 North Second street.

—Extensive improvements are contemplated in the Sixth church (O. S.), Spruce street, below Sixth. The congregation has for a number of years been under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Harbaugh. The church is one of the oldest in the city, the pulpit having been successively occupied previous to the present pastor by Rev. Dr. Alexander, Rev. Dr. Neill, Rev. John Kennedy, Rev. Samuel G. Winchester, Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Jones.

—The new building of the Mercantile Library Company, in Tenth street (formerly used as a market house), has a front of 80 feet and a depth of 301 feet, giving a surface of 24,080. The main library room is 75 by 117 feet, with an area of 9,000 square feet. There are two large reading rooms, one for the use of ladies, and the other for gentlemen, just in the rear of this chief room—not separated from it by partitions, however, but by simple iron railings, the partition stretching away between them. Each of them is 37 by 70 feet. Matting is on their floors, and they are amply provided with chairs and reading desks. Upon the second floor are located the Chess and Newspaper rooms, the former being 31 by 65 feet in size, the latter 68 by 71 feet. A skylight tops them. The first floor also contains toilet rooms, 8 by 14 feet; a ladies' parlor, 13 by 34 feet; a writing and business room; a gentlemen's conversation room; a work room, 17 by 31 feet; a committee room, 11 by 21 feet; a Board room, 19 by 31 feet, and a lecture room, 31 by 60 feet. The vestibule and various halls are wide and noble. At either angle of the building upon the Tenth street front, is placed a dwelling, one to serve as a residence for the Librarian, the other for the Janitor. In the centre of the main library room the desk for changing books is stationed, oval in form, large and convenient. From this the cases for holding the books radiate. A window of stained glass pierces the rear wall. Ventilation is abundant. The library now contains nearly 52,000 volumes, and during 1868, the number of volumes loaned was 135,018. The membership last year (the fifty-seventh since organization) numbered 6,377. The total receipts of the library amounted to \$26,896.

—The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new synagogue, intended for the German Hebrew congregation, "Rodef Scholem," took place as announced, at the Southeast corner of Broad and Mount Vernon streets. The proceedings were commenced by the choir singing a hymn, at the close of which, the invocation was made by Rev. G. Jacobs. A sermon in English was then delivered by Rev. Dr. M. Jastow, and a discourse was also delivered in German by Rev. D. S. Hirsch. The cornerstone was then laid, at the northeast corner of the foundation, by the President of the congregation, Joseph Einstein. It contained among other things, a copy of the Holy Bible, translated by the late Rev. Isaac Leeser, and a volume of The Occident.

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The arch over the recess for the shrine and organ gallery, and recess for the fruit vestibule, will be of stone. The carpenter work will be of the most substantial character and finish. The building is to be finished by the 1st of August, 1870, and will cost about \$150,000.

THE CHENEY TRIAL.

The trial of Rev. Mr. Cheney of Chicago for omitting the word "regenerate" in the use of the Baptismal Service, opened with the presentation of a series of technical exceptions to the jurisdiction, &c., of the Court, on the part of the defendant's counsel.

The Court adjourned for a day, holding these in advisement, and when it assembled again the President announced that they had been over-ruled.

Mr. Fulton, one of Mr. Cheney's counsel, then arose and said, we have up to this time presented such objections as we had to the jurisdiction, and to the various papers that have been laid before you, and to the court of which you are the presiding officer, until we have reached a point at which we shall go no fur-

ther. I have applied to the Superior Court of Chicago for an injunction, which has been granted, against all further proceedings in the case. We have determined that if our client was smitten, it shall not be contrary to the law, and we have been compelled to pursue this course. The sheriff of Cook county who is present will please report the gentlemen whom he will find named in the writ.

The sheriff then proceeded to serve the writ, in due form, his entrance being greeted with loud and continued applause by the audience, thus giving unmistakable evidence of the sympathies of a large majority. As soon as he could be heard, the President demanded order, and said if such demonstrations should again occur he would order the house to be cleared. The court then retired for consultation, and on returning, announced an adjournment until 2 P. M. next day.

A later telegram announces that Bishop Whitehouse has postponed the trial.

MEETING FOR UNION.

The Committees reappointed by the General Assemblies, Old School, New School, and United Presbyterians, in pursuance of a resolution, adopted on the 18th of April last, "to meet at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the first Wednesday of August, A. D., 1869, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to take into consideration such further questions, &c.," are hereby notified that this meeting will be convened in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian church, of said city, at the time specified. ALEXANDER T. M'GILL, Secretary.

The Hon. Philo Carpenter, of Chicago, Ill., has authorized the Western Tract and Book Society, Cincinnati, O., to send, at his cost, 1,000 copies of President Finney's new work on Masonry, FREE, to as many ministers of the gospel, on their remitting to said Society the postage (20 cents), with their address. The price of the volume is \$1. Papers friendly to giving light on this subject will please copy.

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