

News of Our Churches.

Rev. George Duffield has resigned the charge of Galesburg church, Illinois, and is engaged upon a life of his venerated father.

Whereas, Rev. George Duffield has seen fit after mature deliberation to tender his resignation as pastor of this church, and

Whereas, The church and society with whom for four years he has been associated have finally concluded, after prayerful consideration, to accept his resignation, so far as we understand for substantially the same reasons as those which have induced him to offer it, and to unite with him in asking for a dissolution of the connection between us, therefore

Resolved, In view of the severance of the relation of pastor and people which has so long subsisted between us, and which we seriously believe has been greatly blessed to the good of the Church and our common Master, and to the conversion of many in our midst, and to the spiritual growth and edification of individual members of the Church, and to the cementing of a spirit of fraternal union among Christians of other denominations in this place; that we part with him with reluctance and regret, and we hereby express to him an unabated confidence and love, and our admiration of his magnanimous, unselfish, and kindly Christian course and bearing among us as a tenderly loved pastor and Christian minister.

The Presbytery of Milwaukee met in stated meeting in the Calvary church of that city on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Rev. C. Stevens was chosen Moderator. The meeting was unusually full and interesting. Reports were received from all the churches, from which it appears that there has been a steady progress. Every church but one has been supplied with the stated ministrations of the Gospel. One German church in Milwaukee has been organized, as the result of a mission established in that city a few months since, under the charge of Rev. William Ellers. This mission meets a want that has been long and deeply felt.

Rev. Jacob Post, D.D., presented a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York, and was received as a member of Presbytery.

Rev. Edward Graham was received by letter from the Presbytery of Guelph, C. W.

On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Presbytery took up the subject of "Basis of Reunion," referred to them by the late Assembly. After a deeply interesting interloutory conference of members from the two branches of the Church present and others, prayer was offered by Dr. Candee, Rev. Mr. Elliott, and Rev. Dr. Burns, of Chicago, after which the vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous approval of the Basis, when Presbytery and the congregation united in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Wednesday evening Presbytery installed Rev. Mr. Graham over the Calvary church. A large congregation was held for nearly an hour in almost breathless stillness under a sermon by Rev. Dr. Burns, of Chicago. Rev. Dr. Buchanan, of the North Church, gave a very impressive and able charge to the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Eddy, of the First church, gave the charge to the people. On Thursday evening Presbytery closed a session of unusual interest by installing Rev. Jacob Post, D.D., over the First Holland church of that city. Rev. Dr. Buchanan preached the sermon, Rev. Mr. Eddy gave charge to the pastor, and Rev. C. B. Stevens, of Manitowoc, the charge to the church. The services throughout were able and interesting. Both of these brethren have entered upon fields of much promise. G. W. ELLIOTT, S. G.

Death of John C. Clark, of Delaware. This well known and faithful elder of St. George's church, the upright citizen, the diligent and successful farmer, the friend of every good enterprise, and the consistent Christian whose memory will be fragrant for years to come, died suddenly in his 71st year, at his residence, on Thursday night, July 28th. Almost his last act was to give to the erection of a Church, and his last words in reply to an expression of anxiety by a member of his family at being alone, when his final sufferings came on, were: "No, my dear; we are not alone, God is with us."

Freedmen's Agent—The Rev. Walter R. Long, for some years a very efficient agent of the New York Freedmen's Commission, has been appointed, by the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions, an Agent for their Freedmen's Department to present the cause and solicit contributions in the State of New York, outside of New York and New Jersey. He will be glad to co-operate with the pastors of the churches of this section in this work. He may be addressed at No. 126 State St., Albany, N. Y.

City Bulletin.

Heron Church, Frankford, Rev. J. Ford Sutton pastor, gives encouraging signs of progress. Its edifice, erected mainly by the widow and heirs of the lamented Baldwin, in fulfillment of his benevolent intentions, is one of the best built and inviting, externally and internally, of any. An air of marked neatness pervades all the arrangements. The material is the gneiss on which our city stands; the style, mixed Roman and Gothic; dimensions, 42x50 feet; the interior finish is pure white; the pews are in imitation of oak, with crimson upholstery. There is an organ gallery with a good instrument, and a room beneath for infant school and Library. The main apartment is used for a Sunday school as well as for preaching. The congregations are encouraging in size and intelligence. They join heartily in the singing. There is also a good Sunday-school, with 150 members, of which the pastor is superintendent. None are more interested in Church and Sunday-school than Mrs. Baldwin. The location of the Church is in every way good, and it is an enterprise called for by the spiritual wants of this large and growing population. Mr. Sutton is absent during the current month, but services are well sustained, morning and night.

Old Pine Street church, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Allen, keeps up two Sabbath services, the old Sunday night prayer meeting, of course, being one. This, and long has been, a prominent feature of the services of the Church, and is supported with undiminished interest by the young people. The hot summer months do not greatly lessen the attendance nor deprive it of its life and power. An occasional letter from the absent pastor gives it additional interest.

Rev. Charles Knox, of Bloomfield, N. J. is supplying the pulpit of the First Church. The two congregations of the First and Clinton St. churches unite in the services.

Hon. G. D. Coleman, a member of our State Senate from Lebanon County, has presented a lot of ground at the corner of Front and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, (where stands the mansion in which he was born), to the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, for the erection of a substantial edifice, as a home for sailors and seamen. The society are trying to raise \$20,000 for the purpose.

Two zealous young men under the direction, and by the advice, of an earnest layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, have opened a mission school in South Darby, near the extreme South-western portion of our city. They began their work on Monday, July 13th and by Friday they had visited all the houses South and East of the old Chester Road. Here they met with many families belonging to the Society of Friends. All of these, with the exception of two or three, refused tracts. The Roman Catholics gave them a similar reception. The last named sect have established a convent a short distance South of old Chester Road, and not far distant from Darby (town.) There is a school attached, where many Protestant children are sent to be educated, and who are forbidden by the managers of the institution to attend their respective churches on Sundays. In this section the Protestants are in a respectable majority. Thus far these Home Missionaries have been very successful.

Rev. A. B. Atkins preached his last sermon in Christ church, Germantown, July 24th. Mr. Atkins has been

rector here for fifteen years, and has seen the parish grow and flourish under the mutual efforts of himself and of a band of zealous and devoted Christian laymen. He leaves it now in a state of high and established prosperity, and bears away with him the esteem and affection of the people, nor have appropriate tokens of their regard been wanting or withheld.

We learn from The Proof Sheet that the terms on which Dr. Rush left his estate to the Philadelphia Library Company are not such as to make it desirable for the Company to accept the bequest. The conditions laid down in the codicils to Dr. Rush's will are such that the strict compliance with them would merge the old library in the new branch, while the original will was not so worded.

The city will not lose by the refusal of the Company to accept the bequest as Mr. Henry J. Williams, (the executor) is authorized to erect a separate library if he should see fit. Dr. Rush gave him verbal directions to erect it on the lot at Broad and Christian Sts. (300x527 feet, on which part of the purchase money had been paid before his death. It is not to be expected that the Philadelphia Library, rich in old literature beyond any in the country and with a history reaching back almost to the days of Penn. will hand over its treasures, and sink its identity to erect a monument to Dr. Rush's family.

A gentleman has offered a site for the new University buildings at Olney, near the northern boundary of the city. This, however, is too far away from the centre, as our University relies largely, if not mainly, on the patronage of parents who prefer to have their sons reside at home while attending on college. A site on North Broad street would (it seems to us) answer best, or—as the Schuylkill will in twenty years run through the centre of the city—one in West Philadelphia.

The spire of St. Clement's church, Twentieth and Cherry streets, is ordered by the proper municipal authorities to be taken down. It seems to have been built in a very slovenly and unworkmanlike manner, huge cracks appearing in its walls. An attempt was made to repair it, but proved too perilous to the masons to be prosecuted. We hope that the original contractors will have to pay the expense.

The Rev. O. Schroeder, who came to this country from Germany only a few months ago, has taken charge of the small St. "Johannis" church, belonging to the Missouri Lutheran Synod, located on Carpenter street, below Fifth, Philadelphia. The pastor was recently installed in his office by the Rev. Mr. Steurken, who came for this purpose all the way from St. Louis. None of the Philadelphia ministers, of either wing of the Church, English or German, were present at the installation—most likely for the want of an invitation. The exclusivism of the Missourians, it will be seen even in Philadelphia, is most rigid.

Dr. Thos. M. Cunningham having announced his decided purpose to accept the call to the First church of San Francisco, the Alexander congregation have reluctantly acceded to his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, and voted to raise \$1,000, as a parting token of their regard for him.

The North American claims that Philadelphia stands foremost among the American cities, in the proportion of American vessels and tonnage engaged in the foreign trade. This arises from the large number of smaller vessels, brigs and schooners, engaged in short foreign voyages. All the increase of foreign steamers at New York has not destroyed this supremacy. Philadelphia holds her own firmly, and her foreign trade is as brisk as ever.

If the figures of the North American are correct, our commerce is fast rallying from this war depression. In four years since the close of the war, our foreign commerce has in tonnage 2,724,423.24 tons; and by the end of this year it is confidently anticipated, that we should have fully recovered all that was lost, and be again ahead of all nations in our mercantile marine. It is now 5,724,766.15 tons.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

A gentleman, who has recently visited Ceylon, gives the following description of the oldest living missionary of the American Board: "The Rev. Dr. Spaulding is still at his work, though now seventy-six years of age. He spends two days in a week with a Bible Revision Committee, working from morning till night, and not unfrequently attends a moonlight evening meeting, preaching an hour after a day's work. I drove out with him, on one of these evenings, ten miles. We held meetings in two places, returning for our tea at ten o'clock; and, after a good night's sleep, he was not the worse for work the next day. He looks older than in 1853, but retains his vigor wonderfully. Mrs. Spaulding, though now seventy-two years of age, has her class of girls on the house verandah, as in younger days. Dr. Spaulding went to Ceylon in 1819. Forty-nine years of work in the ministry is as much as most men enjoy in a cooler climate."

The following curious story is told by a writer in the Calcutta Christian Intelligencer: "A Chinese of some influence had a sick son. He made costly offerings to a certain god with a view to

his child's recovery. But all was in vain—the child died. Hereupon the father filed a bill in court, charging the god with a breach of contract. The case was duly tried. This idol was brought into court. The father pleaded that he had done every thing that the ritual required of him in order to propitiate the deity; but, through some strange perversity or inability, the god had failed to perform his part of the contract. The god had no way of rebutting the evidence. Judgment was accordingly given against him, and he was forthwith expelled the province!"

A certain Mollah recently preached before the Sultan, during the Ramadan, against the iron clads as the work of "Ghousurs," and unauthorized in the Koran. The man was allowed to expend himself; but the next day a firman ordered him off to Broussa, for the benefit of his health, and his successor has discreetly held his peace.

Rev. Dr. S. K. Brown, a missionary for many years of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in Japan, and Rev. G. F. Verbeck, an American missionary also, have been appointed Masters of two schools which the government of Japan have determined to establish for the education of the ruling class of that important people. These schools will be located at Yeddo and Niigata, and as the two brethren appointed have accepted, and will immediately set themselves to the work, there can be no doubt of the most important results.

The thirty-eight converts and their associates, at Beita, West Africa, the fruit of six years' toil by missionaries of the O. S. Board, have commenced with much enthusiasm, the work of church erection, by their own efforts.

Progress is constantly being made in the South American Republics, in the direction of religious liberty. A Presbyterian church was dedicated in Bogota, by American O. S. Missionaries, March 28th, and crowds attended, including the Governor of the State, a member of the Supreme Court Congressmen, etc., The Roman Catholic Vicar-General has been constrained to come out in open condemnation of the violent and threatening publications against the Protestants, and to proclaim that the weapons of the Church "are found within the limits of Gospel charity, and that in order to ward off anti-Catholic doctrines she employs only truth and kindness and persuasion."

A dispatch from Valparaiso, dated July 3d, says of Chili: "The law passed by the last Congress by which tolerance of other religions was allowed in the republic, has begun already to show its effects. The law, strictly speaking, does not recognize religious liberty, but comes so near to it that it might very well be designated a distinction without a difference. We have already a Protestant church and a Lutheran one in Valparaiso. And during the past week a Protestant church has been opened and Divine service celebrated in Santiago. Large numbers of highly respectable Chilians of both sexes attended the opening ceremonies. They were well pleased, so much so that they several times applauded the Rev. Mr. Trumbull in his sermon."

The Board of Foreign Missions of the other branch disbursed for various administrative objects, viz:—Two secretaries, one treasurer, two clerks, for postage, fuel, taxes, insurance and care of the Mission House, for library, binding, stationery, &c, the sum of \$12,844. That is, out of the \$338,390 received during the year, the sum of \$325,546 were employed for evangelistic purposes; or out of every dollar contributed for missions, 34 cents covered the whole administrative work of the Board. The total for all the objects specified, including the salaries of officers and clerks, is not as much as some of the companies and institutions of the country pay to a single executive officer, and not as much as it costs to meet the expenses of some one of our churches in the city of New York.

For many years after the English had seized the territory of the Cape of Good Hope, the natives, especially the athletic and intelligent Caffres, made vain endeavors to recover their lands. Millions of pounds sterling were expended, and some thousands of lives of British subjects lost, in exterminating war upon these patriot savages. But no peace, no security, no diminution of expense, and loss of life, was secured.

About 1853, Sir George Grey, then British Governor of the colony, adopted a new policy. He issued a government proposal to expend \$150,000 a year, for the support of Christian Commissioners among these unconquered tribes, provided that the various Missionary Societies would expend on Missions among them an equal sum. For many years fifty-fold that expense had been incurred in slaying the Caffres and ravaging their country. Sir George rightly judged that the introduction of the Gospel would be a cheap process, both as to life and money; and, much more, an effectual tranquilizer, such as years of war had failed to be. The proposal of Sir George was not fully adopted; but Missions were established, and have wrought a huge change.

The Pope has enlisted the Paris doctors in the great enterprise of converting the world to Ultra-Montanism, by main force. That is, he has ordered one of his ministers to address a circular to the members of the medical profession of Paris, enjoining them to refuse attendance to patients who are dan-

gerously ill and who have not confessed within three days of their first visit. This charitable epistle has actually been dispatched.

A very interesting and quite remarkable scene was witnessed in the South Church, on a late Sunday, when the venerable Rev. Dr. Brown Emerson, now in the 92d year of his age and the 65th of his ministry, his two sons, Rev. Dr. Daniel H. Emerson of Philadelphia, and Rev. Edward B. Emerson, of Stratford Conn., and the junior Pastor, Rev. Edward I. Atwood, stood up together in the pulpit to unite in the singing. The services were conducted by the three younger clergymen.

Some eight or ten of the aged pastors' now widely scattered family were also among the congregation, having casually met in a summer visit to the old homestead—Salem Register.

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OBITUARIES.

OGDEN—July 6th, 1869, Charles Mallery Ogden, infant son of James and Eliza Ogden, and grandson of Clara and the late Daniel Mallery.

City Evangelization.—The 23rd Union Meeting in behalf of the Philadelphia Tract and Missions Society will be held in the Methodist Church, Chestnut Hill, on Sabbath evening, August 8th, at 8 o'clock. Rev. A. Manship, Rev. R. Owens, and L. H. S. Bremer will address the meeting. Public invited. JOS. H. SCHNEIDER, General Agent.

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