MR. FRANCIS McBRIDE.

Mr. Francis McBride, one of the publishers of our paper, has entered into rest in his twenty fourth year, dying of consumption at Prairie du Chien, Tuesday, Aug. 3, while on his way home from Minnesota. The deceased was a brother of the late Rev. Matthew McBride, a former Editor of THE BANNER OF THE COVENANT, and it was mainly through the influence exerted by that sincere and valued Christian brother when on his death-bed, that Mr. M. was brought to cast his lot with the Church of God. By a consistent walk and profession, and his many excellencies of character, he had endeared himself to a wide circle of business and social acquaintance. He was on the point of starting for Minnesota in July, 1868, when the startlingly sudden death of his brother-in-law and partner, Jas. B. Rodgers, compelled him to remain. When at last (about two months ago) he did reach that more favored climate, it was found that his health had sunk too low to admit of his recovery. By the force of a strong will, and the aid of a naturally cheerful and hopeful disposition, he buoyed himself up for a time, and then started to return, wishing to die at home, and among his friends, but only lived to reach Prairie du Chien, where he died at the R. R. hotel. His last hours were made as easy as the loving care of mother and sister could render them, and among his last uttered requests was the wish that his mother would read him that grand promise "to the angel of the church in Philadelphia," Rev. iii. 12.

His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large company of friends, including six ministers of the Gospel, on Saturday afternoon, the eclipse just beginning at the close of this funeral of one whose "sun had gone down at noon."

MRS. LATIMER AND THE SOLDIERS.

The death of Mrs. Latimer, published in your paper of the 29th ult, has recalled many memories of her generous consideration for our soldiers during the war.

A letter to the Rev. Thomas Brainerd, during one of the floral and Strawberry Festivals held at the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon, for the benefit of the Soldiers, conveyed a generous donation for this object, together with others herein specified by her letter:

"To the Hospital department of the Washington street Refreshment Saloon, $100; to the Cooper's Shop hospital department, $100; Ladies Aid Society, $100; South street Hospital, $50; Christian street Hospital, $50.

"I wish you to say nothing about this to any one, as it is sufficient for them to receive the money without knowing through whose instrumentality.

"I feel that we cannot do too much for our sick and wounded Soldiers; and until this wicked rebellion is ended, I hope to have health and strength to still labor in the good cause.

"Yours obligod friend,

"C. LATIMER.

"June 11, 1862."

News of Our Churches.

Ministerial.—Rev. P. D. Cowan of the last class in Union Seminary, has taken charge of the churches at Rogersville and New Market, Tenn. Address, Rogersville, Tenn.

—Rev. M. L. Milford, of the Senior Class of Lane, has accepted a call from the First Church of Logan, Ohio, to supply their pulpit for one year.

—Rev. R. R. Salter has removed from La Salle, Mich., where he has labored for eighteen years, to Champaign City, Ill., having accepted the call of the "Jersey Church."

—Rev. F. M. Dimmick, of Omaha, Neb., has gone to Denver and the Parks to spend a month, and in his absence his pulpit is supplied by the Rev. W. C. Smith, of Huntington, Ind., who sought the breezes of Nebraska to recruit his health.

—Rev. A. L. Payson, late of La Salle, Ill., is supplying the church lately organized at Menominee, Mich.

—Rev. E. W. Garner, late of Lawrence, Ill., has accepted an invitation to supply the Church in Waupaca, Wis., and entered upon his labors.

—Rev. James Marshall and wife arrived from Europe last Thursday, 29th, after an absence of nearly three years. Mr. Marshall's arduous labors in camp, hospital, and prison, near Fortress Monroe, for four years of the war, almost ruined his health. He sought recovery by a sea voyage and in foreign lands. Mr. Marshall's friends will be glad to learn of his complete restoration to health, and of his return with new preparation for the Master's cause, and with intensified love for his native land. His address will be Nunda, Livingston county, N. Y., where his friends reside.

Churches.—The Church edifice at Cornwall, N. Y., is being enlarged, and when completed, will be about double its former size. The church was organized thirteen years ago. It then consisted of seventeen members. It has now one hundred and thirty members, and two hundred and fifty children in the Sabbath school.

—The work on the new school edifice and chapel of the Calvary Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, is progressing rapidly. The building is being erected at Vaughan and Locust Streets, and when completed will be quite an ornament to the neighborhood.

—During the past year the "Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad has been completed to Council Bluffs. At three of the new towns on this railroad churches have been organized under the care of Presbytery, each of which are supplied with the stated preaching of the Gospel through the agency of our Home Missionary Committee." *De Soto*, 22 miles, *Guthrie*, 47 miles, and *Atlantic*, 82 miles west from this city, are the towns where these churches are located. The two last were organized since the 1st of May. These towns have had an existence but a few months. The first house in *Atlantic* was commenced on the 15th of last September, and now there is a population of more than one thousand. In *Guthrie* a subscription has been circulated for the house of worship, and we trust before Winter both of these churches, with the aid of our Church Erection Committee, will enjoy that indispensable requisite to religious prosperity, a church edifice. At the commencement these church organizations are always small; in the cases named the membership is 5, 7, and 10 respectively, yet at our preaching services we usually have an attendance of from 100 to 200. The chief obstacle to the assembling of the people for divine service in the want of suitable buildings. —*H. H. R in the Evangelist.*

—In Red Wing, Minn., the house of worship was thoroughly repaired while the pastor was attending the General Assembly, and now looks better than ever before. These improvements are all *paid for*.—The annual meeting of Minnesota Synod occurs this year at Red Wing, on the last Thursday of September.

—The church in Tremont, O., in April last, demolished their house of worship to make way for another. In the corner-stone was found the box containing certain books and papers, in a good state of preservation. They had lain since August, 1844. The same stone was relaid in the foundation of the new edifice, July 15, 1869. A larger box was provided, in which were deposited all the contents of the old one, and about as many articles besides. The walls of the new edifice are rapidly rising. It presents a front of seventy-five feet, and in length is one hundred and fifteen feet over all. The basement is to contain Sabbath-school room, prayer-meeting room, infant-class room, halls, etc. The main audience room will be 54 by 83 feet, and will seat about seven hundred. The spire is to rise two hundred feet.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS.

—A writer in a London periodical thus describes a minute model of the engines of the steamship Warrior, made by Thomas Smith: "This tiniest working model in the world, is now in possession of John Penn, of Greenwich, the eminent maker of the great engines of which it is the infinitely reduced counterpart. Its base-plate measures only 3-8ths of an inch by about 3-10ths. The engines are of the trunk form, introduced by Penn; the cylinders measure 1-8th of an inch in diameter, and the trunk 1-20th. The length of the stroke is 6-40ths of an inch. They are fitted with reversing gear, and are generally similar in design to the great machines with which ships of the Warrior class are equipped. From the extreme smallness of this model, a few minutiæ,—such for instance, as the air-pumps,—have necessarily been omitted; there is a limit beyond which human skill and minuteness cannot pass. Still, so small are some of the parts that they require a powerful magnifying glass to see their form. The screws which holds the members together are only 1-80th of an inch in diameter, and these are all duly furnished with hexagonal nuts, which can be loosened and tightened by a Liliputian spanner. The whole weight of the model is less than a three penny piece. It works admirably, and, when working, its crank-shaft performs from twenty to thirty thousand revolutions in a minute."

—If it be a fact that murderous deeds are done in cold blood, the proper time for such sins is between 11 at night and 1 in the morning; for it is in this interval that the temperature of the human body falls to its minimum. From some researches, lately communicated to the Royal Society, it appears that healthy beings go regularly through a daily cycle of variable warmth. The maximum heat is reached at 9 A. M., when, in persons under twenty-five, the temperature of the flesh stands at 99 degrees Fahrenheit, and this is maintained till 6 P. M., when it slowly and steadily falls till an hour before midnight; the amount of decrease by this time is something over two degrees. At about 3 A. M. the upward turn is taken, and the heat increases till 9 o'clock. It is curious that this extent of change only occurs to young bodies; old folks preserve a nearly equal degree of warmth all the twenty-four hours through. Other notable facts are, that feeding has nothing to do with the variations, and that hot and cold baths do not appear to interfere with the regularity of the successive changes.—*Good Health.*

—Dr. Huxley in a recent address divides British Geologists into three schools; 1. Catastrophists who to account for the phenomena of Geology suppose that forces different in kind or degree from those known to us were formerly in operation on the earth. This school was formerly the prevailing one, and the Mosaic or Supernatural theory of the cosmogony may be regarded as one of its subdivisions. 2. Uniformitarians, a school founded by Hutton, who find no evidence of a beginning and no indications of an end to the existing state of things on our globe. They maintain that the changes which take place are so slight and so counterbalanced that on the whole "all things remain as they were from the beginning." They assume that the processes whose results we see must have gone on for millions of millions of years. This is the dominant school, including Lyell, Darwin, Playfair and others. 3. Evolutionists who admit that mighty changes have occurred, but account for them by the operation of existing laws. On the question of these being such as to end in the destruction of our solar system and of life on this planet, they are divided, Huxley taking the negative, and Sir W. Thomson the affirmative.

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City Evangelization.—The 23rd Union Meeting in behalf of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society will be held in the Holmesburg Baptist church, on Sabbath evening, August 5th, at 8 o'clock. Several addresses will be made. Public invited.

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