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Correspondents in every Presbytery and Synod will promptly furnish us with fresh items of news from their respective fields.

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THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW led the Quarterlies in prompt issue. Its noticeable feature is the first of a series by Mr. Barnes, continuing, in a less personal form, the discussion on Sin and Suffering with Gerrit Smith. The Princeton Review and the Bibliotheca Sacra have also appeared.

The November Monthlies—Hours at Home, Lippincott, Harper, Atlantic, Our Young Folks, Student and Schoolmate, Blackwood for October, have made their appearance.

Among new books, we notice the first two volumes of Scribner's new and cheap edition of Froude's England, and "Great Hunts" in the Illustrated Library of Wonders; Carter's Autobiography of Krummacker, 8vo., with photograph, and the last of the "Bessie Books": Bessie at School; Fields, Osgood & Co.'s continuation of George Eliot's books, and the volume of Thackeray's Miscellanies; Lee and Shepard's Lake Shore Series of Oliver Optic's Books, 4 vols., in a box; John Brett's Household, from Garrigues; Harry's Battles, Nelly Walters, &c., from Alfred Martien.

SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Synod of Pennsylvania held its annual session in the church of York, Pa., commencing October 19th. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Dr. Sunderland, of Washington City, from 1 Cor. i. 25-29: "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men," &c. The attendance was large, (101) ranking the present with the four fullest sessions ever held; there were more ruling elders than at any previous session (41.) Among the regretted absences was that of Mr. Sterling, of Williamsport, whose affliction in the dangerous illness of his wife drew forth the general sympathy of the brethren.

The spirit of the meeting was such as to greatly encourage the pastor and people in York, who are enjoying some special indications of the divine presence, and whose hearts are tender under the sad loss of their beloved elder, Dr. McClelland. The prayer meetings and addresses on benevolent topics were so cheering, so stimulating, and yet often so melting and tender, that all recognized the manifest presence of the Spirit. An expectation of unusual spiritual blessings and a sense of their special need, as the seal of the Master upon the proposed Reunion, animated these exercises. The communion service, accompanied with a sermon by Dr. Allen, and addresses by Drs. Wing and March, and attended by a great concourse of people, was felt to be unusually profitable and enjoyable.

THE GREAT CAUSES.

All the great causes, including that of temperance, were ably represented and discussed. Indeed, in the absence of judicial and other business, almost the entire time of the Synod was occupied in considering the vast proportions and great demands of the different branches of the Church's work; and the views and purposes and zeal of the members were kindled afresh, as they vied in provoking one another to love and good works.

Dr. Ellinwood's address on Church Erection contained some startling hints on city evangelization, with such facts as the following: In ten years there has been but one new Presbyterian church erected in New York—Dr. Prentiss'; but one in thirty years in Albany, and but one of any efficiency in fifteen years in Newark, N. J. He also referred to the enormous prices asked for ground in the City of New York, making it impossible to put up a new building, unless it is a case of removal; sixty thousand dollars must be paid for ground alone. It becomes a serious question—Shall we give up the cities and retire to the suburbs? The great interest felt by the Synod in city evangelization was shown by the appearance of the subject on two subsequent occasions, and the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in view of the exceedingly rapid growth of our cities, the perilous elements entering into their population, and the comparative insufficiency of our Home Missionary and Church erection enterprises to meet these necessities, Synod would urge the work of city evangelization both upon the wealthy churches of our cities, and upon the whole Church in all its benevolent operations.

The usual careful report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. John McLeod, chairman of the Synod's Permanent Committee. Several of the churches were noted as having made good contributions, as Walnut St. \$700, Mountain \$132, First Kensington \$275, Belvidere \$237, Harrisburg \$863, York \$1,100, Clinton St. \$900, Washington 4th, over \$600, Pencador \$170, besides the usual substantial thousands from the First and Calvary churches; but, as a whole, the contributions were \$1,100 less than those of last year.

The Standing Committee's report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted, closed as follows: Your Committee would give as the thoughtful sense of the Synod,

- 1. That the outreaching heart of Christ finds its fittest expression in that evangelistic thought and effort embracing the world. 2. That China and Japan are providential openings, so posturing themselves in their relation to our Pacific coast, that they constitute a special claim and call of God upon us to go in and possess the land. 3. That good faith and the greatest efficiency seem to require that our contributions to this cause for the present year should flow in channels through which they have hitherto gone.

The Report on Home Missions, read by Rev. Robert Adair, showed that, including the contributions for freedmen, a most gratifying advance had been made by the Synod. It was observable that the reading of the names of non-contributing churches created a wholesome sensation among those most nearly concerned. Various excuses and explanations were tendered, one of the best of which came from Pottsville church, in whose wide and needy surroundings a mission is being carried on, and about \$1,000 a year expended by the church; a wealthy individual on the ground, supplementing deficiencies to the amount of \$500.

On Publication, stirring speeches were made by Rev. W. E. Moore and others, but it was pointed out that not one half of the Synod's churches contributed to the cause. The enlargement of the work of the Committee, and especially its supervision of the Sabbath-school interests, lately given into its hands, were noticed in the resolutions. In the discussion on Foreign Missions, Rev. Edward Webb gave a most touching illustration of the elevating power of the Gospel in the former field of his own labors; and Dr. S. W. Butler spoke of the Cherokees, among whom his own father had toiled and suffered as a missionary, even unto bonds, but who now were quite deserted by the Northern churches.

On Ministerial Relief, it appeared that the banner church is that of York, which contributed \$425, and that outside of the Presbytery of Harrisburg there had been almost no gain; but with that body, an advance of \$368 in the Synod.

In Education, the remarkable advance of 150 per cent. was noted, (\$4,084, against \$1,562,) and one fourth of the entire contributions to the Education Committee of the Assembly came from this Synod; yet 44 of the 95 churches gave nothing. The concluding resolution of the Standing Committee's report, which was adopted, is as follows:

Resolved, That it is undesirable that any young men who have not the missionary spirit, should be recommended to the Education Committee by the Presbyteries.

The action on Home Missions was as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That a special effort to raise funds for domestic missions this year, be commended to all our churches, that our operations may be carried on with increased efficiency, and that we may go vigorous and unencumbered into the expected union with the other branch of the Church.

2d. That we declare the necessity of local organizations for evangelizing these important centres [cities].

3. That we fully endorse the appeal of our Assembly's Committee in behalf of the freedmen, and declare our sympathy, not only with its schools, but also with the Lincoln University, which we heartily commend to the support of every Christian and philanthropist.

Rev. Dr. H. Johnson was made chairman of the Committee on the American Presbyterian, and the following was, after a very earnest and free discussion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the American Presbyterian be authorized to aid the editor by their counsel and influence to promote and to perpetuate the distinctive character of the paper in any way that shall commend itself to their best judgment.

Inquiry was made of the Presbyteries whether they had conformed to the Assembly's rule of 1831, in regard to ministers not employed in the work of the ministry, or who habitually absent themselves from the meetings of Presbytery. This inquiry, enjoined by action of the last General Assembly, will have a good effect in impressing the watchfulness of Presbyteries, and the sense of responsibility of their members for their ministerial standing.

REUNION AND BENEVOLENCE.

Whereas, the desire is general to signalize the anticipated Reunion of the long severed branches of the Presbyterian Church by a more earnest and entire consecration of ourselves and our means to the service of Christ and the extension of His kingdom, therefore

Resolved, That, whilst warmly encouraging the

giving of large sums by the wealthy to specific objects, the Synod will endeavor to show its settled purpose to labor for the Redeemer's Kingdom with zeal and system, by contributing annually, this year and in years to come, to each one of the causes selected, controlled and commended to its constituency by our General Assembly.

THE SABBATH.

In response to a circular on the observance of the Sabbath from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, the Presbyteries were earnestly recommended to take such action as shall bring the claims of the Lord's day to the notice of their Churches.

Oxford church, Philadelphia, was chosen as the next place of meeting. The Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed to address a fraternal letter to the Synod of Philadelphia (O. S.), informing them of this action.

Greatly has the Synod grown in the grace of persistence, since it met and ran away so ingloriously from York seventeen years ago. The memory of that meeting will be wiped away, to all practical intents and purposes, by the opposite character of the recent sessions. A few, who were constrained to go, left, but the body, substantially, remained to the last moment. The ladies had their special arrangements for the entertainment of the Synod appointed for the last evening, when they spread a bountiful and elegant table, with ices, cakes and fruit in the Sabbath-school room of their new chapel, and where the abundant and hearty hospitality, which had characterized the treatment of the members, reached its climax. Never did the members feel more thoroughly at home than in the ample houses and by the well-spread boards of the people of York.

WILSON FEMALE COLLEGE.—The following is the action of the Synod of Pennsylvania, in session at York, Oct. 21st, 1869, on the subject of this Institution located at Chambersburg, Pa. A notice of this enterprise will appear in our next paper. It is proposed to unite the efforts of the Presbyterians of Pennsylvania, of both branches and make this a "Reunion Memorial."

"The Synod having listened to the statements of Rev. E. B. Raffensperger, the Financial Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wilson Female College, at Chambersburg, Pa., would commend to the attention and sympathy of our churches, this enterprise, inaugurated for the purpose of establishing an institution for the education of our daughters, of the highest grade, under the special direction of the Presbyterian Church."

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

The annual meeting was held in Cortland—the attendance fair, but not large. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. D. Gregory, of Binghamton. Rev. S. W. Boardman of Auburn was elected Moderator, and seemed to conduct the business with wisdom and dispatch. We were glad to see also that the Synod seemed to regard it as a part of its legitimate "business," patiently to hear the representatives of the different causes of benevolence; and not only to hear, but upon Home and Foreign Missions at least, members of the Synod also made remarks, and handsomely endorsed the appeals made in behalf of those great interests. Time was taken for deliberation, and resolutions were passed showing hearty sympathy with the causes presented.

Surely, this is no more than right. The work of the Church through its benevolent organizations, is a part of the business of the Synod. How else can they be more profitably employed than in inquiring into the progress which the gospel is making in the earth, contriving and suggesting how the progress can be made more rapid and sure. A little of special prayer also in the same connection would not come amiss. An hour, at least, thus spent upon each one of the great causes of Christian benevolence, would be time well spent by the Synod.

Among the other things, special attention was given to the interests of Hamilton College. Dr. Goetner was heard in its behalf. Capital speeches were made by several others, both clergymen and laymen, most highly commending it as a Christian College, worthy of the highest confidence and most liberal patronage of all who love the church of God, or care to have it well supplied with a well educated, godly ministry. Hamilton has already furnished many such, and was never before so well prepared to furnish many more. In fact, Dr. Goetner said a larger proportion of its graduates are ministers of the gospel than those of any other college; some of them, as is well known, being men of the highest standing and usefulness. It will gratify the friends of Christ to know that no less than sixty of its present students are contemplating the sacred ministry as the chosen work of their lives. There is also a lively and promising state of religious feeling among the Christian young men of the College. They are trying to labor for Christ. Their meetings are well attended, and they are hoping for the converting and saving influences of the Spirit. Let all pray for the College. Special prayer was so offered in the Synod, and resolutions commending the College to the more earnest sympathy and more efficient aid of the churches were cordially and unanimously passed. It was intended thus to bid Dr. Goetner, the efficient and able Commissioner of the College, a hearty God-speed in his efforts to increase the endowments of the insti-

tution, and to give it more wide and ample means of usefulness.

We notice also that the Synod of Utica, at its meeting the week before, devoted an evening to the consideration of the same matter. President Brown of Hamilton College preached a very interesting and able sermon on the subject; after which spirited and earnest remarks were made by other members of the Synod, handsomely commending and endorsing the College.

The Presbytery of Rochester held its semi-annual meeting last Tuesday and Wednesday at Holley. Rev. Edwin Allen was received as a member from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo. He is now preaching at Stone church, in South Bergen.

If the programme was carried out, Mr. C. C. Johnson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Buffalo was also received, and on Wednesday was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Holley. Dr. Clarke of Buffalo was to preach the installation sermon.

The vote of the Presbytery for reunion was unanimous and hearty, as every one expected. The ordinary routine of business was attended to in due form.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

The renovation and improvements upon the church edifice of the Presbyterian Society of Clinton, are now completed, and the building is again occupied by the congregation. The windows are made new, of beautiful stained glass, the walls very tastefully frescoed, and all so much improved, that one would hardly know the place.

In addition to this, a new Lecture Room, has been erected in the rear of the church, connected with it by a covered passage, all at a cost of some \$8000. Rev. Thos. B. Hudson has also entered upon his labors as pastor of the church, and all promises peace and prosperity.

The Church of Amboy, of which Rev. John S. Bacon is pastor, has been undergoing similar renovation, at a cost of \$4000. The house has been for some months in the hands of workmen, but is now nearly ready for the return of the congregation, after what has seemed a long exile.

A new church has been erected by the Presbyterian Society of Evans' Mills; a neat, commodious edifice of Gothic architecture.

A chapel for a new Presbyterian church has been erected in Binghamton, at an expense of \$8000 dollars; to be ready for occupancy by the first of December. It is built by the First Church, of which Rev. Geo. N. Boardman, D.D. is pastor, a brick edifice large and substantial, and is to be started as a Mission enterprise. It is located in the northern part of the city, which is growing rapidly, and where a church is needed, and will be much more in demand in a very few years. Binghamton is one of our most prosperous young cities, and the First Church one of our largest and strongest societies. It can well afford to sustain the new enterprise, and ought soon to colonize, as thus intended.

The Presbyterian churches of Auburn held a meeting in September, as proposed by the General Assembly, to pray for union, the three churches uniting in the services. The meeting is still kept up, and well attended. It is to be maintained until the union is consummated. If, in some other quarters, they had discussed the matter less, and prayed over it more, the small number of votes cast against it, would have been even less than they now are. GENESEE. Rochester, Oct. 23, 1869.

The Synod of Albany met in the 4th church, Albany, Oct. 12th, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Vincent, on the relative importance of the revival and educational phase of the progress of the Church, and the argument of the preacher was in favor of the latter view. Rev. G. W. Warner was chosen Moderator. The abundant rains had so interrupted travel, that the number in attendance was less than usual. The special sermon, on the relative and mutual duties of the Church and the Sabbath School, was preached on Thursday morning, by Rev. D. R. Fraser, of Hudson. The preacher urged that the Sabbath School is not to be regarded as a voluntary appendage, outside of the Church, but a part of the machinery which the Church is to employ, and that it must be cared for by the officers and influence of the Church. The Rev. Dr. Cox brought to us the salutations of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, which he presented in his own glowing, brilliant way.

The Synod was addressed during its sessions by Rev. Dr. Ellinwood, on Church Erection; by Rev. H. A. Wilder, of the Zulu Mission, South Africa, and Rev. Dr. Wood, on Foreign Missions; by Rev. W. R. Luy, on the interests of the Freedmen; by Rev. Dr. Eddy, in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union; by Mr. M. M. Merrill, of the American Sunday School Union, and by Rev. W. W. Atterbury, of the New York Sabbath Committee, on the importance of earnest efforts to maintain and perpetuate the influence of the Christian Sabbath. A circular letter was received from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, in reference to the better observance of the Sabbath, and referred to a committee. The Lord's Supper was observed Thursday afternoon. The parts of service were sustained by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Howard, of Catskill, Rev. W. M. Johnson, of Cohoes, and Rev. Dr. Beman. It was a matter of special and unfeigned pleasure, that we were permitted again to see the face and hear the voice of this venerable father, whose distant home and increasing infirmities have prevented his attendance with us for the last few years. His words were characteristically earnest, affectionate, and instructive. Synod appointed a committee of one minister and one elder from each Presbytery to confer with a

similar committee from the other Synod of Albany, to advise and report as to adjusting the boundary lines of Synod and of the Presbyteries, in view of the union of the two bodies, and forwarded this action to the other Synod by the Rev. H. Patingill. The other Synod accepted our action in this particular, and sent to us the Rev. M. L. P. Hill, their Moderator, to ask us to unite with them in a convention for Christian Conference and prayer, to be held in the 4th church, Albany, commencing on the 1st Tuesday in December. To this request Synod responded very cordially in the affirmative.

From the narrative it appeared that the past year has been one of marked favor upon the churches within the Synod. The additions have been larger than usual, and in most departments of Christian growth, the advance has been pleasing. Synod renewed the fraternal pledge to remember each other, at or about 9 o'clock each Sabbath morning through the year.

The Synod of Utica met at Adams, New York, on the 12th inst., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. T. A. Weed, Moderator, from Matt. xviii. 2, 3, "And Jesus called a little child unto him," &c. Rev. C. W. Hawley was chosen Moderator, and Revs. H. N. Miller and B. F. Willoughby, Temporary Clerks. Resolutions earnestly commending the Freedmen's Department of the Home Mission Committee and the Church Erection Cause to the churches were passed.

The Synod maintains a connection with Hamilton College, which is within its bounds, by a visiting committee. That committee reported that they were highly pleased with the evidences of thorough instruction given them, and with the proficiency of the students. Rev. S. G. Brown, D.D., LL.D., preached the special sermon before Synod, from Ecclesiastes vii. 12, "For wisdom is a defense," &c.

Resolved, That the conceded claims of Hamilton College on the support of our ministers, elders, and churches, are just now greatly enforced by the pressing necessities of the College, the demands of growing scholarship upon it for the enlargement and multiplication of its departments of instruction, and the requisite appliances; and especially by the formidable efforts to divorce religion from learning.

Resolved, That we earnestly beg our ministers, elders, and church members to take to their warmest embrace, this College, so specially honored by God in the conversion to Him of its students, and in their enlistment in the Gospel Ministry, and to welcome its appeals for help, allowing nothing to supercede or hinder them, contributing liberally and steadily to its funds, and presenting a special offering to it during the present year.

Rev. O. P. Allen, of the East Turkey Mission, gave interesting statements respecting that field. Attention was directed to efforts for the better observance of the Sabbath.

More than usual interest was manifested in the devotional exercises, and in the observance of the Lord's Supper, particularly in view of the fact that a prominent lay member of the General Assembly, and valued elder in one of our newly formed churches, was but a short time since called to the church above.

The church with which the Synod met has enjoyed a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the past year, and evidences of prosperity in secular things were plainly seen. H. N. M.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—At a large meeting of the clergy, held in Dublin, Oct. 21st, Archbishop Trench presiding, it was decided by a large majority that the laity have a right to decide upon matters of doctrine and discipline.

—The Morning Standard, of Oct. 23rd, in an editorial, protests against the election of the Rev. Frederick Temple as Bishop of Exeter, on account of his suspicious heterodoxy. [The paper is edited by a theological alarmist.]

—Pere Hyacinthe, not having returned to his convent in Paris, as ordered by his superiors, has been dispossessed of all his charges.

—The London Times says: That Raspail adheres to his resolution to go to the French Legislative Chamber on the 26th inst. So a riot may still be found unavoidable—in which case the authors of the moderate manifesto will have to see what course is best for them to pursue. France has been brought to this pass through the Emperor's hesitation, not merely in respect to measures, but in the choice of persons to introduce them. The Emperor cannot mean to present himself before the Chambers with his old Cabinet, any other men are preferable to these. So long as the Emperor is surrounded by men of yesterday, no one can have faith in his good intention for the morrow.

—King William of Prussia offers the Pope a carpet to cover the floor of the hall in which the great council will meet. It will cost \$50,000.

—In the Spanish Cortes, Oct. 20, Prim said, if the Ecumenical Council should adopt decisions hostile in operation to the Spanish Constitution, they would be treated by the Government as null and void.

The Bishop of Alhama and several Protestants have been arrested at Granada, Spain.

—Zion's Herald (Boston) will soon be mad with much learning. It says:—"Those are called the Dark Ages when Jerome [who lived in the fifth century], Crichton [of the seventeenth], Abelard, Erasmus [of the sixteenth], Petrarch and such [Nashy: 'an sich'], visited foreign colleges to contend for honors in philosophical and kindred intellectual studies." Our contemporary has original views as to the extent of what are called the Dark ages. Commonly they extend from the incursion of the Barbarians to the Renaissance. Jerome lived long before them, Erasmus just at the close, and Crichton long after them. What college or university existed in Jerome's time?

—The young men of the First church have formed an association, and hold prayer-meetings Saturday evenings in the basement of the church