## CHURCH CONVENTIONS.

### AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MEETING.

THIRD AND LAST DAY.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Union was concluded yesterday.

The Union met in the First Baptist Church, Broad and Arch streets, at nine o'clock.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Dr. S. W. Adams, of Cleveland.

The committee on place of meeting for next year reported that they had agreed upon meeting at St. Louis, Mo., and had elected President Anderson, LL.D., of Rochester, N. Y., to preach the annual sermon.

A paper was read by Rev. Dr. Bailey, of Indiana, on

THE INFLUENCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DENOMINATIONAL CHARACTER.

The paper sets forth that the organization of any great benevolent or philanthropic enterprise is moved to it by a Divine influence. He accomplishes only a part of what He designs, and that part always only imperfectly, and it was impossible to know to what dimensions the work He begins will grow.

Half a century and more had elapsed since, by events set forth in another paper, the hand of Providence plainly directed the Baptists of America to the work of foreign missions. Rightly did the eminent men, then upon the walls and in the watchtower of our Zion, interpret these events, and faithfully did they proclaim them throughout the land. At once there was a rallying of disciples in small bodies to the support of one so suddenly and so providentially put upon their care. It was now a truism to say that the effect of all this was that it laid a broad and enduring foundation for union among Baptists in this Republic. The missionary enterprise had found an object worthy the united effort of all individual Christians and of all Christian Churches, and one, too, that more than any element all gifts and graces, all talents and acquisitions, and one, moreover, that cannot be prosecuted with success unless it be by the heartiest co-operation of large bodies of Christians. It has made union an indispensable condition of success. If there is any importance attached to a close moral and spiritual union, if the very conception we have of Christianity is agreeable with our form of church organization and the principles of our creed, we are better prepared to-day to enter upon a second half century of missionary labor than we were fifty years ago to enter upon the first.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF UNION.

An election was then gone into for officers of the Union. Hon. W. Robinson, of Indiana, arose and said that the Hon. Ira Harris, who had been nominated for president, had in Congress voted against allowing colored people to ride in the cars. He was sorry that the men explained that Mr. Harris had done no such thing; that from the way in which the bill was drawn the friends of emancipation were compelled to run cars for colored people alone, and Mr. Harris was opposed to that. The following is the result of the ballot:

PRESIDENT—Hon. Ira Harris.

VICE PRESIDENTS—Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D.; Hon. John P. Crozer.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Rev. O. S. Stearns.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—*Ministers*—Rev. G. W. Bosworth, D. D., Portland, Me.; Rev. J. H. Gilmore, Haverville, N. H.; Rev. J. Cummings, Boston, Mass.; Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., Rev. E. G. Crane, Hartford, Ct.; Rev. H. G. Weston, D. D., New York, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Ide, D. D., Springfield, Mass.; Rev. Thos. Armitage, D. D., Rev. Mo.; Rev. J. S. Dickerson, Wilmington, Del.; Rev. D. C. Eddy, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. R. W. Cushing, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. G. S. Webb, D. D., New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. G. W. Harvey, D. D., Dayton, O.; Rev. J. G. Pope, Winchester, Va.; Rev. J. L. Dagg, Macon, Ga.; Rev. J. Newton Brown, D. D., Rev. Dr. Holly, Vt.

*Laymen*—M. Davis, Burlington, Vt.; H. H. Hawley, Burlington, Iowa; J. Merrill, Boston, Mass.; Hon. J. Davis, Ill., D. Worcester, Mass.; J. B. Hartwell, Providence, R. I.; S. Sheldon, Hartford, Ct.; Hon. J. Hubbell, Utica, N. Y.; S. Van Wirkle, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. Bucknell, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. Smith, Cincinnati, O.; Hon. A. Bode, Toolitle, Racine, Wis.

An invitation from the Union League to the Union to visit their rooms was received. On the motion to accept, Rev. J. P. Hall opposed the acceptance of the invitation. He said that he was glad that he, known a religious body to accept an invitation to visit a club room of a political party. This caused considerable sensation. Mr. John Hanna, of this city, denied that the Union League was a political organization. It was a league for the purpose of assisting in suppressing the most causless and wicked rebellion that had ever existed, and he, as member of the League, felt it his duty to make this explanation. The invitation was accepted, a vote of thanks returned the compliment, and a tea given in the evening free for the time of the visit.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that on looking back upon the history of the last quarter of our foreign missionary organization, they find a long succession of saintly men, who, from the beginning