

## Eastern Summary

BOSTON.

Correspondent of the *Journal and Messenger*, Boston, says, that in eight of the New England middle States, the *NUMBER OF BARRISTS* is much less than ten years ago. The cause of decrease is attributed to the large emigration; but, at the same time, it is stated, the Western Baptist churches have not received a corresponding increase.

The third annual meeting of the American Baptist Publication Society, was held in Boston on the 13th inst. The number of stereotyped works now owned by this Society, is forty thousand and eleven. The whole number printed during the year, is twenty-three thousand four hundred and thirty-eight thousand. Receipts have been, \$48,169; the expenses, \$10. A history of the Church of Christ, the earliest age to the present time, is now in preparation under the auspices of society. Great attention has been lately given with regard to the early history of the various denominations in this country.

Books have just been purchased in Boston, CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, \$5,000, on which extensive and elegant efforts are to be exerted for its valuable library.

The receipts of the Boston and \$20,000 ahead of last year, and \$10,000 were contributed for the building of the missionary packet

*Morning Star*, and \$20,000 were contributed. The handsome surplus remaining is set aside to keep the vessel in repair.

The speakers at yesterday's meeting were representatives from Asia, Africa, and the South Islands.

Albert Barnes presented the results of the education of the year in the Graham Mission, in West Africa; Rev. E. J. Beckwith, President of Oahu College spoke of the Sandwich Islands; Rev. Dr. Riggs told of Constantinople; Rev. Benjamin H. Lyman, for Aitab, in Turkey; Dr. Dwight H. Gandy, for California; and Rev. H. D. Gandy, for New York.

The Annual Class of HARVARD COLLEGE have resolutions condemnatory of the Secret, or other Societies, formed in connection with all the literary institutions of the land, and New York in particular.

Rev. D. MCKINNEY, D.D.—Dear Brother—By request, I forward to you a few facts connected with the interest of our friends in the Presbyterian Church in this part of Northern Illinois.

The edifice, erected at this place by the First Presbyterian congregation of Mendota, was on Sabbath last (3d instant), dedicated to the worship of the triune God, and Rev. J. S. Henderson installed pastor by a committee of the Presbytery of Chicago.

Rev. J. McKinney preached the sermon, and Rev. O. E. Rice charged the people and offered the concluding prayer.

The building is substantial and neat, and has been well furnished by the ladies of the congregation.

Edifice and lot worth about \$5,000. All free from debt.

This has been accomplished in part, by the liberality of the citizens of Mendota and vicinity, and in part by the aid of the Church Extension Committee of our General Assembly of our Church, the importance of which cannot be fully estimated.

On the same day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. Ten men were added on examination and by certificate. Our hearts rejoiced, as we compared the present with the past. Not since the organization of our church were we permitted to sit thus in the house of the Lord and celebrate the death of the Saviour.

We said "How awful are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts."

On the 11th inst. The graduates numbered twenty-one.

The Rev. John A. Collins, a distinguished and active minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and well known in the Middle States, died on the 7th inst.

The Annual Meeting of the PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY was held in Dr. Brainerd's church, on Pine Street, on Monday evening, the 11th inst. Henry J. Williams, Esq., occupied the Chair. This Society is composed of the two General Assemblies, the Associate Reformed, Separates, and Covenanters. At this meeting, the other division of the Covenanters, commonly called "Old Side," was added to the Society.

The Society unanimously adopted the act of incorporation lately granted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

The Annual Report was presented by Dr. Van Rensselaer. In this Report, a very feeling and just tribute was paid to the former Secretary, the late Rev. Richard Webster.

This Society resolved, at its meeting, on Tuesday, to publish an annual volume of their proceedings; to make an effort to raise \$10,000 as a permanent fund; and, as far as may be, next year, just one hundred years from the re-opening of the Synods in 1758, it was resolved to memorialize the two General Assemblies on the subject of celebrating the event in some creditable way. We clip the following proceedings from the *Annual Presbyterian*:

After the adoption of the Report, the following resolution was passed: "That the Society, according to addresses which seemed to be interesting to those present: By the senior editor of this paper, a sermon preached by Rev. Robert Cooper, called 'A Warning in a Good Cause,' one year before the Declaration of Independence, to Col. Montgomery's battalion of troops under command of General Washington, Pennsylvania, and several others, which had in them the striking of the old metal." This was followed by some remarks by the Rev. S. J. Baird, in which he stated that John Knox laid it down expressly, in his works, that kings held their thrones by the election of the people, and could be lawfully deposed by the people.

Rev. George Duffield, Jr., then presented a MS. of Simon's his great-grand-father, Rev. George Duffield, D. D., preached in 1777.

It added greatly to the interest of the occasion that Dr. Duffield was not only chaplain to the first Congress, in conjunction with the venerable Dr. Samuel Seabury, but also to the Rev. Dr. Samuel St. John, who lies buried beneath the floor of the building in which his Society was then assembled. Dr. Brainerd then expressed his gratification at welcoming the Society to Old Pine Street Church, and added some reminiscences of Dr. Duffield, which he had received from old members of the congregation.

They said that Dr. Duffield, in a sermon, declared to the men of his congregation that they ought to be ashamed to be staying at home when the army needed soldiers; and soon after joined the army himself, of which he had been elected a captain.

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