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BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.—The Executive Committee is to meet at the Book Rooms, St. Clair Street, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.—Church Sessions are reminded that Reports on the State of Religion are to be sent to Rev. Samuel Finley, of this city, two weeks before the meeting of Presbytery.

A Sudden Death.—Our Theological Seminary was visited, on Tuesday morning of this week, by a messenger who takes no denial.

House of Refuge of Western Pennsylvania.—The Fifth Annual Report is full and instructive. We regard this as one of the excellent institutions in our neighborhood.

Pennsylvania State Lunatic Asylum.—The Eighth Annual Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, at Harrisburg, Pa., exhibits the present flourishing condition of a great public benefaction.

Revolutions.—Bloomfield, Ohio.—Rev. John Watson writes: I have to inform you that we are enjoying a season of refreshing at Bloomfield.

A Quarter Century.—Rev. Loyal Young, D. D. Some years ago it was considered a fact of sufficient singularity and importance, to be commemorated by a sermon.

Southampton, Ill.—Mr. H. Hervey writes from this place: Although we live where folks in your part of the country are sometimes disposed to term, "away out there in Illinois," yet we believe we are not far from the kingdom of heaven.

From this it will be seen that Episcopacy, after all, has not been making the triumphant progress in the Empire State that many have supposed.

Difficulties in Congregations.

Such things occur, alas, too often. And sometimes it requires a great deal of good common sense, and much pecuniary liberality, and no little Christian spirit, to remove them thoroughly.

1. The amount promised to a pastor should be promptly and fully paid; and every hearer should do his fair proportion, according to his wealth, and the room and position he occupies in the church.

2. Some do not know the Gospel's value, and hence will not do their share; and hence those who have been made to enjoy and to appreciate Divine grace, should do more than their share, so that no deficiencies may occur.

3. When the salary is raised, by a congregational vote, it becomes just as obligatory, for the time, as if it had been so written in the original call.

4. When the salary is reduced, it is a violation of the contract between the parties, unless the reduction shall have been made by consent. To reduce a minister's salary, after he has cast in his lot among a people, may be a very great injustice, and oppression.

5. Arrangements, however incurred, should be paid in full. The obligation, however, can but seldom rest morally upon one man to do all.

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in every settlement, a pastor and a church, and a teacher and a school house, should be regarded as indispensable. No man, and especially no parent, should ever agree to fix his habitation where each and all of these cannot be had.

In every family, a Bible, a Psalm and Hymn Book, a Confession of Faith, and a religious newspaper, should be estimated as things indispensable. No household should ever be satisfied that he has made due provision for his own, while any one of these is wanting.

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The connexion of Crime in this city with the liquor traffic, and the extent to which the business is carried on the Sabbath, can be no longer concealed. Hall's Journal of Health states, that of the six thousand persons tried last year before the New York Court of Sessions, only ninety-four were sober when arrested.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, has appointed Dr. R. B. Simmons, of Brooklyn, to labor as a medical missionary in Japan. The Dr. gives up a growing and remunerative practice, and brilliant professional prospects at home, for the dangers and toils of a Foreign field in his Master's service.

The project of the Passenger Railroads is awaking much discussion and much strong feeling; indeed, so great is the excitement, that the matter seriously impedes legislation for the whole State, at Harrisburg.

The Sabath Committee are prosecuting vigorously their labors toward securing a better observance of the Lord's day, and it is to be hoped that these efforts will result in great and permanent good.

The Book Business of New York is becoming a large feature in its business operations, both in the publishing and importing departments. Among the publishers, importers, and general book dealers, the House of Charles Scribner & Co. stands deservedly high.

The well known firm of Sheldon, Blakeman & Co., is changed to that of Sheldon & Co., Mr. Sheldon having purchased the interest of Mr. Blakeman. This house has sent out great numbers of its own valuable publications, and has some new ones now in press that will command an extensive circulation.

The little Work by Dr. Hovey, on the State of the Impenitent Dead, is having a circulation much wider than was anticipated, and is making its influence to be felt.

The Churchman is not at all satisfied with the working and success of the Episcopal machinery in the State of New York, after all the pretensions that have been made, and the efforts that have been put forth.

The lady who started the First Sabbath School in Boston, which event took place in 1812, is now living in Medford, Mass., at the age of seventy. In her day she has heard the truths of the Gospel from Payson, Griffin, and their contemporaries.

And how stands the Church in the diocese of New York, compared with these various religious bodies? Thus—clergy, 321; communicants, 22,411. Fifty per cent. poorer than the Old School Presbyterians, three hundred and fifty per cent. poorer than the New School Presbyterians, four hundred per cent. worse off than the Baptists, and any amount of per cent. behind the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is said to be a singular fact, that Mr. Prescott's History of Philip II. will be completed by Mr. John Foster, the College friend from whom he received that unintentional injury to the eye that made him a sufferer through life.

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inary have been so successful, that \$45,000 have been already secured.

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The following resolution demands the attention of all Sabbath School teachers, for it is to be feared that they have done to themselves as they might have done to others the preaching of the Gospel; it even considered that some have gone so far as to consider an attendance of the children at Church, unnecessary, provided the Sabbath School was not neglected. Now this, is all wrong, and the Convention is right in saying:

Resolved, That we regard with great regret, the neglect into which children, in many places, are allowed to fall, in reference to the habit of attending at public worship, and desire that teachers should avail themselves of their position and influence to correct the evil.

The resolution requesting the Sunday School Union to take into consideration the propriety of preparing a Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, for youth, will probably be pondered with great care by the Institution before embarking in the enterprise; for such an undertaking would probably lead into deeper waters than the movers of the resolution suspected.

The Convention adjourned at nine o'clock on Wednesday evening, its members expressing great satisfaction with the proceedings and results.

Rev. R. G. BRANK, of Lexington, Ky., having declined a call from the First Church, Louisville, Ky., they have extended a unanimous invitation to the Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., of Richmond, Va., to become their pastor.

Mr. JOHN E. ANNAN, of the Western Theological Seminary, has been invited, with great cordiality, to take the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mingo, Pa.

Rev. J. HENRY SMITH has received a call from the church at Greensboro, N. C. Rev. ROBERT CAROTHERS has declined the call from the church of Millersburg, Ohio.

Mr. WM. COCHRAN, of Princeton Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Madison, on the 16th ult.

Rev. WM. H. VAN DOREN, of the Classis of New York, of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church, was protected by the Presbytery of Cincinnati on the 22d ult.

Rev. D. S. BAKER has been invited to supply Red Lick and Providence churches, in Jefferson County, Miss.

Rev. W. K. MARSHALL has removed to Henderson, Texas, and has taken charge of the church there.

Rev. W. C. SUMMERVILLE, of Austin College, has received a call from the church at Rock, Texas.

Rev. J. S. WILSON, D. D., having removed to the City of Atlanta, Georgia, correspondents will please address him at that place.

Rev. SAMUEL J. LOVE, of Virginia, was installed pastor of the Pine Ridge church, Adams County, Miss., by the Presbytery of Mississippi, on the 7th of January.

Mr. Love takes charge of the Female School connected with the church.

Rev. LEWIS MCKENNEY has removed from Endors, Ark., to Sharon, Tenn., and requests correspondents to note the change.

Testimonial.—Died, suddenly, on the morning of March 1st, in Allegheny City, Mr. JOHN WARREN HUGHES, son of Rev. John D. Hughes, of Mogadore, Ohio; and a member of the Senior Class of the Western Theological Seminary.

At a meeting of the Faculty and students in the chapel of the Seminary, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Cheap Music.—"Our Musical Friend," advertised in another column, offers a large supply of Music for a small sum.

The KNOXBOCKER, on New York Magazine. This Magazine is now in its third volume, and has, contrary to the usual habit of American Magazines, maintained, consistently, to the present time, the form, character, and objects with which it set out.

Washington.—At the time of our going to press, Congress had not adjourned. The period fixed by law for the dissolution is, however, very near. It is now engaged in its hurried business, voting away resolutions, and inconsiderately passing acts which deeply affect the nation.

The appropriation bills have been somewhat reduced. The \$30,000,000 bill, to enable the President to negotiate for Cuba, is postponed till the next session. The Agricultural College bill has been voted by the President, and it could not be carried by a two-thirds vote.

The President has called an extra session of the Senate, on the 4th inst., to consider some special business.

On Sabbath the city was thrown into confusion by a terrible tragedy, connected with the loose morals so prevalent in the city. A young man named John D. Sikes, a member of the house of Hon. Daniel E. Sikes, Congress from New York City, Mr. Sikes having been evidence of Key's guilt, approached him with a revolver, and, in three shots, killed him. Sikes then gave himself up to the civil officers, and is now imprisoned. Sympathy runs very deeply in his favor, and it is not at all probable that he will suffer any punishment. There are crimes of this nature, and the law does not afford adequate protection; and the injured, knowing this, are on the discovery of the wrong done, they, at the moment of their prey, take the law into their own hands; and in all such cases the community is likely to protect from any injurious retribution.

From Mexico.—New Orleans, Feb. 26.—The steamer Tennessee has arrived, with Vera Cruz dates to the 23d. Mr. Ramon is still at Orizaba with four hundred men, and was collecting troops over Vera Cruz. A cabinet, consisting of Larrazola as Minister of Foreign Relations; Zapata, Finance; Galtis, War.

Four thousand Liberals were at Zacatecas and another body were at Mexico. The progress of the States that the French and English commanders notified the Captain of the Saragata that they should board the Tennessee if any filibuster were aboard. The Captain of the Saragata intimated not while the Saragata was on board to prevent it.

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Market.—Pittsburgh, Tuesday, March 1. We have nothing new to notice in our market. Our rice are in good navigable order, and on Monday evening there were 12 1/2 feet water in the channel between the city and the river.

News Department.

Sewickley Academy.

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Dispepsia and Debility Cured.

Holland Pills.