

tions of the kind in our country, but it has been insufficiently endowed, and a movement has been on foot for increasing its funds. This movement has been crowned with abundant success. We do not know how we can better put these facts before our readers than in the words of Mr. E. W. Blatchford, of Chicago, Vice-President of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and one of the most constant friends that the Seminary has ever had. Mr. Blatchford writes as follows:

I know that you will rejoice with me in the great blessing that has come to our Chicago Theological Seminary. After a labor of eighteen months there is added to its endowment the sum of \$550,000! The pledge of Dr. Daniel K. Pearsons (who, with his wife, had previously given us a fund of \$50,000, in aid of needy students) of \$150,000 on condition that \$400,000 additional be secured by November 1, 1893, rallied the friends of the Seminary to earnest effort. On Wednesday, the first, the full sum of \$400,000 was pledged, when our benefactor, in joy at the accomplished fact, stepped forward and added, in the name of his wife, \$30,000 more as an endowment to one of our foreign professorships. Will not our friend Dr. Mackenzie, when next he preaches his sermon on 1 Kings x., 13, use this as an illustration of "royal bounty"? The past season, with its widespread financial distress, made this happy outcome most improbable, and we are all the more filled with grateful consciousness of the divine blessing that has attended the wise, faithful, and unwearied efforts of the men to whom this great undertaking was committed. Our Professor Samuel Ives Curtiss has had charge of the campaign, in which he has been aided by members of the Faculty and students and alumni of the Seminary. To their visitations and personal appeals the churches throughout the Northwest nobly responded, indicating the increasing interest in this "school of the prophets" among our constituency. I know that many among your readers will rejoice at this event. Men and women in the East as well as in the West have aided in the splendid result. Yet even this accomplishment is but a stepping-stone towards further enlargement. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." As I write, news comes from the Seminary that over two hundred students have been enrolled for the present year.

A New Department in Michigan University

The outline of religious instruction to be given in Michigan University has just reached us. The attempt made is not to duplicate work in such divinity schools as Andover, Yale, Union, and Princeton, but rather to make a purely scientific and non-sectarian department in which there shall be a general study of such subjects as relate to the history and development of the Christian religion. It is started under the auspices of the denomination known as "The Disciples of Christ," and its especial object is the more thorough training of young men desirous of entering that ministry. We do not understand that it is limited to these, but that all who desire, on certain conditions, may avail themselves of the privileges. Two instructors have already been appointed; namely, Herbert L. Willett, M.A., and Clinton Lockhart, M.A. The courses of study are, The History of Israel, Prophecy, Hebrew Psalmody, The Life of Christ, The Apostolic Church, Paul and the Epistles, Religious Movements in America, Methods of Christian Work. In addition to these, numerous courses of lectures on various related subjects will be given by competent lecturers. We do not understand that these chairs have any organic relation with the University of Michigan, but that they are so situated as to enjoy all the privileges of the University, and to offer all their advantages to students of the University without becoming a part of the University itself. The influence of such a movement cannot fail to be felt in the great denomination which is doing the work, and in the great University in co-operation with which it is to be carried on.

The Central Congregational Church in Providence

The Central Congregational Church of Providence, R. I., of which the Rev. E. C. Moore is pastor, has just dedicated one of the most beautiful church edifices in New England. This is the church which was long famous because of the honored ministry of the Rev. Leonard Swain, D.D. More recent pastors have been the Rev. George Harris, D.D., now Professor of Systematic Theology in Andover Theological Seminary, and the Rev. C. W. Huntington, now a pastor in Lowell. The present pastor is a son of the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Columbus, Ohio, recently Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and a brother of Professor George F. Moore, of Andover Seminary. The new church, which we believe has been erected at an expense of about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, is built in the style of the early French Renaissance. It will comfortably seat a thousand people, and is complete in all its appointments. The dedicatory services were peculiarly interesting from the fact that the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island—the venerable Dr. T. M. Clark—President Andrews, of Brown Univer-

sity, the Rev. S. O. Benton, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. George F. Moore, D.D., himself a Presbyterian, all took part in the exercises, while the pastors of the neighboring Unitarian and Universalist churches were earnestly invited to be present and take part in the services, and would have done so had they not been prevented by other engagements. The sermon in the morning was preached by Professor Harris, of Andover, and in the evening by Professor Moore, brother of the pastor. The Central Church is one of the strongest churches in New England, and, while it represents a liberal type of Christianity, it also represents an intensely vital and evangelistic spirit. The pastor and the people are to be congratulated on the completion of their great work.

A Unitarian College at Oxford opened in the great University City of Oxford, England.

The first Nonconformist institution was Mansfield College, of which the distinguished Dr. Fairbairn is Principal; and now Manchester College, a Unitarian institution, has just been opened, with five professors and about a dozen students. The new institution is situated about midway between Mansfield and New Colleges, just back of Wadham. The building is very beautiful and quite in harmony with the architectural traditions of the University. It is purely a theological college, and, we believe, has no provision for residents. Students find their homes in the city. The changes which twenty-three years have worked can hardly be appreciated by us in this country. Only in 1870 was the University opened to Nonconformists; now there are two Nonconformist theological schools in beautiful homes—not a part of the University, to be sure, but still so near to it as to influence its life almost if not quite as much as if they were in organic relations. When Manchester College was opened, many Masters of colleges at Oxford, and various professors and tutors, marched in the procession from the old Music Hall, in Holywell, to the College, side by side with prominent officials and friends of the College itself. The chief addresses were delivered by Dr. Drummond, the Principal, and by the venerable Dr. James Martineau, one of the most interesting figures in the scholastic and ecclesiastical life of England. The reply in behalf of the University was made by the Warden of Merton College. The Unitarian denomination in England is not large, but it embraces among its members many earnest and eminent men. As is perhaps well known to all our readers, it is chiefly the outgrowth of a movement among Presbyterians similar to that among Congregationalists in our own country at the beginning of the present century. Indeed, in England they are often called "Unitarian-Presbyterians." Perhaps the most eminent professor in the new College at Oxford is Mr. J. Estlin Carpenter, whose works in critical lines are well known in this country as well as in England.

Regent Square Church, London

Probably the four most prominent Nonconformist churches in all London are Mr. Spurgeon's among the Baptists, Westminster Chapel and Dr. Parker's among the Congregationalists, and Regent Square among the Presbyterians. All are large, all have behind them a distinguished history, and all are equipped for doing a great work in the cause of the Master. The last of the four, namely, the Regent Square Church, has for some time been passing through troubled waters. Its pastor for many years was the Rev. Dr. Oswald Dykes, one of the foremost Christian leaders in London and in Great Britain. After him John McNeill was called from Scotland. Mr. McNeill's great gifts in certain lines are well known, but he was not adapted to the work in Regent Square, and after a short pastorate resigned. Since then the church has been vacant, until within two months it has called a young Scotchman, the Rev. Alexander Connell. Mr. Connell has been installed, and once more this historic church faces the future in the confidence that it will be used of the Master for great things. The services at the induction of the new pastor were conducted by Principal Dykes (for he is now Principal of the Presbyterian College in London), and by the Rev. Dr. Stalker, of Glasgow. The great London churches are now nearly all full. Thomas Spurgeon is succeeding finely in the Metropolitan Tabernacle;

Dr. Parker is growing younger and more vigorous with his years; Mr. Connell is installed in Regent Square; and only Westminster Chapel, which in many respects has a better location than any of the others, is still without a pastor.



Gleanings

—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, is to conduct a series of revival meetings in Washington this winter, at the invitation of several ministers of that city, if sufficient money can be raised to meet the expenses. A theater or large hall will be rented for four weeks or more.

—The Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, in West Forty-second Street, New York City, has resigned. For some time he has had this step in contemplation, as his health has been poor since a surgical operation he underwent last spring.

—At the recent celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the First Congregational Church in Glastonbury, Conn., the Rev. Mr. Barstow delivered a historical address giving an interesting account of the town and church development and of the early customs of Glastonbury.

—A Union Bible Class will be formed in this city. It will be conducted by the Rev. D. M. Stearns, who has now in charge fourteen classes in different States. An opportunity is given to those who desire to leave a thank-offering for benefits received. From this fund bare traveling expenses are taken, and the rest is devoted to foreign missions and is sent through duly organized channels. The class will begin at the Hebrew Christian Church, 17 St. Mark's Place (the Rev. Jacob Freshman, pastor), on Monday, November 13, from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M., and will be held every alternate Monday. The intervening Monday is given to a class in the Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, at 2 o'clock P.M.

—The Rev. Dr. Edward A. Lawrence, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Baltimore, died in that city at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, of peritonitis, last week. Mr. Lawrence was one of the most successful ministers in Baltimore, to which city he came after pastorates at Sing Sing and Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was a graduate from Yale College, and received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from Beloit College, Wis. Perhaps the most striking incident in his life in Baltimore was his residence in a tenement-house on Parkin Street, Southwest Baltimore. He had long been a student of the social problems of life, and, to get a clear and unprejudiced insight into life as it is in a tenement-house, lived in one for more than two years.

—The Rev. R. S. Storrs, D.D., President of the American Board, has appointed the following gentlemen for a committee to nominate new corporate members at the meeting in October of next year: The Rev. S. H. Virgin, D.D.; John E. Brown, Esq.; the Rev. James Brand, D.D. (from the committee of last year); President Merrill E. Gates, D.D.; Elbert B. Monroe, Esq.; Charles H. Case, Esq.; the Rev. Frank Russell, D.D. The rules of the Board require the confirmation of this appointment by a formal vote. This was overlooked at the close of the last meeting, when the appointment should have been made, and will be asked for at the opening of the meeting next year. The gentlemen named have accepted their appointment, and will prepare the nominations.

—On Monday evenings this winter, at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, there will be given a special course of instruction in Biblical Hebrew, as an introduction to the study of the Bible in the original tongue, by Richard J. H. Gottheil, Ph.D., Professor of Semitic Languages, Columbia College. The course of instruction will comprise a study of the elements of Hebrew grammar, translations from the Book of Genesis, and exercises in turning English into Hebrew. After having completed this course, those in attendance will be able to read almost all the Bible, with the simple help of grammar and dictionary. The instruction will not only be philological, but will, as occasion offers, serve also as an introduction to the literature and antiquities of the Hebrew people. Those desiring to attend the course should send their applications to Professor Richard J. H. Gottheil, Ph.D., Columbia College, New York City, or to the Director of the Institute, Professor Franklin W. Hooper, 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

—One who has been called the most eminent Swedenborgian in America, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, died at his home in West Philadelphia, last week, in his eighty-first year. He was born in 1813, entered Williams College very young, and left it in his junior year because of failing health. For three years he taught school, then went to Ohio, where he had much success as a boarding-school principal, and was engaged in that calling at Pomeroy, O., where he became acquainted with the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and turned preacher. He was

ordained at Cincinnati in 1853. Mr. Giles removed to New York in 1864, and during ten years held a prominent place among the clergy of the city, editing the "New Jerusalem Messenger," and producing a number of noteworthy theological works, which gained wide and respectful attention. Fifteen years ago Mr. Giles was called to Philadelphia to assume the pastorate of the New Jerusalem Society, then meeting in a hall; in 1881 the foundations were laid for the fine church building at Chestnut and Twenty-second Streets.

—In a meeting held in New York City last week with the object of putting the Young Men's Hebrew Association on a firmer footing, Rabbi Gottheil said: "I do not like to hear the Young Men's Christian Association spoken of as a society young men should shun. It is an admirable organization, and I understand that no effort is made to proselytize among the young Jews who join it. Our society is an imitation of the Young Men's Christian Association, but we have left out the great principle which has been the success of the Christian society. That is religion. We call ourselves the Young Men's Hebrew Association, but we are Hebrew only in name. The Bible readings, prayer-meetings, and sermons are the features of the Christian Association, and we have none of these. We have excluded Judaism and put it under a ban, fearful of what the orthodox, or the seculars, or the independents might think. Take your example from the Young Men's Christian Association, and have religion and the history of our faith taught. Don't come here simply to play tenpins or billiards and talk politics."

—The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Minneapolis last week, decided upon the sum of \$1,150,000 as the total to be appropriated for the work of domestic and foreign missions for the ensuing fiscal year. The financial report of the year, submitted by Dr. Sanford Hunt, of New York, said in brief that the gross receipts for the year showed a decrease of nearly \$61,000, and that instead of the balance of \$44,000 which stood to the credit of the committee on November 1 of last year, it was now confronted with a cash treasury debt of \$109,263, and adding to this an outstanding bill of exchange of \$78,943 made a total indebtedness of \$188,206. The total expenditures of the year were \$1,350,245. In submitting the report Treasurer Hunt said that the movement was confronted with the most stringent conditions it had ever known. By the end of the next month the debt would have materially increased, and by next March, when the receipts of the spring conferences became available, it would aggregate, according to present estimates, not less than \$425,000.



Ministerial Personals

CONGREGATIONAL

—Smith Baker, lately of the Park Avenue Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has accepted a call from the Maverick Church of East Boston, Mass.

—Caldwell Morrison was lately installed as pastor of the church in Conway, Mass.

—F. J. Fairbanks, of Amherst, Mass., has received a call from the First Church of Royalston.

—J. F. Forsythe, of Tannersville, N. Y., has resigned.

—B. F. Cokeley was, on October 25, installed as pastor of the church in Southbury, Conn.

—A. R. Patten accepts a call to Gorham, N. H.

—Jonathan Turner accepts a call to Gaylord, Mich.

—Margaret R. Elliott, of Norrie, Wis., accepts a call to Butternut and Fifield.

—Robert Ford, of Center Harbor, N. H., accepts a call to Campton.

—W. O. Weeden, of Upper Montclair, N. J., has resigned.

PRESBYTERIAN

—Charles J. Young was installed as pastor of the Church of the Puritans, New York City, on November 16.

—J. J. Rankin accepts a call from Hawley, Pa.

—W. H. Hyatt, of the Third Church of Kansas City, Mo., accepts a call to Garden Plain, Ill.

—C. H. Field accepts a second call to Bedford, N. H.

—W. F. Allen was installed as pastor of the Westminster Church of Denver, Colo., on October 31.

—R. H. Van Pelt, of Lawrence, Kan., has resigned.

OTHER CHURCHES

—M. H. Stone has resigned the rectorship of the Parkville Church (P. E.) of Hartford, Conn., and will become assistant to the Rev. Floyd Tompkins, of Chicago, Ill.

—A. L. Bennett, of the Church of the Ascension (P. E.), Waltham, Mass., declines a call from St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, N. Y.

—A. R. Kieffer has resigned the rectorship of Grace Church (P. E.), Colorado Springs, Colo., to accept the position of associate pastor in Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

—J. H. La Roche has become rector of Trinity Church (P. E.), Binghamton, N. Y.

—D. H. Stoddard accepts a call from the First Baptist Church of Chicopee, Mass.

—T. C. McClelland, of the Bushwick Reformed Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has received a call from the North Reformed Church of the same city.

—L. N. Brown has become pastor of the Willow Place Unitarian Chapel of Brooklyn, N. Y.

—J. L. Seward has resigned the pastorate of the Unitarian church at Waterville, Me., to accept a call to Allston, Mass.