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Benj. A. Stubbins,
Pastor Main St. M. E. Church.

BISHOP GILBERT HAVEN.

Bishop Gilbert Haven, who should preside over our Annual Conferen in a session at Asa, has died at Salem, Mass., on the 30th of this month, not quite 50 years of age. He was a most brilliant man; eloquent, logical and witty. A real sturdy, pious, sally bishop. He was an affectionate husband, and though for twenty years a widower he always regarded himself as a married man. Once in the midst of a time of toil and fatigue, he said to a friend: "When this great battle is ended, and the Master lets me into the city, I intend to lie down with my head in my wife’s lap and rest a thousand years." His death was most triumphant and glorious. Among his dying utterances were, as he lay waiting: "I am borne up; I am floating; I am surrounded with angels." He was asked if he found Jesus precious in the trying hour. He replied: "Yes; He whom I have preached and served so long will not desert me now. He is a whole Christ, a full Saviour. Glory to God for such a salvation!" To one who was leaving him said: "Good-night Doctor; when we meet again it will be good-morning." Mr. Magee writes to Dr. Fowler that throughout the day the bishop was exultant and happy, often shouting, "Glory! glory! glory!" An hour before he died he said: "There is no river here; it is all beautiful," and thus he passed away.
ents were made to teachers, the writer does not now remember to whom. Each child received a box full of candies, raisins, &c. All went away satisfied.

Our Organist being absent last Sunday, Miss Anna See took her place at the Organ and performed well. Thanks to Miss Anna.

Sociability is an element of success in the church. It don’t cost much to be friendly, and it makes every body feel welcome, who attends the services. See to it brethren, that no stranger ever comes and goes without some one in the church forming his acquaintance, and inviting him back.

We hope the members of the church have visited all those who have united with us recently. If you have not, go at your earliest convenience, and thus help to make Shinkle Chapel a church home for them. They expect you, no doubt, soon.

Only of love is it said, It is the fulfilling of the law. “Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” Externals may commend us, but charity and love commend us to God.

Of the three thousand added to the Church on the day of Pentecost it is said, “And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” In following their example we will not make a mistake, but on the contrary will “grow in grace,” increase in knowledge, and develop in strength. For, “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

We have reason to be encouraged as a church. Our membership has increased. Our congregations are large. Finances are in a healthy condition. Prayer-meetings are largely attended. The Sunday-school is growing rapidly. The benevolent collections will be equal to if not in advance of the previous year. In fact, every interest of the church is in a healthy condition, and the tendency is upward. Let us take courage, and, “Forgetting those things which are behind, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

LADIES TO THE FRONT.

Besides the new pulpit at a cost of about ten dollars, and paying over four dollars on cleaning up the church, the Ladies’ Aid Society of our church has paid nearly one fifth of all that the church has paid on salary this year. This has been accomplished by the energy of the ladies in gathering up the little bits, and had the stewards shown a fraction of the energy displayed by these sisters, we should be able to report more creditable figures. We do not say that none of the stewards have done well; but we heard one of them recently admit that if he with the others had done their duty, things would not now be as they are. This is not too late yet to redeem much of the lost vantage ground. We venture to assert, the history of Main-Street Church can not show a pastoral term in which the people have been so little teased about the salary as in this one. The pastor has said nothing, and the stewards have not done much better. This may not be the case entirely, but it will not the less. Perhaps we had better have some of the ladies elected to the stewardship next year.

MISS MAGGIE A. BOYD.

Maggie A. Boyd was born Nov. 11, 1858, and died at her home in this city, December 29th, 1879, aged 21 years. She was an only daughter of a widowed mother, an only sister, an estimable young lady, and much beloved by her friends, a large number of whom attended the funeral. At the request of her relatives we held a memorial service at the church on the 11th inst., preaching from Ps. xx, 12.

THE LYCEUM.

The last meeting of the Lyceum was a strange failure so far as the programme was concerned. The committee was not prepared to offer anything. Two of the committee were not present and the other one showed that she was not to blame. One piece, 1776—1876, that had been spoken for, voluntarily came forward and was well received.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday evening January the 27th, unless our special services are continued. If our religious meetings go on, there will be no literary exercises, but the usual business will probably be attended to in the class room. It is the time for the semi-annual election of officers, and therefore a meeting of more than usual importance.

The programme of exercises, subject of course to the above mentioned contingency, provides for:
An Organ Voluntary.
A Soprano Solo.
A Lecture, by Rev. C. W. Ketcham
D. D., of Christie Chapel, Cin.
A Quartet.

It has been thought best to have a comparatively short programme in view of the election of officers.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

"At the Main-Street M. E. Church yesterday morning, just after the services, the beloved pastor, Rev. Benj. A. Stubbins, was agreeably surprised by being presented with a valuable volume of encyclopaedia, by the members of his congregation."—Cin. Daily Times January 19th.

We reproduce the above "local item," in order to explain and express our thanks. The volume referred to, is the eighth of McClinton and Strong's Ecclesiastical Cyclopaedia. Bro. Pierce asked us, that morning, for five minutes after preaching, but through our entire misapprehension of his meaning, and our entire ignorance of what was in waiting, we prevented the exact carrying out of the proposed programme, which we very much regret. On this account few of the congregation knew of the presentation. The book is one we have much desired and intended to purchase soon. We thank you all more than we can express.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The regular meeting of the Sunday-school Board was held on Sunday morning December 28th 1879, W. W. Pierce, Asst. Sup't in the chair, and 13 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee to prepare a plan of examinations reported that there were hindrances in the way, and were discharged at their own request. Sisters M. E. Ewing and S. A. Sanford were appointed a committee to wait on the delinquent teachers. A communication was received from the Superintendent concerning his resignation, and the resignation was accepted. The teacher's committee on Christmas festival reported to the Board, and the report was received and ordered to record. [The Christmas festival did not cost the Board a cent. The funds and supplies were solicited, and the friends gave us an abundance, for which we cordially thank them. Etc.]

Collections for the month:—

For Missions, $1.24
For General Expenses, 2.92
Total, $4.16

Bills allowed, $1.70
Average attendance, 85

A called meeting was held on the 11th of January, Benj. A. Stubbins, the Pastor, in the chair, and 16 members present. The business for which the meeting was called, was stated to be the filling the vacancy in the office of Superintendent. On motion, the rule requiring a month's notice to be given was suspended; and, W. W. Pierce was elected Superintendent for the unexpired term.

W. A. BUCKTON, Secretary.

EX CATHEDRA.

—Complaining amounts to a hypochondria or monomania with some persons. They see only difficulties, and gloom. There would be no heroes nor successes worth naming if there were no mountains to level beneath the onward tread of courageous faith. Cease whining—it never gained a victory—and pitch 'em like a sturdy soldier.

—Two more numbers of this paper will complete the second volume.

—Light gleams through the clouds. The way is clearing and the prospect broadening and brightening.

—Brother Sanford has resigned the Superintendentcy of the Sabbath-school and is not now connected with it except as a member of the church.

—We are pleased to note some indications of revival in our church. All the meetings are more numerously attended than for some time.

—At a called meeting of the Sunday-school Board, held January 11th, Bro. W. W. Pierce was elected Superintendent of the Sabbath-school, vice W. M. Sanford resigned.

—The Class for Religious Instruction has improved very much of late, in the matter of attendance.

—We observed the "week of prayer" and had some very pleasant and very profitable meetings.

—Class No. 2, Bro. John Richards leader, is meeting again at 6.30 o'clock every Sunday evening. Last Sunday evening there was a large attendance and a good meeting.

—Jesus says we must sacrifice life for religion; which is only saying that we must give up the life of a few days for the life of eternity.

—The attendance of our Sunday-school is improving very much. It has increased from 82 a few weeks ago to 116 January 11th.

—The Kentucky Tribune is one of the best printed papers we get, and is a very sturdy lively paper. The publishers announce that during the session of our Conference in Danville, in March, they will issue a daily Conference Tribune at 25 cents for the volume. This will be an interesting session, and the paper an interesting feature of it. Delegates to the General Conference are to be elected, the Lay-electoral Conference is to meet, and other matters of interest will occur. If any of our readers wish to subscribe we will attend to the matter for them.

—A good soldier is not content to stay in the rear.

—Sunday the 18th was a gracious day to us. There was more spiritual power than we have seen for a long time, and, "There's more to follow."

—In the army the sick were sent to the rear for treatment, but cowards, and lazy shirkers went to the rear to hide from duty. Where are you?

—Our special meetings seem to be doing good. There has been no one forward for prayers—no see-saw—and there has been no accessions; but the temper of the church is very much in advance of what it was.

—When Adam and Eve got into mischief and "backslid," they went to the rear, out of sight, so that when the Lord came they were not to be seen.

—We thank our young people and others who so promptly come forward. Their help in singing is very grateful to us indeed.

—Some persons can not, or, perhaps will not, be happy except when having their own way; and so they are seldom in a comfortable state.

—Some of our young people who should be interested in these meetings never come near. What is the matter?

—For the first time since we have been in charge here, we have examined the Treasurer's book. Its revelations would astonish the church and beat the world.

—The subtilty of all wrong is in that the wrong-doer can not, or rather perhaps, will not see that he is wrong. "None so blind as he who will not see."

—Of nine persons under 18 years of age in our church, eight of them contribute more or less regularly to the support of the gospel.

—If we are so fortunate as to utter a truth that life you, will you be kind enough to credit the blow to the truth instead of to us?

—We have written several items on that book which must go over. Sorry.

—Dr. Ketcham's lecture: "Twilight of reason, or, full-awed day."

—Bro. C. T. Morris has consented to take charge of the choir again.
CLIPS OF SENSE.

He who can not find time to consult his Bible will one day find he has time to be sick; he who has no time to pray must find time to die; he who can find no time to read is most likely to find no time to sin; he who can not find time for repentance will find an eternity in which repentance will be of no avail; he who can not find time to work for others may find an eternity in which to suffer for himself.—Moore.

Of the two extremes we should most fear lukewarmness. Rather let your milk boil over than be raw.—W.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.—Rev. 3: 16.

Jesus forbids us laying up treasure on earth, for ourselves.—Log Evangelist.

Those people who do not think there is any honesty in this world have been studying themselves.—Eis.

I have always found, in my scientific studies, that when I could get the Bible to say anything upon the subject, it afforded me a firm foundation to stand upon, and another round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend.

—Lient. Naury.

Of children Wm. Penn said to his wife: For their learning be liberal. Spare no cost; for by such parsimony all is lost that is saved; but let it be useful knowledge, such as is consistent with truth and godliness.

I used to think I would like to write this on my tombstone as my epitaph, "Graduated." But since the Church has trusted me with one of her chief responsibilities, I hope to make it, "Graduated with honor."—Bp. Harens.

A good woman who had just joined a Missionary Society by the payment of a small sum, said: "I am no longer simply a part of this village; by this act I am made conscious of my relations to the whole world."—Advocate.

A Roman Catholic peasant boy in Ireland is reported to have listened attentively to a priest earnestly denouncing the "revel," and warning the people against it as the work of the Devil. "Ah, thin yer riverine," replied the lad, "it must be a new divil; for that's not the way the old divil used to make the people behave themselves."—Edn. Foster.

A Dr. Finney tells of a blacksmith whose agony caused great at't of the condition of the church and of sinners, that he could not work; so he locked up his shop, and spent the afternoon in prayer. This was followed by a powerful revival.—Encyclopedia.

Prayer is our speech to God: when we read, God speaks to us; when we pray, we speak to God.—Augustine.

Thanksgiving is a good thing; but thanksgiving is better.—P. Henry.

Man subdued the seas, lightnings, winds, fires and other forces, and put them to serving him; but he is a servant of the devil, and is subdued by passion and death.—Said.

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