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THE COMING ANNIVERSARIES.

We should be glad to see the anniversaries brought back to their former height of interest and success. It would be a great refreshment, in the midst of our busy life, to see the tribes assemble once more on Anniversary week, and, as in days gone by, hang with breathless interest upon lips that glow with burning words. We need now—more, perhaps, than ever—the influence of such assemblies. May the Spirit of all grace be poured out the coming week upon speakers and hearers, and may the work of God be revived afresh among us and every work of Christian benevolence advanced.

The Anniversaries, we regret to say, do not attract the crowds which once thronged the old Broadway Tabernacle and filled the churches. It is very evident that, for some reason, they have lost their hold upon the people. They were once seasons of great refreshing, when thousands came together with warm hearts, to have their hearts warmed still more by the thrilling facts and the thrilling addresses with which the facts were enforced.

One cause of this decay of enthusiasm is to be found in long and sometimes pointless speeches. The world is growing more and more active every year. People have less time to spend in hearing orators talk round about a subject. This is the day for short, sharp, and decisive addresses.

We can recall more than one anniversary, held no longer ago than last year, for which three or four speakers were engaged and announced; but after the reading of the reports, the first speaker occupied nearly an hour. At the close of his speech the people would go home, and not in very good humor.

We have again and again seen the late Dr. Adams refuse to speak, because a dull speaker had used up the time and the evening was far spent. Orators now liv-

ing with the American Mission at Amoy were, on February 5, 1881, forcibly driven from their homes by the villagers for being refused to contribute toward an atrocious procession. One of their number, Keh Ng, was so severely beaten that he died on February 28."

The Rev. Dr. T. S. Hastings has made the recipient of a purse containing \$16,500, being a present from his people. He resigns his charge of Professorship, but he does not profess any affection of a loving church.

He concluded with a touching valedictory to his people. The whole congregation were deeply affected. On the same day the Rev. Dr. W. W. Williams, who succeeded the Rev. Dr. Tyng, sr., as rector of St. George's church, delivered his farewell, having accepted a call to Baltimore. He also addressed the Sunday schools of his late charge, and received from them many tokens of regard.

PRINCETON SEMINARY.

ADDRESSES: GRADUATES: THE ALUMNI AT DINNER: SPLENDID DONATION: GOOD FOR THE PROFESSORS.

The sixty-ninth year of the Theological Seminary closed last week. The class of graduates numbers thirty. The Hebrew Fellowship was taken by William L. Pierson, North Carolina. T. V. Moore, Tennessee, was the winner of the first Charles Scribner prize, Messrs. Morrison and Thomas taking the second and third prizes respectively. The first Carter prize was won by F. A. Wilber, Ohio; R. S. Thomas, Pennsylvania, of the Middle Class, second, and J. A. Ainslee, Minnesota, third.

The Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, D. D., delivered the address to the alumni and students. It was very able and appropriate.

The venerable Dr. Snodgrass once more distributed the diplomas to the graduating class of thirty. Dr. Magill made to them an affectionate parting address.

The Alumni then held their annual meeting, Dr. Paxton, President, in the chair. Dr. Schenck read the report of the past year, showing that fifty-three of the alumni had died, and the average age was sixty-nine and a quarter years. Brief and racy speeches followed. Dinner was laid in Stuart Hall, served from the University hotel, and was a grand affair, winding up with brilliant addresses, which were greatly enjoyed by the company. The alumni attended this meeting in larger numbers than usual and evinced the heartiest enthusiasm in the venerable Seminary.

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MAY 8 TO 15, 1881.

(At the Broadway Tabernacle, cor. 34th st., when not otherwise stated.)

SUNDAY, MAY 8.

Am. Home Missionary Society, 7:30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. C. L. Goodell, D. D., St. Louis, Mo. (Business Meeting, Bible House, Wednesday, May 11, 4 P. M.)

Am. Seamen's Friend Society, 7:30 P. M.—Fifth avenue Baptist church, Forty-sixth street, west of Fifth ave. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D. (Annual meeting, 80 Wall street, Monday, 2 P. M.)

MONDAY, MAY 9.

Woman's National Christian Temperance Union, 2:30 P. M.—Mrs. F. D. B. Chase will preside. Speakers: Mrs. C. B. Buell, Mrs. F. J. Barnes, Rev. Geo. E. Reed, Miss M. E. Winslow.

New York Port Society, 7:30 P. M.—Speakers: Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Rev. H. Crosby, D. D., and Rev. E. D. Murphy, New York; Rev. C. Cuthbert Hall, Brooklyn.

Union Theological Seminary, 7:30 P. M.—(Alumni Meeting, 9 University Place, 10 A. M.) Madison Square Presbyterian church. Address, Rev. W. W. Patton, D. D.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

New York Sunday School Teachers' Association, 3:30 P. M.—Speakers: Rev. W. F. Crafts, Rev. A. F. Schauffler. Floral service. Choir of 100 from N. Y. S. S. Choral Union.

National Temperance Society, 7:30 P. M.—Speakers: Hon. H. W. Blair, U. S. Senate; Rev. O. H. Tiffany, D. D., and others.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

American Tract Society.—Annual business meeting, 10 A. M., in the chapel.

Anniversary, 7:30 P. M.—Speakers: Rev. J. B. Thomas, D. D., Brooklyn; Rev. S. F. Scovel, D. D., Pittsburgh; Rev. C. L. Goodell, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. John House, Bulgaria.

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The Sabbath school cause lost a valuable worker in the death of Stephen Paxson, which occurred Friday, 22d ult. He was a veteran in the service. It is estimated that 71,000 children have been gathered into Sabbath schools through his influence and 3,114 schools organized. "Father Paxson" will long be held in grateful remembrance. He died in the harness. His indomitable energy only yielded to the power of death. His faith was triumphant. His end was peace.

Dr. Brookes' church will hereafter be known as the "Washington avenue Presbyterian church." The legal difficulties that have long embarrassed the old property belonging to the congregation have been removed.

One-fourth of the income of the Basle Mission, which sustains 115 missionaries in India, Africa and China, and has gathered 13,245 church members, is derived from a penny-a-week contributed by 120,000 persons. The collections were begun in 1855, and have amounted to \$1,156,145. In 1879 there were \$53,000.

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We know of just the right man for a church in the country or in a village paying about a thousand dollars salary, and will put such a man and such a church into correspondence.

Bishop Borgess, of the Catholic Diocese of Detroit, has issued a pastoral letter forbidding the holding of any picnic excursion by water or rail, and priests are commanded to enforce his instructions.

Berwick is not the only Temperance town in Pennsylvania. Washington, with a population of 5,000 and three hotels, has not had a house licensed to sell liquors for 15 years. There has been no license given in the county of Washington for about 10 years.

The *Amoy Gazette* says:—"News has reached us from Chiang Chu that nine men, all of the surname of Keh, belonging to the village of Leau Hoa, district of Leong Khe, who had more than one year ago embraced the Christian religion and attended a chapel at Chiang Chu, connect