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AN item in our February number has been misunderstood. The \$14,440 referred to were intended for a special purpose. The entire amount remains intact, and will be used as intended by the donor.

THE congregation of Stirling promises to Mr. Allen, for whom a call was moderated, \$700 with manso.

ALL moneys received as late as March 15th are acknowledged this month. Will subscribers who have remitted their subscriptions please examine the tab, and if credit is not given, notify us at once? Subscribers who have not forwarded their subscription will oblige us by examining their tabs, and forward at once amount due.

BACK numbers have been sent to all who have requested them. If they have not been received the fault is not ours.

MONEYS and clothing sent to us for Kansas sufferers have been forwarded, and will be acknowledged by parties receiving it. The names and amounts will be given in our next issue.

REV. T. A. SPROULL, co-editor of the *Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanter* prior to 1874, will send bills to all persons who owe the former editors on back account. Subscribers in arrears will greatly oblige the former editors by promptly paying what is due. If mistakes are noticed, proper credit will be given when attention is directed to them.

SYNOD will meet at Coulterville, Ill., May 23th, 1875, 2 P. M.

THE collection for McKinney Fund is to be taken up, by direction of Synod, on the first Sabbath of April.

MR. JNO. CALDWELL, of Philadelphia, who for several months has been suffering from injuries received on shipboard, when crossing the Atlantic, is now in Massachusetts under the care of skilful surgeons. Mr. Caldwell has always taken a deep interest in the missions and benevolent schemes of the church. In his affliction he has the earnest sympathy of his brethren. Our readers will be glad to learn that there is good reason to believe a permanent cure in his case will be effected.

THE Ohio Presbytery will meet at New Concord, Ohio, April 7th, 10 A. M. Pittsburgh, in Allegheny church, April 13, 7 P. M. Lakes, in Second Miami church, April 13, 7 P. M. Philadelphia, in First Church, Philad lphia, May 3d, 3 P. M. Rochester, in Rochester, May 4th, 11 A. M.

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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES, No. IV.

BY THOS. SPROULL, D. D.

CHESTER DISTRICT, South Carolina, is a name that was familiar to Covenanters of the past generation, and is so to some who are still alive. It is the place where the Reformation vine early took root, and for a time flourished. Though afterwards, when withering under the blasting shadow of the upas tree of slavery, it was transplanted to a more genial soil, the place of its first growth deserves more than a passing notice.

It is probable that the climate of South Carolina, as well as the adaptation of the soil to agriculture, attracted the Covenanters emigrating from the old country to this district. In what year the first of them arrived, we are unable to tell. As Rev. Mr. Martin came from Ireland to minister to them in 1773, a considerable number must have preceded him. A descendant of one of their families has kindly given the names of a number of persons who were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Chester District and vicinity in the latter part of the last century. A record of them will be interesting to many readers of the *Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanter*. They are given in the order presented by the correspondent referred to above. John Kell, James Kell, John McDill, John Cooper, James Harbison, John Rock, Adam Edgar, James McQuiston, Hugh McMullan, Hugh McKelvey, Andrew Stephenson, James Nisbet, John Orr, Robert Hemphill, David Stormont, Jas. Stormont, John Hunter, Jas. Hunter, Robert Black, Daniel Wright, Samuel Little, Robert Little, David Boyd, Thomas Neil, James Faris, John McClurkin. There were doubtless many others who were active in maintaining the principles of a covenanting testimony, whose names, if known, would be worthy of mention. These, however, will suffice to keep up the memory of many whose remains lie in the graveyard of the old brick church.

Of the labors of Mr. Martin, during the seventeen years that he

## SOUTHERN.

## LETTER FROM REV. LEWIS JOHNSTON.

SELMA, ALA., Feb. 10, 1875.

REV. D. B. WILLSON—*Dear Sir*: The mission is still successful. Our roll numbers nearly three hundred. Average attendance, one hundred and fifty to one hundred and sixty; boys, from seventy to seventy-five; girls, eighty to eighty-five; Mrs. Johnston's (primary) room, eighty-five pupils; Mr. Boxley's, forty-five, and my room, thirty. Each of us has a class in Sabbath school, Miss Mallory has one also, about fifteen to a class, sixty being the average attendance. January 17th, a very cold day, there were thirty-seven; 24th, a pleasant day, eighty-five; 31st, seventy, the day being cool.

I preach to the same number, mostly our scholars, who have become regular hearers. I have missed no day in school or in Sabbath day work, and now I teach a night school, yet not a large one. I am now six hours in the school room in day, and three at night. The pupils do well in the Catechism. They are getting acquainted not only with the doctrines, but the practical manifestation of them is felt in the community—in the morals of our pupils, their piety and conduct. The knowledge of the Scriptures among them is increasing, and the desire to read them. Many began with the year to read through the Bible. Some are in 2 Kings, Ruth, Judges, Numbers, Exodus, and some, I am sorry to say, are yet in Genesis. Since I have returned, ten have finished the Catechism, and five will finish it this week. I have laid on the pupils a tax of ten cents a month. Perhaps I may get one-half. They keep the house clean. \* \* \* \*

Yours, &amp;c.,

LEWIS JOHNSTON.

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SOUTHERN MISSION.—The mission at Selma is in a prosperous condition. The teachers will be reinforced in April by Mr. George M. Elliott, who has concluded his second year in the Seminary. The Selma school is in the condition of the Latakiyeh school—a limit had to be placed upon the admission of scholars, but Mr Elliott's presence will allow of an increase. The building was out of repair, and at the March meeting of the Board bids were presented for the work to be done, and a committee was appointed to attend to the matter at once. The expense will be somewhat over \$300. Let the church remember the needs of this mission.

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 ECCLESIASTICAL.

## OPENING OF BETHEL CHURCH.

FOR more than forty years Bethel congregation worshipped in the church at Eden. The building having become unsuitable for the purposes for which it was originally intended, it was resolved to erect another better adapted to the present necessities of the congregation. A change of location was deemed advisable, and Sparta was selected. The old building was sold for \$600. Subscriptions were obtained to the amount of \$5,200. A lot was purchased for \$600. The new building cost \$5,200. The furniture and improvement of the lot cost \$400 additional, for paying which \$200 have been raised, leaving \$200 yet to be raised. Of the \$5,200 subscribed, all has been paid, or is certain, except about \$200. This leaves the entire