

## Notes from the Field

**Chicago.**—The Annual Conference of the Unitarian and other Independent Societies of Illinois will be held at All Souls Church from the 7th to the 9th of November. The following is the program: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 8 p. m., Annual Sermon, by Rev. H. W. Thomas of Chicago; 9 p. m., Social Reunion. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10 a. m., Devotional Meeting, led by Rev. J. V. Blake, Chicago; 11 a. m., Reports of State Work by the Secretary and the ministers of the different churches; 3 p. m., Paper on "The Liberal Church and the People," by Rev. R. A. White, Chicago; Discussion opened by Rev. R. B. Marsh, Peoria; 4 p. m., Paper on Method of Missionary Work in Liberal Churches, by Rev. A. N. Alcott, Elgin; Discussion opened by Rev. A. H. Laing, Joliet; 8 p. m., Platform Meeting on "The Larger Religious Horizon,"—The Larger Horizon of the Universalist Church, by Rev. A. J. Canfield, Chicago; The Larger Horizon of the Unitarian Church, by Rev. Ida Hultin, Moline; The Larger Horizon of the Independent Church, by Rev. J. H. Acton, Aurora; The Larger Horizon of the Jewish Church, by Rabbi Hirsch; The Larger Horizon of the Ethical Movement, by Mr. M. M. Mangasarian, Chicago; The Possibilities of Liberal Organization, by Rev. J. L. Jones, Chicago. Thursday, 10 a. m., Devotional Meeting; 11 a. m., Business.

**Hinsdale, Ill.**—The pulpit at Hinsdale was filled Oct. 15 and 22 by the Rev. Messrs. Vivekananda and Nagarkar, who preached with much acceptance to overflowing houses. A course of lectures by Messrs. Vivekananda and Hirai are also being given and attended to the full capacity of the church. Next Sunday the pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. J. C. Allen, a recent graduate of Meadville and a former parishioner of Mr. Gannett in Rochester, who writes very cordially in commendation of him.

**Geneva, Ill.**—The Unitarian Society held its annual meeting in the church Wednesday, Oct. 18. After supper the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harvey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to listen to reports and elect officers for the coming year. Mrs. Harvey, Mr. B. W. Dodson and Mrs. Blackman were elected trustees, Mr. T. H. Eddowes secretary, and Miss Lizzie Long treasurer. The principal work of the past year was the building of the parsonage, funds for which were largely contributed by outside friends, who personally or by report were familiar with the early history of the church, especially in connection with the labors of Mr. Conant more than fifty years ago. The society desires to express in this way its sincere thanks to all friends, East and West, who have aided in this work. A small indebtedness of about \$200 remaining, it was voted to raise that among ourselves, and Mr. Dodson and Mr. Harvey were appointed a committee for that purpose. On the following Sunday, Harvest Sunday, the full amount was raised, and the society is now out of debt.

**St. Paul, Minn.**—During the four Sundays in November and the first two of December, Rev. S. M. Crothers will deliver a series of evening sermons on "Texts from the Poets." The first text is from Keats,—

Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all  
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.—  
and the last from Browning :

To trace love's first beginning in mankind,  
To know even hate is but a masque of love's  
To see a good in evil, and a hope  
In ill success.

The other texts are, in order, from Shelley, Wordsworth, Emerson and Matthew Arnold.

**New Paynesville, Minn.**—The Rev. Helen G. Putnam, of Fargo, N. D., did some good work here this week. On Sunday, the 22d ult., she held a service in I. O. O. F. Hall, kindly donated by the large-hearted members of that order. Fifty persons attended, and gave the closest attention to her fine discourse on character. In the evening she addressed a house-full in the Congregational Church on the Parliament of Religions. She spent the next three days visiting unorthodox families, and found more than a dozen who belonged to no fold, and were glad to hear the free word. Besides these families she found about twenty individuals who were equally glad to hear her. If friends of the liberal faith were to travel about among the people awhile they would be surprised at the endless field for work. Thousands of hearts are waiting to be warmed to life and love by the sunny rays of reason in religion. G. R. S.

**Mt. Pleasant, Mich.**—The Michigan Conference of Unitarian and Independent Churches will be held at Mt. Pleasant, from the 7th to the 9th of November. The following is the program: Nov. 7, 1893, Opening Sermon, 7:30 p. m., by Rev. W. D. Simmonds; Nov. 8, Devotional Meeting, 9 to 10 a. m., led by Rev. H. Digby Johnston; Reports of officers, Reports from Churches in the State, Appointment of committee, 10 to 11; Paper by Rev. T. B. Forbush, followed by discussion, 11 to 12; Paper by Rev. F. W. N. Hugenholz, followed by discussion, 2 to 3 p. m.; Paper by Rev. J. T. Sunderland and discussion, 3 to 4 p. m.; Platform Meeting, 7 p. m., subject, "The Aids to the Advancement of Liberal Religion"—1st, "Science, Giving Juster Views of God and Man." Rev. H. Digby Johnston; 2d, "Historic Criticism, Giving Juster Views of Revelation and the Bible;" 3d, "Growth of Human Sympathy." Rev. Caroline J. Bartlett; Nov. 9, Devotional Meeting, 9 to 10 a. m., led by Rev. C. J. Bartlett; Paper by Rev. Reed Stuart and discussion, 10 to 11; Paper by Hon. S. U. Hopkin; and discussion, 11 to 12; Closing Business of the Conference and Election of Officers, 12 m.

**Manistee, Mich.**—The Secretary of the Western Conference preached at Manistee, Oct. 22, and was greeted by a large and sympathetic audience. The church is still without a minister, but is ready for the right person when he or she comes. That they were still alive was shown by their purchasing fifty copies of "Beginnings" within ten minutes of the close of the services.

**Ames, Iowa.**—Rev. Miss Safford, of Sioux City, who with her colleague, Miss Gordon, has also for some time been caring for the religious needs of Cherokee, preaching there every other week, and contributing to the organization of a promising Unity club, has now turned her attention to the State Agricultural College at this place, in the chapel of which she preached to the students Oct. 15, and in the afternoon held a largely attended

inquiry meeting, at which the students kept her busy several hours answering questions. In reference to this occasion *The Student*, the college paper, spoke as follows:

The talk given by Miss Safford in Morrill Hall Sunday afternoon was appreciated by all, whether agreeing with her belief or not. We have a very able class of ministers to address us on Sundays, and students would enjoy more talks from them after the manner of this one. We are here for education of the broadest kind, for information on all questions and on all sides of the question; and this can only come from the most perfect liberty of discussion and access to all sources of information. It is a violation of the non-sectarian spirit of a State institution to suppress the expression of opinion on one side of a religious question on the supposition that "our side" contains all the truth that has been unearthed and doubtless the truth will perish with us. Let "non-sectarianism" be true non-sectarianism.

**Cincinnati, Ohio.**—The Cincinnati Branch of the National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women, of which Mary P. Wells Smith is President, has sent us the following interesting program for 1893-94: October 16th.—Extra-Biblical Religions. Rev. Geo. A. Thayer. A paper written for the International Congress of Unitarians, at Chicago. November 13th.—What I Learned at Chicago. Five-minute talks by Mesdames Brotherton, Corre, Champion, Stanwood, Stone, Sykes, Owens, Goepfer, Ives, and other ladies. December 11th.—Early Unitarianism in Cincinnati. Mrs. Lucy E. A. Keeler. January 8th.—Religious News Committee's Report. February 12th.—Unitarian Hymns and Hymn Writers. Mrs. Davis James. March 12th.—The Religious and Ethical Influence of Poetry. Mrs. E. M. Brown. April 9th.—The Unity of Religions. Miss Anna Laws. May 14th.—Philanthropic News Committee's Report.

**Marietta, Ohio.**—Services have been held here throughout the summer, and the various activities of the church are already organizing for new work. The Sunday school has started, using "Beginnings" as its text book, with a regular teachers' meeting and the prospect of a Children's Church later. The Unity Club is soon to take up the study of politics; and the Young Ladies' Lecture Committee has just had a lecture by Mrs. Jenneze-Miller, the proceeds of which are to go to start a Boys' Club. The indefatigable young minister, Mr. Penney, is giving a course of Monday evening readings from Living American Poets. The following is the list of the authors and the dates: Sept. 25, Thomas Bailey Aldrich; Oct. 9, Edgar Fawcett; Oct. 23, Bert Harte; Nov. 6, Edward Rowland Sill; Nov. 20, Anne Reeve Aldrich; Dec. 4, Walter Learned; Dec. 18, College Verse; Jan. 8, Jas. Whitcomb Riley; Jan. 22, William Watson; Feb. 5, John Henry Brown; Feb. 19, William Dean Howells; March 5, Clinton Scollard; March 19, Hamlin Garland.

**Baltimore, Md.**—The historic church at Baltimore, which during the twenty years of Mr. Charles R. Weld's pastorate has paid a debt of \$30,000 and built a chapel house with many conveniences for the work of the parish, has just completed extensive interior alterations of the church-building, and on the 29th of October commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the original building and consecrated the remodeled church to its large religious and humanitarian work. Rev. James De Normandie, of Boston, and the pastor were to conduct