

tion of knowledge of the facts about modern missions and the arousing of interest and zeal in reference to the work of the world's salvation.

The session of Bethany Church proposed that their pastor should retain a sort of unique connection with it as a sort of missionary pastor or bishop; that thus he should go freely wherever called of God to stir up greater activity in the church at large. But on mature consideration Dr. Pierson foresaw that such a relation might interfere with both the calling of another pastor, and with his cordial acceptance of such call, and in order to leave the field without any such hindrance, he preferred to sever his connection entirely. When a new pastor is called, should he coincide, such a missionary bishopric may be instituted, and the previous pastor be invited to resume connection with the church in this new relation.

Whether this plan be feasible or not remains to be tested. But should it be adopted and prove a success, Bethany Church will add to its world-wide reputation for evangelistic work a new feature, namely, helping a pastor, who is admitted to possess eminent fitness for such a work, to go about freely among the churches in this and other lands to arouse and stimulate missionary zeal, information and consecration.

Dr. Pierson, after a few months spent in England, Scotland and Ireland, expects to return to this country and will be open to any call of God, and to any work which may seem to be of God.

Meanwhile this REVIEW will not suffer by his temporary absence, but, on the contrary, will be benefited by his visit abroad. His editorial relation to it and his work upon it, will go on the same as if he had remained in Philadelphia. Freed from a great pastoral charge, devoting all his time, energy and gifts to the cause of missions, with apostolic

zeal and consecration, and meeting and mingling freely with the leaders of missionary thought and the great army of missionary workers abroad, he will be able to enrich the pages of the REVIEW with contributions of rare value from his own eloquent pen, and enlist in its behalf the pens of several of the most eminent writers on mission themes on the other side of the water.

Dr. Pierson sails for Great Britain Nov. 9, in response to a loud call from the Central Committee in Edinburgh, which conducted his missionary campaign in Scotland in 1888.

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#### Death of Dr. Theo. Christlieb of Bonn.

THE departure of this grand man from the ranks of the living withdraws from the sphere of missionary activity one of the most apostolic men it was ever our privilege to know. It may be doubted whether any man of our generation has at 55 years of age reached a pinnacle of true greatness more exalted. He was born at Wurtemberg in 1833, and studied at Tübingen. He afterward taught in France, then preached at Islington, where he also lectured to cultivated Germans; then some twenty-four years since he returned to Germany, and since 1868 has been university preacher and professor at Bonn.

Germany presented no man who could cope more successfully with modern rationalism. Those who in 1873 heard him at the Evangelical Alliance in New York will remember his martial bearing, his peculiar manliness of mien, his ringing clarion tones, his marvelous handling of English, his unction, his powerful logic, his magnificent metaphors, his startling antitheses, his overwhelming exposure of the rottenness of the basis of rationalistic philosophy. After he had given the substance of his masterly paper in Association Hall, the repetition of that paper

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