

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1861. JOHN W. MEARS, EDITOR.

A NEW VOLUME. With this number we commence the sixth volume of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH. One of the most venerable of American clergymen, preaching on a late "Fast day" occasion, exclaimed, "we have been a nation of boasters!"

Yet are there some things amongst us in which we may glory; not in a spirit of boastfulness, but of gratitude, rather, to the Author of good.

Not need this surprise us, when we reflect that in the United States for years past, the children of Great Britain have outstripped their more venerable parents.

We have felt of late jealousy for the honor and glory of the American church. We have feared for it, in this time of our national trial.

We must build the walls of Zion as faithfully as we wield the sword for the nation's defence, and we must do both contemporaneously.

We have no wish to boast. But we may with sincere pleasure recall the fact that our five years' record is one clear, consistent and intelligible testimony.

It has been our earnest purpose to answer truly the ends of a religious and family journal. This purpose we feel that we have been carrying out while discussing the questions which have agitated the community.

NOTICE. TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE KOLAPOOR MISSION, INDIA. Rev. R. G. Wilder, who left for his missionary work in India, last week by the Persia, has issued the following, which will be interesting to all friends of the Kolapoor Mission.

BROTHER FRIENDS:—In leaving our native shores, we desire to express our sincere thanks for the generous sympathy, encouragement, and aid you have so kindly given us in our efforts to establish our dear Mission at Kolapoor.

How can contributions reach us in India? Answer. All moneys for us should be sent directly to Rev. A. E. Campbell, D. D., No. 156 Chambers Street, New York.

and backed up by the North American Review. What Dr. Randall and the Review mean by Christianity, what latitude of doctrine they intend it to cover, whether in fact they mean any thing which could be specifically distinguished from Parkerism, Mohammedanism, or Deism, it is needless to inquire.

THE WORK OF GOD IN TROUBLOUS TIMES. Many hearts are faint at the prospect of a suspension of the proper work of the Church, and a denial of the Spirit's influences in the present crisis.

While the forerunner thus prepares the way, Christ in his Church may remain in some sense in a state of obscurity. Yet if Christ's people are wise to know the times, they will feel that one part of their work, and a great part, as indicated by Providence, is to contribute all in their power to remove the obstruction.

My first communication stated that it is smaller and less in former years, though it is believed that "the education in the missions under the care of the Board, regarded as a whole, was never so effective; in a missionary point of view, never so valuable as at the present moment."

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS. LOTTERIES IN DELAWARE.—We have copied from a cotemporary in another place, some excellent remarks about lotteries, in which allusion is made to the position of Delaware on this subject.

"WHITWASHING."—By this homely term, allitery prose which has become very fashionable of late, is indicated. It is the attempt of men more chivalrous than conscientious, more fond of startling than of instructing their readers, to reverse the settled judgment of the public conscience upon characters and deeds notoriously wrong.

The English Army, throughout the world, in 1860, numbered 228,854. The regular force maintained in the British islands, this year, will be 146,000.

in suspending our labors, prayers, contributions, and hopes for the regular work and prosperity of the church until peace returns.

MISSION SCHOOLS. In the American Presbyterian of August 22d, a "Friend of the American Board" asks certain questions suggested by the statement, in a previous number, of the comparative expenditure of the American Board and other American Missionary societies in the department of education.

It is seldom that reports are absolutely perfect. The reports of the American Board certainly compare well with those of other societies in respect to fulness and accuracy; but there is no such difference, in this regard, in the reports consulted so far as the conclusion. The educational statistics in the report of the American Board are "confessedly imperfect."

"The reports of some of these societies do not enable us to determine with exactness the comparative number of pupils in the different grades of schools. It is ascertained, however, that in the mission of the Episcopal Board more of the aggregate reported are in boarding-schools, than is the proportion in the boarding-schools and higher seminaries of the American Board.

A comparison with English and other European societies was not proposed. There is much difference between European and American methods in missions. To make a general comparison requires authorities which are not at hand; and to make it justly would demand much labor.

The churches are thinly attended, and it pained me last Sabbath not to hear a single petition for the President, and none for the rulers, or the nation, except in terms equally applicable to the state of affairs in South Carolina, as to that in Missouri.

LETTER FROM MT. LEBANON. Dharmata, Mount Lebanon, July 20th, 1861. DEAR EDITOR:—The plaintive voice of our Syrian Trampers for patriotism seems to have perished in the more earnest tones of our national conflict, to sustain the best Government of any people in the world.

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LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, Mo., August 28, 1861. ENDS OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.—I do not know whether you have a correspondent here to keep your readers informed of passing events at this most interesting period.

Probably 30,000 troops—perhaps more, are now here to maintain the Union. They are arriving continually, and leaving for Jefferson City, Rolla, Irons, (Iron Mountain), Cape Girardeau, and other points beyond. Every thing is under strict surveillance.

The "Crozes," too, (descendants of the old French and Romish race) are more numerous than I had ever supposed they were. Their thin lips, jet black hair, small features and statures, generally mark them; and from the number of women of this description, whom one meets in the streets, they must make almost one-third the population.

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resistible policy, my heart responds, Amen. Ex-priate indignation and shame; while a life of simple and unobtrusive honesty, and contentment runs even in all history, a nobler exhibition of consolidated power in the people themselves, than the present attitude and determination of our great Government to quell this most formidable insurrection of misdirected States, against the sovereignty of the American people.

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The Preacher. The Great Expectations are founded upon deceit, and explode like a bubble in surprise, indignation and shame; while a life of simple and unobtrusive honesty, and contentment runs even in all history, a nobler exhibition of consolidated power in the people themselves, than the present attitude and determination of our great Government to quell this most formidable insurrection of misdirected States, against the sovereignty of the American people.

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