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Religious Intelligence

Presbyterian.

Reunion of Presbyterians.—The Presbyterian

Herold, of Louisville, Kentucky, after noticing what

other journals have said on this subject, comes to the

following conclusions:—"Thus far, then, we have

two Old School papers for the union and two against it.

The subject will evidently be thrust upon the

next assembly, and the Presbyteries may as well

prepare to meet it. As for ourselves we believe no

such union as is contemplated by the movers in this

matter can take place without producing another

division. Incorporation without union of sentiment

and feeling is not the thing the Saviour prayed for,

nor the end which good men ought to aim at. While

it may be true that New and Old School men

are in some respects nearer together than they were

a few years since, it cannot be denied that in

many things they are as wide apart as ever. We

agree with the editor of the Presbyterian that the

effort to incorporate them into one Assembly will

only result in bringing out more prominently than

the German Lutherans in the seceded States, to the

lawful government of the Union.

Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, late Minister

to Berlin, has been appointed Senator from that

State, in place of Bright, expelled. The Methodist

thus speaks of his religious character:—

"In early life Gov. Wright was converted, and

united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church,

of which he is still a valuable member. In the

Church, as in the State, his life is marked with

activity, energy, and integrity. No one who knows

him intimately will doubt his love for the Church;

and, though charitable and liberal in his religious

feelings, yet he is an ardent admirer of the economy

of Methodism, and always devotes himself warmly

to her interests. He has usually been a trustee

and steward in the Church, and in these relations

he has always been faithful. It was his practice to

lay aside any secular business in which he might be

employed, in order to attend to the interests of the

Church, whenever they demanded his attention.

But the great field of his religious labor was the

Sabbath School. With all the affairs of this de-

partment of church work he is entirely familiar.

Usually he has taught a Bible-class, for which his

Biblical studies eminently fit him; but he does not

limit his labors to one class; he never seems more

at home than when he is addressing a whole school.

While in Berlin, we are informed, he collected a

Bible-class, which he taught on the Sabbath, and, in

fact, had a Methodist Sunday School in the capital

of Prussia. Our German Mission Conference in the

last country, was his counsellor, laborer, and in-

fluence. If there is any reproach in Methodistism

to the German mind, he rejoiced to bear his share

of it. At the Conference of the Evangelical Alliance

in Berlin, a few years since, he gave his whole

influence in favor of evangelical religion, and

avowed his Americanism and his Methodism, with-

out reserve, in his usual hearty manner, while he

insisted on the catholicity of his Church, and

pledged her to the noble designs and purposes of

the Christian era.

"Mr. Wright we believe, holds his church-men-

bership in one of the churches in Indiana—one of

the humblest and feeblest in the city—where he

delighted to worship and labor before his departure

to Europe, and where he requested his membership

to remain."

Methodist.

A Terrible Picture.—It makes no matter upon

what subject Dr. Thomson, of the Advocate and

Journal, writes, his pen is always dipped in fire.

Take the following in one of his late editorials:—

"Slavery is the sum of all villainies: it steals the

children of Africa, degrades labor, destroys human

brotherhood; it puts the method of man, the

chastity of woman, the unity of the family, the

sanctity of the Sabbath, and the gates of the temple

in the power of the master; it hides the key of

knowledge and withholds the Word of God, and

cries at will—'Going—going—gone,' over human

hearts. It hath its revenges on the master too, for

it opens the gates to his lust, loosens the reins of his

passions, bewilders his intellect, sears his conscience,

obscurates his vision, the bright fountains of liberty

and justice, and visits the Son of God as the patron

of his concentrated wrongs; it has filled a belt of

States with treason and perjury, disgraced the

character, invaded the territory, stolen the property,

exiled the friends, and blockaded the Capital of the

United States; it has torn down our flag within a

tray, and stretched around it a line of troops, so

that our citizens cannot penetrate it without fire and

sword; yet we must hold it sacred!"—Western

Christian Advocate.

Congregational.

The Revival in Bath, Me.—A correspondent of

the Portland Mirror has been visiting the scene of

Mr. Hammond's very successful labors. We quote

a portion of his letter:—

"On Saturday evening, February 14, Prof. Chad-

bourne, of Bowdoin College, (a good friend of Mr.

Hammond's,) preached to a full house from these

words, 'Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there.'

Bethel is the house of God, the place where God

is, so called, has a fullness of dwelling, at this

time. After the sermon and benediction, invitation

was extended by Mr. F. to those seeking their soul's

salvation, and to Christian laborers, to remain for

personal conversation. And great was my surprise,

in looking around, to find that the

congregation was so large, and so

well attended, that I was

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