

American Presbyterian.

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BIBLE WORK IN NEW JERSEY.—Cumberland County, N. J., has, for long years, maintained a vigorous auxiliary of the American Bible Society.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES.—When we talk about the principles of a denomination, giving to them a denominational name, we always suppose ourselves speaking of those which are distinctive of such a denomination, or lying at the base of its denominational existence.

SLAVERY.—In this Union slavery has no legal existence, except in Kentucky and Delaware. Whatever the terms of the re-admission of the revolted States may be, it seems to be a foregone conclusion, both with them and at Washington, that they must come with constitutions which forever forbid slavery.

PRESBYTERIAN PAPERS IN RICHMOND.—In the days of yore, the Central Presbyterian was the principal Southern organ of the Old School Presbyterians.

currency having come into use, reduced the price from \$18 to \$4 a year, promising a weekly issue as soon as means for its circulation could be raised.

But there was grit in the Central, after all. Three weeks since it reappeared—size and price same as the Observer—and, like the latter, lifting the Southern ecclesiastical flag in opposition to the alleged purpose of the old General Assembly to extend itself over the South.

A WORD TO THE PRESBYTER.—We owe an apology to our worthy Cincinnati cotemporary of this name. As long ago as June we made a remark to which the Presbyterian took exception.

We are surprised at such a charge as this against the Old School. They never took the ground that any relaxation of the ipsissima verba shall be treated as a heresy.

To take up the above article for comment would probably be the beginning of a discussion with which we suppose that neither the Presbyterian nor ourselves wish, in the present state of things, to encumber our papers.

GIVING AND GETTING.—A man who gives in proportion to his means is more likely to succeed in business than a niggard or a miser; he takes a larger and more comprehensive view of men and things than such persons, and is more likely to weigh rightly the probabilities of success in this or that undertaking.

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he begins to get, or thereabouts, he will never begin to give at all. The two things must go side by side; they must be companions in the way through life.—Dr. Francis Crossley.

A PHILADELPHIAN IN VACATION.—The following was not written for publication, but that makes it all the better for the many friends of Brother Adams, who would like just such a talk with him in the hours of the untroubled bow.

DEAR FRIEND MEMBERS.—There are times when one must think, and times when he must speak. With me, just now, the pressure of thinking and speaking is over for a season, and I am disposed to pour out ink and words in the joyousness of my rebound from that pressure.

It is reported of one of our old Andover Professors that he used to repair to his barn, and alone, turn summersaults on the hay. That was too violent for me; I prefer to be stretched at length on the grass or carpet, and let the world bluster.

Yours affectionately, R. E. ADAMS.

A GOVERNOR EXPOUNDING SCRIPTURE.

The Tennessee Parson, Governor Brownlow, has his own times with the rebellious rebels, who claim a full restoration to their political rights without submitting their repentance to the established ordeals of sincerity.

First—The Prodigal Son did not secede; he went with his father's consent, and, as the Scripture indicates, with his blessing. Next, he went; he did not stay and vilify the old man in his own house.

If we lift up our eyes to heaven, His glory shineth forth; if we cast them down upon the earth, it is full of His goodness. The hills and the valleys rejoice and sing; fields, rivers and woods resound His praise.

News of our Churches.

SABBATH EVENING UNION PRAYER MEETING.—We hear that a meeting of this kind is maintained through the summer in Rev. Dr. T. J. Shepherd's Church, Buttonwood street above Fifth, in this city.

MINERAL POINT, WIS.—We learn, through some scraps of information coming along with a business letter, that our church in this place, the pastorate of Rev. E. B. Miner, is enjoying thrift, spiritual and temporal.

CINCINNATI.—We learn that the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, (late Dr. Thompson's,) has failed in the effort to secure Mr. Ganse, of New York, as a pastor.

INTERESTING SERVICES.—The Presbytery of Detroit held a special meeting in Pontiac, on the afternoon of the 29th ult., and by a unanimous vote received the Presbyterian Church of that place under their care.

ORDINATION IN CALIFORNIA.—We learn from The Pacific, that Rev. J. M. Alexander, a licentiate of Maui, Sandwich Islands, was ordained by San Jose Presbytery to the gospel ministry, at San Leandro, on Sabbath, the 11th June.

SAD NEWS OF A CALIFORNIA PASTOR.—We mentioned some months since the election of Rev. Wm. M. Martin to the pastorate of our church in San Jose, and the favorable prospect of a pleasant and useful service there.

HOME MISSIONS.

- On applications received from the Churches they serve, the following ministers were commissioned by the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions at their last regular meeting, June 10, 1865. Twenty-eight of whom were under commission last year:—

THE LATE BISHOP POTTER.

The estimation in which this deceased divine was held by the Christian public at large, justifies our laying before our readers a notice of his services and character from the secular press.

Bishop Potter was originally engaged in mercantile pursuits in this city, as salesman in the book store of his brothers, Sheldon and Parakee Potter, whose establishment, under the firm of Sheldon Potter & Co., in Chestnut street, below Third, is well remembered by many of our citizens.

Upon the suspension of Bishop H. U. Onderdonk from the Episcopate of Pennsylvania in 1845, he was elected by a large majority of the Convention to fill the vacancy, the laity voting unanimously in his favor.

THE TOKENS of his work are everywhere around us. In the most immediate field of his official labors there are many monuments of his great and rare abilities.

His character was all cast upon a grand scale. There was a simple, indescribable dignity in him, both in person and manner, which always reminded us, as no other man ever did, of Washington.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.—We have been frequently asked to give a succinct statement of what the "Monroe Doctrine," so often spoke of, really is.

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system to any part of America without endangering our peace and happiness; and equally impossible, therefore, that we should behold such interposition with indifference.

"2. That the American Continent, by the free and independent condition which it had assumed and maintained, was henceforth not to be considered as subject for future colonization by any European Power."—Pres. Banner.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

THE HUNTINGDON VALLEY CHURCH.—Our friends in that most delightful spot, Huntingdon Valley, about ten miles from Philadelphia, are enjoying the blessing of God on their church.

PROFERTY.—They have in Illinois a town of about 1000 inhabitants, in which the United Presbyterians have a church, of which the pastor, through the Pittsburgh organ of that church, gives the following refreshing report:—During our last common session we had an addition of twenty-seven to our membership.

WELL REPRESENTED IN THE ARMY.—The Rev. J. N. Candee, D.D., in the course of his recent address to the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, as the delegate of the General Assembly, said:—"Four soldiers and a son-in-law have been in the Government service, and one has returned home sick."

A NEW ORLEANS SECESSIONIST PASTOR BACK AGAIN.—The New Orleans newspapers announce the return of the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, to that city.

PROPOSED RENEWAL OF A GREAT SOLEMNITY.—A Committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in the United States, consisting of Rev. Drs. Wilson, T. W. J. Wylie, and others, have, in obedience to the order of the Synod, returned to the lower judicatories the following interesting proposition:—That the Covenant which was adopted as the oath of God in the city of Philadelphia, in the year 1833, be taken at the next annual meeting of the Synod; that in the interim, the people be prepared by the ministrations of the pulpits through out the whole church, and by the prayers of both ministers and elders, and all the people, for a copious outpouring of the Holy Ghost, so that the hearts of all may be "stirred up," so as that "they shall come and do work in the house of the Lord our Father this day; that the Thursday immediately following the day of the opening of Synod, be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, and that the following day be appointed for reading and subscribing to the Covenant.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The following is an extract from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, submitted to and adopted by General Synod at its recent session.

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