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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Washington College stands adjourned to meet in Washington on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

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Home and Foreign Record. The March number of our official Church Journal, is before us. We always look for it with interest, that we may learn what our Agencies are doing, and what they propose to do, and how zealous the pastors and congregations may be in striving to furnish them with the capability of doing, by men and means.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS. The Record before us, presents very little relative to this important Board. An interesting letter from Mr. Walls, Dubuque, is the only missionary intelligence.

The leading thought urged by the Secretary, in the February number, was the making of Reports by the Missionaries. This duty should be promptly and fully discharged, and we commend the officer who requires it.

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the size and arrangements shall be such that all may sit comfortably, and hear distinctly. Splendid churches—first class, if you please so to call them—nurture pride, cherish alienations, exclude the poor, and prejudice the masses. There should be, always, good taste and arrangements for comfort; but things should be so that the poor and the rich would meet together in true Christian fellowship.

The Princeton Review on Infant Membership. [We give a large portion of our editorial columns this week, to an article of vital importance. Does our correspondent rightly understand the reviewer? If he does, an error has been broached in a high quarter.

But, whether there be in the Review or not, there is error in a quarter still higher—error in the Church, in the practical treatment and woful neglect of her baptized children: Discussion is needed. It may lead to an awakening.—Ed.]

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FOREIGN MISSIONS. Letters from India, Siam, and the Indian Tribes, represent the missionary operations as in their usual state. Our letters are dated at Canton, November 19; Shanghai, November 27; Ningpo, November 6. The destruction of the mission property at Canton is one of the immediate results of the outbreak between the British and the Chinese at the city.

PUBLICATION. This Board is devoting its energies, with commendable alacrity, to the improvement of its stock of Juvenile books, including Music books. In our Literary Notices, from week to week, may be found their names and character. We do not ask the Board to do everything in a day, but trust that the time is not far distant, when we shall be furnished with a neat, cheap, and good edition of our Confession of Faith; also, with a Commentary, especially on the New Testament, adapted to our Church's wants; and with a truly excellent Reference Bible, such as of some industry and a sound judgment could readily furnish.

An Improvement. A new Episcopal church has been organized in Philadelphia, to be under the pastoral charge of Rev. Dudley A. Tyng. The one page in the Record, allotted to this new but important Agency, is well filled. We wish every Christian would give something; it may be only a little—but give something to build houses where God and men may meet, in his praise and their instruction, and regeneration, and growth, and joy.

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not and trained with a view to their becoming so. Now, if we are to hold them, according to the whole presumption of the case, "children of God," as well as "children of the Church," we shall not teach them to seek a change of heart, for this is already presumed.—We shall not need to pray for their regeneration, for that has presumably taken place.

The writer of this article does not tell us whether this "presumptive membership" of the Church invisible, has come from the baptism, or from the parental connection. If, from the baptism, then, as we have seen, it infers baptismal regeneration, or leads directly to it. But this is not taught. It is a doctrine more mischievous than that of baptismal regeneration. If we understand it, it is to be held for, then they are born "children of God," and are not "by nature children of wrath, even as others."

These governing and presuming are, that God will be their God; that he will give them the blessings of salvation within their reach or possession, that they cannot fall from him, without first spurning and disowning their birthright.

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Revival at Cambridge, Ohio. Dr. M'Kinney: The Presbyterian Church of Cambridge has been, and we trust is still enjoying some manifestations of the special presence of the Spirit of God, which we are happy to communicate, if it will be any cause of rejoicing or ground of encouragement to Christians in general.

Acknowledgment. Mr. Editor:—Permit me, through the medium of your paper, to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the "Princeton Review on Infant Membership," by the contribution of the Board of Missions, of Pittsburgh.

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plea that the Bishops, or Church, forbid it. In this, as in the matter of the Consecration, they set the civil authorities at defiance, and surely with less propriety, since the registry law, which is limited to this city, and applies to them as strictly as the Protestant clergy, can hardly be said to interfere with any one's civil rights or soruples of conscience.

The marriage are not the only laws that need modification in this great and prosperous State. A Select Committee appointed to visit them, report to the Senate that the County Poor, or Almshouses not connected with the city of New York, are generally in a most deplorable condition.

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