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PITTSBURGH, MAY 2, 1857.

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TERMS. - \$1.50, in advance; or in Clubs \$1,25; or, delivered at residences of Subscrip bers, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page RENEWALS should be prompt; a little while before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply. THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we hope our friends will still not forget us. REMITTANCES,-Send payment by safe

hands, when convenient. Or, send by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling nobody with a knowledge of what you are and applauded; but such has not been the doing. For a large amount, send a Draft, or large notes. For ensor two papers, send Gold or small notes.

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to REV. DAVID McKINNEY. Pittsburgh;

General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will hold its next meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, at eleven o'clock, A. My on Thursday, the 21st of May next, and will be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Francis McFarland, D.L., Moderator of the last As-The Committee of Commissions will meet in

the Lecture room of the church, on the Wednes- their evenings' delight in the literary, day evening preceding, at eight o'clock, to re-ceive Commissions, and on Thursday morning, the day of the meeting, at nine o'clock, for the

same purpose. JOHN LEYBURN, Stated Clerk: ALEXANDRE T. McGILL, Permanent Clerk. P. S. Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are re spectfully requested to make out their list of per sons entitled to the Minutes on a separate she and to send that, together with moneys for the Minutes, to G. H. Van Geider, Esq., Philadelphis, Treasurer of the General Assembly.

To the Members of the Assembly.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 20, 1857. Notice is hereby given to the members o the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, that their lodgings will be assigned to them immediately after their arrival in the city of Lexington, Ky.; and that they are privileged to travel on the packets of "the Cincinnati and Louisville Mail Line," by Captain Shuley, President, from St. Lou is to Cincinnati or Louisville, "for half fare either way," and that the "Covington and Lexington Railroads," by their President, allow members, paying the usual fare as they come, to return free, of charge, upon producing the certificate of the officers of the G. A., that they were members.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS, Chairman Committee Arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.-We have received, from a Lady, five dollars toward procuring immense sources; and the family presents a bell for Mission at Little Traverse.

PASTORAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.-We are permitted to say, that a part of the charge of Rev. B. S. Grier, of Carlisle Presbytery. have made their pastor a donation of \$100 in money, and of half that amount in valuable articles.

Quite a strenuous effort seems to be naking to revive the interest of the community in the Theatre. This institution has always been an evil, wherever it has existed. Practically, it is the way to degradation and woe; but its respectability, in the common acceptation of that term, has varied. In some periods, scenic representations have been less immoral, and the adjuncts less sedesire a renewal. If, however, in the haste ductive to evil, than in others; and there have been times when persons reputable for their moral standing, and when even some who had a name in the Church, attended case of late years; or, if there have been instances of such attendance and approbation, they have been but sporadic. Evangelical Christians have, for a long time, and with a remarkable unanimity, declined being

present, and have restrained their households. And actors are considered, almost universally, as not entitled to a place in reputable society.

Theatres, however, still exist, and are sources of gain. Some of our Solons consider them a necessary evil-a means of occupying the idle hours, and of giving exit to some of the baser excitabilities of that portion of the community who cannot find scientific, family, moral and religious sources of enjoyment which happily abound, and which furnish gratification and improvement

to all who possess good taste and a pure mind. There must be something, we admit, to exercise and gratify man's excitable nature. and it must be something social. And possibly there may be a deeply-rooted depravity in the heart, grown and strengthened by

education and habit, and subsisting in so many minds, that if the Theatre was not tolerated for its gratification, 'it would expend itself and seek its joys in something still worse for the individual, and more injurious to society. But if any think that such is the case, they need not hence justify the evil. They need but barely tolerate its existence, while they warn against its allurements, diminish by all righteous means the number of its visitors, and strive so to reform human society that the imagined necessity shall cease.

Means of excitement are furnished abundantly in things which are rational and useful; in things which belong to man in the body, and to the soul of man as immortal. Religion and benevolence open up

an exhaustless fullness. It is, then, the part of wisdom, with all those who desire

the welfare of their race, to turn the currents of social delight into the channels of innocent amusement, benevolent enterprise, and religious meetings. The secular press, strange to say, but a

mournful truth, has been, and still is, very

even these are getting to be so well un-

derstood as to have little or no influence

But the latest and most astounding feature

in the movements of the advocates, mana-

gers and actors in the theatrical line, is their

Recently, however, a minister, Mr. Bel-

preached a sermon in which, as is said, he

advocated the institution as a means of pro-

moting morality; and urged that respectable

people should attend, and raise its character.

The gentlemen of the Stage, delighted with the

advent of such an advocate, tendered to Mr. Bel-

lows a service of plate, valued at one thousand

dollars. This was declined. But Mr. Bel-

Thus Mr. Bellows is claimed by the play-

actors as their friend and adjutor. He is

now, engaged, as announced, to deliver be-

Mr. Bellows has the reputation of being a

respectable minister to a Unitarian Society

On the evil influences of the Theatre, we

"What better proof can you have of the

give the following from Harper's Weekly:

evil influence of the Theatre than the rapid

corruption which ensues in a neighborhood

on the raising of one of these temples of

vice? No sooner is the flaming poster

the plague spot. The erection of a new

Theatre in a previously respectable quarter

ing the "Theatre and its Friends."

Home and Foreign Record.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Letters are given from Fond du Lac

in New York; but even amongst Unitarians

the level of the modern Theatre.

Dobb's Ferry, Jersey City, Louisville, and North Salem, from which readers will perceive the beneficial workings of our system. That from Louisville is from Rev. M. G. the Gospel The voice is most emphatics Knight, missionary to the colored people. "Be ye also ready;" "Work while it is. Mr. Knight says his Bible Class of colored day, for the night cometh in which no man reachers failed, owing to the multitude of can work." The Lord give to his servants meetings they held, and other reasons. His all needed grace.

Sabbath School was organized with twentywo scholars, and now, at the close of ten veeks. numbers two hundred and ten. His Bible Class of Sabbath School teachers conains twelve to fifteen. The teachers excuse hemselves for their small attendance by saying they have so many protracted meetngs requiring their presence. Of Mr. Knight's teachers in his Sabbath School, he ays, "We have a valuable corps, all white. and about thirty in number, and most of them ladies." The scholars are regular in their attendance. Mr. K.'s congregations verage about two hundred. The efforts made by our Board toward the

nstruction of the colored people are worthy of commendation, though they should be rerarded but as the mere beginnings of an

amense and efficient system just being inugurated. RECEIPTS in March : At Philadelphia, \$8,227; at Louisville, \$1,222.

EDUCATION. The Board give us some excellent houghts on preaching, and record instances of reviving influences upon some of our institutions of learning, in connexion with the day of prayer. This cause we commend to the warmest affections of the Church. If it shall decline, all our missionary enterprises must be enfeebled. Without laborers, there will be no harvests.

RECEIPTS in March: At Philadelphia, \$3,988 at Pittsburgh, \$267; at Louisville, \$34. FOREIGN MISSIONS. The Record gives information from our ndian Missions, from Africa, South Amera, India, China, and the Chinese Mission

n California. Of most of these Missions, we have lately spoken, and do not now enarge. Our Church loves her Foreign work. Obio, DONATIONS in March, \$12,381. There were also contributed, in India, \$5,745. PUBLICATION.

The Board have added largely to their lolporteur corps-many of the appointees, probably, being students who desire to spend heir Summer vacation in the good work. four small volumes were noticed as being added to the catalogue of publications, and also two Tracts.

DONATIONS. March 17th to April 16th. \$2.623: sales in March, \$5,587. , CHURCH EXTENSION.

The success of the fiscal year just closed, as been far in advance of any former year. We shall hope, soon, to have the report of the Committee, and will then give an abstract, embracing particulars. Let the contributions be multiplied still. They are

Decease of Rev. David Polk. Eastern Summary. BOSTON. The following letter informs us of the

The Baptist Board of Foreign Missions reports death of another of our fellow-laborers in contributions, during the month of March, to the amount of \$40,000. This will make the whole amount collected by this Society, during the year, about \$100,000, which will meet all expenses, and educe the debt considerably.

The late ANNUAL "FAST" DAY does not seem o have been very strictly observed by the Legis-BROOKVILLE, Pa., April 22, 1857. DEAR BRO. :- Another member of our lature of Massachusetts. A large delegation of the members made an excursion to Plymouth in Presbytery, has fallen. Truly God is say-ng to those left, "Work while it is day, the cars, furnished gratuitously by the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company. -Afor the night cometh in which no man can work." Last month Rev. R. W. Orr died, ountiful dinner was furnished the excursionists

and now Rev. David Polk. He had left by the people of Plymouth, at the Samoset home in the month of March, for the pur-House. It is but just, however, to state that the pose of visiting his brother in St. Louis, but Speaker of the House, and some of the memwas seized with Pneumonia. After somebers, went to the Congregational church there, what recovered, he made his way home, and heard a very able sermon from the Rev. Mr. where he lay for two weeks. He died on Edwards, altogether devoid of secular matters. The next ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT of Williams

arious manufacturing establishments.

States, on the American Continent,

merged into that paper.

appears before him.

PROF. CLARK, of Amherst College, in making

of the Alumni.

Saturday morning, the 18th list. I suppose our Presbytery, which will meet college will be held on the first Wednesday of the last of June, will have prepared a no-August, on which occasion the Rev. Joseph P. tice of him and his death, more at large. Thompson, of New York, will deliver the Address Please request the Presbyterian to copy. before the Mills Theological Society; E. P.

Respectfully yours, &c., C. P. CUMMINS.

South-Western Bible Society.

The Annual Meeting of the South-Westrn Bible Society was held at New Orleans, January 2, 1857. The Report shows progress in the work. It says : There have been sold and donated during the

bast year from this Depository 5,878 Bibles and twenty seven has just gone out in aid of this en-Testaments, being an increase in number of 1,073, and in value of \$2,250.26 upon the busiterprise. ness of last year. During the six and a half years of the Society's

existence,⁴it has dispensed in one way or other, to our South Western population, more than 42,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures. These grand musical festival, which will last three have gone forth in about twenty different languages. The issues of the past year have enses that will be incurred. been in sixteen different tongues, viz .: German, The New England Conference of the Metho-Danish, French, Spanish, Italian, Latin, Greek list Episcopal Church, met on the 10th of April, Hebrew, Portuguese, Dutch, Swedish, Polish, Chinese, Choctaw, Mohawk, and Delaware. To in the city of Lowell. This meeting seems to these may be added, from this Depository, the Scriptures in Welsh, Irish, Gaelic, Russian, have been unusually pleasant, and not marred by acrimonious discussions. In that city there are Bohemian, Turkish Hungarian, Syriac, Arabic,

Grebo, Mpongwe, and Arrawack; making a total of about thirty different languages in which the Word of God is furnished by this Society.

ome experiments with electrical light, injured Commissioners to the General Assembly, his eyes so greatly, that although in a room per-PARVTERIES. MINISTERS. ELDERS. ectly dark to others, the most intense brightness

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No liquor to be sold to minors. nor to person meeting and adjournment of the session. complained of as babitual drunkards. No sales of liquors on Sunday; and every petition for sales the body at its present meeting, and that license must be signed by at least twenty respectable freeholders."

PHILADELPHIA. The North American says that the PERFUMERY manufactured every year in Philadelphia, amounts to the sum of \$1,500,000; and that foreign im-

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portations are sold in that city to an equal amount. So that the perfumery trade of Philadelphia amounts annually to \$3,000,000. It is also said that the manufactory of perfumery in that city has diminished the foreign importation into this country at least one-third, in fifteen

vears. The NEW SCHOOL Presbyteries had appointed a simultaneous collection for the benefit of the Publication Committee, which proved almost an entire failure. But John A. Brown, Esq., offered \$10,000 to the Committee, to complete the payment for the building, on condition that \$10,000 more be raised by the friends of the Committee in the city. This last sum has been already secured.

The Pennsylvania BIBLE SOCIETY sold and distributed, during the month of March, eight thou-Whipple, Esq., of Boston, will deliver the Adsand seven hundred and ninety Bibles and Testadress before the Adelphic Union; and the Rev. ments, in the English, German, French, Spanish, Willis Lord. D. D., the Address before the Society Welsh, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Portuguese Italian, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Irish lan-

On Thursday, the 9th of April, a new Conguages. BEGATIONAL CHURCH was organized in Roxbury, The subject of the late REVISION, by the ear Boston. This organization is the result of American Bible Society, has been referred by the issionary and Sabbath School efforts, supported Pennsylvania branch, to an able Committee, conn this district for some time past at the expense sisting of the Rev. Bishop Potter, Rev. Dr. Boardf the Eliot church, from which a colony of man, Rev. Mr. Barnes, Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. Dr. Durbin, Rev. Dr. Mayer, Rev. Dr. Demmie,

Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Joseph H. Dulles, Esq., H. On the week preceding that of the Anniversa-J. Williams, Esq. fies, the HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY will have The Presbytery of the District of Columbia

(New School,) has appointed the Rev. Dr. Hamlays. A guarantee fund of \$6,000 has already ner delegate to the General Assembly at Clevebeen subscribed toward defraying the heavy exland, to promote the interests of the Southern AID SOCIETY before that body.

THE Presbytery of Baltimore, at its late meet ing, had an earnest discussion concerning the lawfulness of a man's marrying his deceased wife's sister. The final vote in the case befor Presbytery was-guilty of incest, 6; offence ten thousand unmarried women engaged in the against edification, 19; neither, 2.

> Ecclesiastical. Rev. JOSIAH MILLIGAN'S Post Office address is changed from West Rushville

Upon his return to Newburyport from Washngton, the HON. CALEB CUSHING bad a very endissolved. thusiastic reception from his friends and fellow citizens. The Hon. Moses Davenport presided, and delivered a speech highly complimentary to

an able speech, but advocating the policy of indefinite annexation of territory to the United Burlington Second church, Iowa.

Another daily paper, the Bosron Times, has ceased to exist; it has been purchased by the church in connexion. proprietor of the Boston Herald, and will be

cal Seminary, has been licensed by the Presbytery of Richland.

'bogus" tickets; and it has been charged that churches of Shelby and Ontario. the Companies themselves are not free from blame Rev. I. N. SHANNON, of Terre Haute, has in this matter, because they continue to dispose

united with the Presbytery of Richland, and received a call to the church of Mt. Vernor Mr. J. W. M'GREGOR is called to the church

record of the same be entered on H Minutes. Dr. M'Millen was one of the first pioneers of the Presbyterian Million in Western Pennsylvania, or West of it Allegheny Mountains. He was pastor Chartiers church, in Washington Can

from the year 1776 till 1830, and originate and was mainly instrumental in establishing the Institution which has grown into, and flourishes still nobly, as Jefferson (lege. He died Nov. 16th, 1833. The watch, which is an old fashioned Engine "Bull's Eye," and said to be still a good time piece, is in possession of Captain Parker,

grand son of Dr. M'Millen.-Dispatch.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Narrative of the State of Religion in the

Presbytery of Washington, for the Years 1856-7. Addressed to the General Assembly of the President

rian Church in the United States of America, BELOVED BRETHREN :--- The Presbyter

of Washington greets you in the Lord. offering to you our annual Narrative of th State of Religion within our bounds. W have walked about our Zion, counted has towers, marked her bulwarks, considered her palaces : and we now come to report our ch. servations to that venerable Assembly, which we revere and love as a wise, tender, faith

ful, and devoted mother. ORDER OF PRESBYTERY IN REGARD TO THE

NARBATIVE.

By a recent order of Presbytery, it ; made the duty of our Sessions to send the ports of the State of-Religion in their respective congregations, to the Chairman of

the Committee on the Narrative, at least ten days previous to the Spring meeting The Committee, in furtherance of this design, addressed a circular letter to the Sea sions, suggesting topics on which it would be desirable to receive information. Uur Presbytery embraces forty churches. The Sessions of thirty of them, comprehending rather more than five sixths of our members, have obeyed the injunction of Pres

bytery. The statements in the present Narrative are confined to the thirty congregations from which reports have been received, and have no reference to the ten not reporting.

ATTENDANCE ON SABBATH SERVICES. Despite the continual drain made upon our congregations, by the spirit of Westein emigration, it is cause for thankfulness that,

while a few of our churches complain of scanty assemblies and listless hearers, the majority of them report increased attendance on the services of the sanctuary, solemn attention to the Word, and a seeming appetite for the precious truths of the Gospel Many appear to come to the house of God as gladly as Israel came to Elim, where Round Grove church, Iowa, serving Unity | were twelve wells of water, and seventy palm-trees. Even in the absence of special outpourings of the Spirit, this is an encouraging token; for God's Word, when faith ully preached, and attentively heard, shall

not return unto him void. In five of the churches reporting, there is neither weekly lecture nor prayer meeting. In the other twenty-five, one or both ar maintained. Some of the churches report two, three, four, and two of them even six rayer-meetings per week. Some of thes languish, but many are well attended, lively, and profitable. Several young converts, and young men's prayer meetings, are reported; but only one female meeting of the kind. In fourteen churches, the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, is neglected; in the others, it is kent up with more or less fidelity; and in a few it. is mentioned as the best sustained and most interesting of all the meetings. Prayer-meetings are the pulse of a church. They are the little wheels which keep the great wheel in motion. Much prayer much growth, is a maxim equally true in Rev. EVAN EVANS was received, by the individual and associated piety. How need ful, then, to the building up of our churches in holiness and comfort, that their members (not a few, but all,) should meet in the as-Mr. H. M. SHACKLEY, of N. A. Theosemblies for social prayer! INFANT BAPTISM. It is with pleasure that we report to you the sentiments and practice of our churche in reference to infant baptism. By nearly all believing parents in our bounds, it i esteemed as a precious ordinance; and their practice corresponds to this belief. Of the thirty reporting churches, ten report Rev. ALLEN MOFARLAND has removed to this sacrament as universally observed; fifteen as almost, or quite, universally ob served ; two as extensively neglected ; and three make no report on the subject, but they are churches which would belong, at east, to the second class. Taking the statistics on this subject, as given in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly, for the years 1850-1856, a period of seven years, we arrive at the Ill., and taken charge of the church in following results : There has been, during those seven years, one baptism for every 10 9 members in the ten churches of the first class; one for every 148 members in the eighteen churches of the second class: the Presbytery of Cedar, on the 10th and one for every forty members in the two inst., and installed in the church of churches of the third class. The general average for the whole thirty churches is our baptism for every 15 1 members; or, omitting the two delinquent churches, one for every 13.3 members. In regard to the causes of neglect, where the ordinance is neglected, we have the following explanation to offer, based upon the reports received : in a very few cases, it arises from direct opposition to the haptism of infants; in a larger number of cases, from doubts as Rev. JOHN R. DUNDAS has received and to the propriety and validity of the ordinance; but generally, from mere indifference to it, a want of due appreciation of its Rev. WM. REED has received and accepted importance, and preciousness, as a seal of covenant, blessings. SABBATH SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL IN MISSIONS IN KANSAS.—The Washington Three of the reporting churches have no Star says :—" A patent has just been issued Sabbath Schools. All the rest gladden us STRUCTION. from the General Land Office to Walter with the intelligence of flourishing schools, Lowriel Esq., attorney of the Board of varying from four hundred scholars 10 Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian fifty. Fifteen are kept up throughout the Church, for a reservation of land on the year. The others, being in rural districts, are Missouri river, adjoining the town of Iowa suspended through the Winter. General Point; In Kansas Territory, containing rewards are in very limited use; but the about on quarter section-being one of the plan of rewarding, with the gift of a haudreservations granted to that Board by the some Bible, every youth who makes a per-Iowa Indians, in the 7th article of their feot recital of the Shorter Catechism, is treaty of 17th May, 1854. This is the first quite common. Much attention is given to patent issued by the Government for lands the learning of verses of Scripture and in the Territory of Kansas,"-Presbyterion. hymns. But the most interesting feature in our Sabbath School instruction is the increasing attention given to the Shorter Cat-A very touching incident occurred during echism. The study of this unequalled the session of Redstone Presbytery, which, compend of Scriptural truth is prosecuted held its Spring meeting at Greensboro', with spirit by nearly all the children and Green County, last week. Early in the session, Rev. J. R. Hughes exhibited to scholars, in seven schools, are reported as Presbytery the identical watch owned by the late Rev J. M'Millen, D. D; and used having made a perfect recital of the whole by him to regulate the business hours of Presbytery, when he was Moderator of that Catechism, within the past year, all of whom have received, or are to receive, as a reward, body at its organization. That meeting was held at Pigeon Creek Church, September adults as having, within the last few years. 19th, 1781, just one month previous to the accouplished the same labor, and received surrender of Cornwallie at Yorktown. The from the pastor a Catechism containing a cer watch was deposited on the Moderator's tificate of the fact. Other churches makes

Ohio, to Triadelphia, Va. The pastoral relation between Mr. Milligan and the churches of Rush Creek and Bethel, is

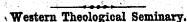
Mr. JOHN E. WOODS, late of the Presbytery of Ohio, has accepted a call to Bentonsport, Mr. Cushing; to which Mr. Cushing replied in Iowa. Rev. T. M. OVIATT has accepted a call

Rev. F. B. DINSMORE accepts the call to

Mr. J. C. IRWIN. of the Western Theologi

Loud complaints are still made of imposition upon passengers for California, by venders of Rev. J. E. MARQUIS has been called to the

of tickets to irresponsible persons, who buy to



The regular Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, will be held on the Second Thursday of May, influenced by an advertisement. The com-(14th) at 10 o'clock, in the Lecture-Room mendatory notices are not su excusable, but of the First Presbyterian Church.

F. G. BAILEY, President.

upon the ordinary mind. But the labored LETTERS ON BUSINESS .--- Persons sending editorial articles (happily these are but rare us lists of subscribers, and especially in making remittances, will please direct their in respectable papers,) are to be deeply deplored. We have been much astonished at letters, always, (as requested above) to REV. seeing a few such, recently. DAVID MCKINNEY, Pittsburgh, Pa. Serious losses have occurred, by a neglect of this request.

MRS. JANE HARPER. -The notice, in our enlisting the pulpit in their behalf. But. obituary columns, of this excellent lady, the what pulpit! The pulpit generally? No. daughter of the Western Patriarch, Rev. The Evangelical pulpit? No; not even one Dr. McMillan, will be read with interest; orthodox or evangelical pulpit, so far as we and especially by those who would be fa- have heard. The testimony of the Church miliar with the early history of Western of Jesus Christ is as strongly against the Pennsylvania. The remarks about the first | Theatre as ever. Log Cabin Academy may be of importance to historical truth. lows, of All Souls church, New York.

THE CITY OF GALETY AND FASHION .-We see it stated that in Paris, one of every three thousand persons commit suicide; that two-thirds of the population cannot afford the expense of burial; that in every three births one is illegitimate ; that thirty thousand persons, besides those assisted by regular charities, arise every morning without knowing how they will get a dinner, and lows accepted an invitation to a dinner with that seventeen thousand habitual drunk- the Dramatic Fund Society, where he made ards, of the most brutal character, dis- a speech which was accepted with plaudits. grace the city.

Western Theological Seminary. The Board of Directors of the Western fore them an address "Upon the relation of Theological Seminary will meet in the Lec- the Theatre to the sober and sacred interests ture-Room of the First Church, Pittsburgh, | of Society." on the 13th day of May, at 10 o'clock A.M. The Examining Committee, consisting of Dr. Marshall, Dr. Campbell, Mr. Paxton, Dr. Carothers, and Mr. F. G. Bailey, will he seems to be a stray one. Their standard meet on Thursday preceding, at 2 o'clock of morality, we take it, is far, very far above P. M., in the Seminary hall.

W. B. MCILVAINE, Sec'y.

Danville Theological Seminary. ". The Catalogue for 1856-7, is just received. The whole number of students is thirty-six. Tt is known that the system of instruction pursued in this Seminary, is different from that adopted in the others. The Catalogue stuck up, the doors opened, and the gas goes into a pretty full explanation, and ar- lighted, than decency flies it as health would gues its excellence. One year each is devoted to these subjects: The knowledge of God OBJECTIVELY considered; SUBJECTIVE-LY considered ; and RELATIVELY considered. life. The private house is turned into the This division and method is supposed to exhaust the whole of Systematic, Didactic, and Polemic Theology.

Revivals.

CARMEL, N. Y.-A number of hopeful conversions have recently occurred among the pupils in the Institute in this place. Faithful instruction in the Holy Scriptures are owned of God. His word returns not our table, giving us information of the provoid.

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL, PA .- For an ac- in sustaining and extending the kingdom of count of a delightful reviving time in this our Lord. In this, our department of his place, see the letter of J. M. in another col- laborers show about our wonted activity.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND .- The church under for great joy; but even to hold fast wherethe care of Rev. Mr. Cunningham; received | unto we have already attained, is good. twenty persons on examination, and eight on certificate at a late communion.

eatly needed. DONATIONS in March: At St. Louis, \$2,190; at S. Carolina, generally an ally of the Theatre. The ad-Philadelphia, \$3,034; at Pittsburgh, \$117; at Cincinnati, \$36; at Louisville, \$284.' Total, vertising we look for as a part of the business carried on in the land, but no one is \$5,613.

Western Theological Seminary---Closing Exercises. The Address before "the Society of In-

uiry" of the Western Theological Seminary, will be delivered by the Rev. S. I. resbyterian church of Pittsburgh, on Tueslay evening, May 12th, at 71 o'clock. The Closing Exercises will be performed in he Seminary Chapel, on Wednesday evening, 3th May, at the same hour. Discourses will be presented to the Graduating Memare respectfully invited to attend.

"Do You go to Church ?" We have a very sensible letter, responding

to the remarks of "J. F." on this question. It is somewhat long, and we are pressed for room. We, therefore, but note the three

oints he makes. 1. He would have ministers visit the careless families. They do, to ome extent. It should be done far more han it is, and still more good would result. He would have the Board send out Colporteurs. They are doing this, to the full extent of their means; and it is a good work. He gives an instance of two Christians vho, when no other social means of grace and laborous minister. were enjoyed, invited their neighbors to their houses, alternately on the Sabbath, for sympathize with his bereaved flock, and by reading and prayer; which good deed resulted in the formation of a flourishing church. abor of Christians, is one of the great wants serve then alive." in our Church. Our ministers labor hard, and with great self-denial; but most of our members do very little, either personally or by contributions, to sustain those who are, or who would be, wholly devoted to the work. Christians must feel their consecration, and carry it out consistently. Then will the

cause prosper. Union Movements.

It is known to our readers, that efforts have been in progress, for a long time, toward a Union of the Associate and the Associate Reformed Churches. A paper has been put forth, on the part of the former, termed The Basis of Union. The following is given relative to the action of the latter body, at late meetings of their Presbyteries :

"The Monongahela Presbytery, at their bagnio; the shop of honest trade into the neeting in East Liverpool, Ohio, took an' faro-saloon, or bar-room, and the play-house nformal vote on the Basis of Union, which, stands a spectacle of vice, supported by its so far as taken, was unanimously favorable congenial aids of rowdyism, gambling, drunkenness and prostitution. Verily, the to it. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Dr. Pressly's Church, Allegheny, on the national taste and morality do well in scorn-1st Tuesday in May, when the vote on the subject of Union will be closed. The Presbytery of Lawrence adopted the following. resolution unanimously: Resolved, That The May number of the Record is on we are willing and desirous the proposed Union should be accomplished on the Basis now overtured. The Second Presbytery of gress of our work, as a Church organization, Ohio adopted the Basis of Union by a vote of 18 to 1. The First Presbytery of Õhio are unanimously opposed to the proposed Union. The Presbytery of Indiana adopted the To make great progress would be an occasion

Basis, by a vote of 8 to 1. The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church of North America will hold its next meeting in the city of New York, on the third Wednesday (the 20th) of May; at half, past '7 o'clock P. M."

E. P. Paimer, D. Humphreys, D. U. Barkley. (D. Humphreys, Col. Hamilton, J. B. Adger, D.D., Dr. Archer. John Watson, Wm. McLaughlin. (Wm. 6, Márch, David Hanna, John B. Miller, S. McIntosh. . G. Barkley Steubenville, New Lisbon,

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Installation in Wisconsin

Rev. Wm. Reid, was installed pastor of the Rosedale Presbyterian church, on Thus. day, April 16th, by a Committee of Winne Prime, D. D., of New York, in the First | bago Presbytery. The sermon was by Rev. George, C. Hockman, of Portage City. Rev. Reuben Smith, of Beaver Dam, presided, put the questions, and gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. H. M. Robertson, of Horicon, the charge to the people. Rosedale is a country congregation, situavill be delivered by three members of the ted in the midst of one of the most beau-Senior Class. After which the Diplomas tiful and fertile prairie regions of Wisconsin, about fifteen miles East of Portage City, and near the Milwaukie and La Crosse bers, by the Rev. Prof. Elliott. The public Railroad, A. church was organized here about a year ago, and a very neat and comfortable house of worship completed and dedicated a few months since.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate

Commemorative. RESOLUTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF DONEGAL, ON THE DEATH OF THE

REV. SAMUEL HUME SMITH. Resolved, That it is with heart-felt sorrow that we have heard of, and are called upon to record, the death of our beloved brother, the Rev. Samuel Hume Smith. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, it has lost a member wise in counsel, discreet in conduct, conciliatory in spirit, and/ingenuous in disposition, and the Church & faithful, zealous, conscientious,

Resolved, That we deeply and tenderly faith and prayer commend his fatherless and motherless children to the care of that covenantkeeping God, who has said, "Leave The zealous and wisely directed personal your fatherless children to me; I will pre-Resolved, That the Presbyterian, and the

Presbytenian Banner and Advocate be requested to publish the above resolutions. and that, copy of the same be presented to the family of the deceased.

John FARQUHAR, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Piesbytery of Steubenville.

The Prebytery of Stenbenville, at its late meeting a Oak Ridge, received the Rev. John Arthur from the Presbytery of Allegheny City and dismised Rev. Wm. D. McCartney, and Mi Wm. E. Hint, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Coshocton They licensed Mr. Alexander M. Reid. and Mr. Jesse W. Hamilton ; and received two candiates under their care. Rev. Jon Watson, and Mr. William McLaugh lin. were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly.

They made the following appointments for SUPPLIES. Messrs. Swaney and Agnew, one Wellsvil

abbath sch, at discretion; and for the remainder of the time they have leave to supply them selves unil Fall. Bloomeld.-Mr, Campbell, Third Sabbath in

Mav. Harlen-Mr. Brugh, Third Sabbath in May. Richmod.-Mr. Galloway, last Sabbath in Richmod.—Mr. Galloway, last Sabbath April. Ar. Reid, First Sabbath in June.

Kilgore-Mr., Knox, Second Sabbath in May. Mr. Hamton, Third Sabbath in Jane. Big Sping .- Mr. Patterson, Second Sabbath in

New Cmberland .- Mr. Hamilton, Fourth Sab bath in lay.

othe Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Supplie Appointed by Blairsville Presbytery.

Johnston.—Mr. Kennedy, Rourth, Sabbath in April Mr. Edgar, First Sabbath in May. Messrs. Jalker and Carothers, Third Sabbath in May; administer the Lord's Supper. Mr. Carothe, Fifth Sabbath in May. Mr. Shepley, Second hobath in June. Salem-Have leave to procure their own sup-Har 'ime forne year, as Stated Supply.

MAYOR WOOD continues to resist the authority of the new Police Committee, appointed under the new charter, and has asked for a perpetual injunction.

NEW YORK.

The Seventy-First Anniversary of the ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, was celebrated on the 25th

ult. The attendance was very large, owing, in part, to the presence of the new British Minister to this country, Lord Napier. This gentleman made a speech, in which he spake very kindly of the manner in which he had been received by he Government and people of this country. In he course of his remarks he said, respecting the ondixion between this country and England: 'The only 'entangling alliance' which I shall venture to recommend to your adoption, is the ubmarine cable between this country and Engand." This was received with great cheering. Since the TABERNACLE is about to be taken down: the religions Societies have been comcelled to seek other quarters for the approaching Anniversaries. The Board of Foreign Missions of our Church, and the Sunday School Union, will hold their meetings in the Broome Street Presbyterian church. The sermon before the Home Missionary Society will be prlached in Dr. Adams' church, on Madison Avenue. The American and Foreign Christian Union, and Seamen's

Friend Society, will occupy the church of Dr. Asa D. Smith. The Female Guardian Society will have the use of Dr. Gillett's (Baptist) church. The Colored Girls' Institute Association, he Congregational Union, the Home Missionan Bible Societies, and the American Board of Foreign Missions, will assemble in Dr. Cheeler's church, on Union Square.

The ANTI-SLAVERY meetings, and the Conge gational Collation, will be held in the City Asser bly Rooms.

THE Mercer Street Presbyterian church, or last Sabbath week, made a contribution of \$5,600 to the American Board of Foreign Missions. Several VESSELS have been seized on suspicion

of being fitted out for the horrible slave trade. and a vigilant watch is kept over others, suspected of a similar iniquitous designation. The public ministry of the REV. ANTIONETTE BROWN does not seem to have been successful. Her congregation decreased sadly, and the house of worship has been closed. It required but lit-

tle penetration to discover, in advance, that this would be the final result. In 1842, there were forty-three ministers of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the city and environs of New York; now there are eighty-six---an increase of one hundred per cent. in fourteen years. The NIAGABA has sailed for the purpose of aid-

ing in laying the Submarine Telegraph from Newfoundland to England, thus uniting the Eastern and Western Continents. In the month of July, two steamers will meet in the midst of the Atlantic. each having on board one-half of the wire, connect the two parts, and depart in opposite directions, keeping up a constant communication by means of the wire. The whole distance by the nearest line is one thousand nine hundred miles, and the greatest depth sounded is two and one-third miles. Soundings have been taken every twenty miles, when possible to do so. The whole length of the cable will be two thousand six hundred miles; each mile weighing something less than a ton. The whole cost is estimated at \$1,084,160. The first experiment with respect to the Submarine Telegraph, was made by Prof. Morse, on the 18th of October, 1842, from

lastle Garden to Governor's Island. The Lutheran Observer says there are six German Lutheran, and one English Lutheran, church in the city of New York. The Observer attributes this small increase of that denomination; in this large city, to the exclusive use of the German language in the services of the sanctuary in time

We give an extract from an exchange, conaining a brief synopsis of the NEW LICENSE LAW of New York, of which much has been said and written :

new law for licensing the sale of intoxicating ville in City. -- Mri Edgar, one fourth of his County to grant licenses. No storekaeper licensed

of Mansfield Ohio Rev. G. VAN ARTSDALEN has declined the call to Union church, Donegal Presbytery.

Mr. CALVIN W. STEWART was licensed by the Presbytery of Donegal, at their late meeting.

CHARLES STURGES, M. D., lately set apart for the Omaha Mission, has been ordained as an Evangelist, by the Presbytery of Long Island.

Presbytery of Marion, on the 14th of April, from the New School Presbyterian

logical Seminary, has been licensed by the Presbytery of Oxford; and Mr. JAMES M. ALLISON, of same Seminary, by the Presbytery of Palestine; and Messrs. JOHN A. ANDERSON, SYLVESTER F. SCOVEL, A. J. YEATER, F. R. MORTON, and John Thomas, by the Presbytery of New Albany.

Cambridge City, Ind. Rev. THOMAS M. CHESTNUT, of Camden Mills, Ill., has removed to Sioux City,

Towa. Mr. ROBERT C. WALKER has been licensed by the Presbytery of Lexington.

Rev. P. D. Young has resigned at Chester,

Decatur. Rev. A. V. SCHENCK has resigned, at St.

Joseph's, Mo. Mr. A. S. MARSHALL was ordained, by

Marion, Iowa. Nev. JOHN L. MARTIN has accepted a call to Upper Indiana church.

Rev. WM. A. FLEMING has been released from his charge at Farmington, Ill., and has accepted a unanimous call to Lewistown, in same State. Correspondents will, please note the change.

accepted a call to the church of Middle Sandy, Ohio.

a call to the church of Clarkson, Ohio,

PRISBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN

Touching Historical Incident.

"The Legislature of New York has passed

