

Banner and Advocate.

PITTSBURGH, MAY 2, 1857.

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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, Ky., on Thursday, the 21st of May next.

To the Members of the Assembly.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 20, 1857. Notice is hereby given to the members of 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.

Acknowledgment.

We have received from a Lady, five dollars toward procuring a bell for Mission at Little Traverse.

Pastoral Acknowledgment.

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

Western Theological Seminary.

The regular Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary will be held on the Second Thursday of May, (14th) at 10 o'clock, in the Lecture-Room of the First Presbyterian Church.

Letters on Business.

Persons sending us lists of subscribers, and especially in making remittances, will please direct their letters, always, (as requested above) to Rev. DAVID McKINNEY, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Harper.

The notice, in our ordinary columns, of this excellent lady, the daughter of the Western Patriarch, Rev. Dr. McMillan, will be read with interest, and especially by those who would be familiar with the early history of Western Pennsylvania.

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 that seventeen thousand habitual drunkards, of the most brutal character, disgrace the city.

Western Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary will meet in the Lecture-Room of the First Church, Pittsburgh, on the 18th day of May, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Danville Theological Seminary.

The Catalogue for 1856-7, is just received. The whole number of students is thirty-six.

Revivals.

CARROLL, 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 void.

Home and Foreign Record.

The May number of the Record is on our table, giving us information of the progress of our work, as a Church organization, in sustaining and extending the kingdom of our Lord.

Domestic Missions.

Letters are given from Fond du Lac

Theatre-Going.

Quite a strenuous effort seems to be making 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 vice; but its respectability, in the common acceptance of that term, has varied.

Foreign Missions.

The Record gives information from our Indian Missions, from Africa, South America, India, China, and the Chinese Mission in California. Of most of these Missions, we have lately spoken, and do not now enlarge.

Church Extension.

The success of the fiscal year just closed, has 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 greatly needed.

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, note the three points he makes.

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.

Supplies Appointed by Blairsville Presbytery.

Johnson.—Mr. Kennedy, Fourth Sabbath in April, Mr. Edgar, First Sabbath in May, Messrs. Walker and Thirl's Sabbath in May; Mr. Adams, Third Sabbath in May.

Deaths of Rev. David Polk.

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Eastern Summary.

BOSTON. The Baptist Board of Foreign Missions reports 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 reduce the debt considerably.

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