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PITTSBURGH, MAY 30, 1857.

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THE BIBLE TIMES.—Dr. Stockton, the editor of this excellent little monthly...

LETTERS ON BUSINESS.—Persons sending us lists of subscribers, and especially in making remittances...

General Assembly. Owing to the failure of the mails, our reports of the proceedings...

West Liberty University. This is the name of the Institution proposed to be founded by the Synods of Ohio and Cincinnati...

Centre College, Ky. It is well known that great prosperity has attended this Institution for some time...

Reformed Synod, New Side. The General Synod of this Church met in Cedarville, Ohio, on the 21st, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Alexander Clarke...

More Ministers Taken Away. The Rev. David S. Todd died at Natchez, Miss, on the 4th inst. Of him, Dr. Rice, of the St. Louis Presbyterian, says:

And on the 15th of April, the Rev. Jno. M. Morrow, Stated Supply of the Presbyterian church in Beemeha, Miss., died at Pontotoc, in that State.

General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. This body assembled in the city of New York, on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

Thus far the prospect of union on the basis proposed, does not seem encouraging. According to the report of the Committee on the decisions of the Presbyteries...

The General Assembly of 1857. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States, now in session at Lexington, Ky., is likely to possess fully the usual interest of such meetings.

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working capital, for the present, and the hope is cherished, that the churches will not neglect their duty to send in a constantly flowing stream of supplies.

But, important as is the cause of Domestic Missions, and great as are the results of the Church's labors, there are still found those who oppose themselves to it—not to the cause, but to the manner in which it is conducted.

The discussion turned mainly on the Committee's statement, that there were 1,600 churches which contributed not a dollar, the past year, to the common fund; and the proposal, hence, that the Assembly should declare a want of "good standing" on the part of those churches which contributed nothing to the Board.

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The wisdom of the serpent is also displayed, in which the situations of these establishments are chosen. For instance, although Washington is pre-eminently a Protestant city, yet, as it is the centre of political influence for the Union, and a place in which the families of important persons are brought together in connexion with their legislative duties...

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On which are said two colleges, &c.; one of the Sunday, the other of the octave." p. 12. Or what would they understand by the directions for worship, indicated as follows in the Calendar, for the 20th day of May:

Again, in turning to the first day of August, they would be directed thus: "St. Peter's Chains, fr. d. 9th less, and com. of S. S. after St. Paul (Oct.) in L. and M. G. Cr. Prof. of App. W. In V. com. of St. Paul, Sol and Sand; (Oct.) and St. Stephen."

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prayer, and Dr. Swift gave notice that the next session will commence on the Monday in September.

The venerable Dr. Herron, now in his eighty-fourth year, President of the Board of Directors, was not well enough to be present, but I observed his majestic form and benevolent face in the church on the evening, when an address was delivered before the Society of Inquiry.

The General Assembly will probably be another to the Professors in this Seminary, as four seem to be the present number required. Whoever is sent will occupy a post destined to be one of the most commanding influence.

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