

PITTSBURGH, JULY 4, 1887.

TERMS.—\$1.50, in advance or in three \$1.00 payments... THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we desire a renewal...

REV. STEPHEN YERKES accepts his appointment to a Professorship in the Danville Theological Seminary.

MR. JAMES A. IRWIN, of the Presbyterian Book Rooms, died on Tuesday morning, the 30th ult.

BRAYER CREEK, VA.—In this church, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Hoghead, fourteen persons were recently added to the communion...

REV. HUGH W. GUNTER, missionary of the Board to the Indians at Little Traverse, Michigan, returns on the 4th inst.

THE FAMINE IN MICHIGAN, the last winter and spring, was very severe. It was in the new settlements whither families had moved the previous summer...

OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE, OHIO.—The Third Annual Catalogue of this institution gives us a list of pupils, as follows: Resident graduates, 5; Senior class, 17; Junior, 17; Middle, 26; Minor, 40; University class, 39; Preparatory Department, 79; total, 208.

THE JOURNAL AND THE PROHIBITIONIST, temperance papers, have become united, under the name of the former, which will henceforth be issued monthly...

THE BIBLE CLASS.—Such an Association should be in every church, and it should embrace every youth. If the pastor cannot conduct it, the duty falls upon the elders...

To aid both teacher and pupil, we are pleased to see such works as those of Drs. Jacobus and Hodge. The "Questions" of the latter, on his Exposition of the First Epistle to the Corinthians...

Degrees Conferred.—The College of New Jersey has conferred the degree of D. D., on Rev. William Henry Green, of Princeton...

Princeton Seminary.—The demand for ministers is so great, that of the recent graduating class of Princeton, twenty-six in number, were engaged to the Foreign Board...

The Seminary also has received, from a donor whose name is concealed, ten thousand dollars, as we see stated, the interest to be appropriated to the sustentation of poor young men...

Payment of Debts.—We are pleased to see it stated that the Spring Garden Church, Philadelphia, is freed from debt. The congregation was formed but a few years ago...

South Carolina College.—This institution has been beset with difficulties, and is not likely easily to escape them. Recent disturbances have been serious, and been continued for weeks...

Funeral Sermons.—A desire to have a sermon preached on the occasion of a funeral, is, in some portions of the Church and country, exceedingly prevalent. This desire may not always be the most pure...

1. It is a season when consolation is needed. The presence of the minister is then expected; and not only for the good he may do at the time, but for his lasting influence with the family...

2. The mind of the mourners, and neighbors who will collect at the funeral, is then more than usually tender; their attention will hence be more particular, and the impressions made will be more deep and lasting.

3. There are, ordinarily, we think—certainly there often are—persons present at funerals, who but seldom, if ever, go to hear the Gospel preached in the house of worship...

4. There are many portions of God's Word just suited for texts on such occasions; and the opportunity should be embraced, as sent to us for that purpose.

5. The preaching of funeral sermons may be made of much benefit to the pastor. There being but little time for preparation, he will be induced to apply his mind vigorously.

6. Avoid harrowing statements as to the misery of the person called hence, he having given no decisive evidence of experimental religion. Leave him in the hands of a righteous God...

7. There may occasionally be a direct exposition and comment setting forth the causes, and their character, and results, which led to the dreadful end of the unhappy mortal whose obsequies we mournfully celebrate.

About forty "Regulators" broke open the house of a man named Bingham, near that town, captured and took him into an adjoining wood, where he was so dreadfully scourged with rods and whips...

The North British Review.—Our readers will no doubt remember a very lengthened editorial on the character of this Review, which we felt called on to publish, especially in connexion with the spirit which it displayed to the late Dr. Chalmers and his works.

At the close of the late session of the Free Church Theological College in Edinburgh, Dr. Cunningham, in an address, dwelt at length on the treatment of Dr. Chalmers by the North British, and adverted, in his powerful manner, to the points which have been criticized.

Lynch Law.—This term is applied to the summary punishment of offenders, where there are some of the forms of trial, not by the constituted officers of justice, but by the people in mass, or by a portion of the people.

The American Tract Society.—Our readers will remember, that in last May a year, there was much excitement at the Annual Meeting of this Society, relative to the character of its publications; and especially in regard to the subject of slavery.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST.—We feel called, in the providence of God, to express our deep regret in perceiving that what we regard as a misapprehension exists in the minds of some highly esteemed brethren...

What do you mean by the term? What is the "Church"? The word is used with great indefiniteness—is much abused. Dr. Cox, in writing in the Genesee Evangelist, remarks:—

What will some of my readers say, if I tell them that the word church in a bad one, apart from its immense perversion and inculcable abuse. It was manufactured by the schoolmen, in the dark ages; and not well translates the original and classic word, ecclesia; which occurs, I think, about 115 times in the New Testament...

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, held a meeting on the 26th of May. The institution is flourishing, except that the number of students is still small. There were 94 the last session.

The endowments are:— 1. The South Carolina, having \$27,450 invested, at 8 per cent, on an average. 2. The Georgia, having \$28,500 invested, at an average of 7 1/2 per cent.

Rev. John C. Young, D. D.—This eminent minister of Jesus Christ, died at his residence, in Danville, Ky., on the morning of the 23d of June.

The Trustees of the copyright of the Psalms and Hymns selected and arranged by the Association, reported that the selection contained to be received with much favor; but complained that many of the Psalms and Hymns had been appropriated without permission or acknowledgment.

It was voted to inform the General Association of Iowa, that if the New School Presbyterians should persist in their present method of Church Extension, according to the information given at this meeting...

Resolutions were passed, expressing confidence in the correctness of the principle of prohibiting by law the sale of intoxicating liquors, and also a firm belief that the public mind will soon be awakened from its present lethargy with respect to the evils of intemperance.

Rev. S. A. GATLEY's Post-Office address changed from Battle Swamp, Me., to "West Nottingham," Cecil County, Md. Rev. A. P. BOSSFORD's Post-Office address is changed from Hughsonville, New York, to Port Byron, Cayuga Co., New York.

Rev. PETER HANSEN's Post-Office address is changed from Moro, Ill., to Tipton, Ill. Rev. ROBERT BELL has removed from Etava, Ala., to Garlandville, Miss. Rev. J. H. HENDERSON, New Orleans, has so far recovered from throat disease, that he is able to perform the ordinary ministerial labors.

Presbytery of Lake Superior.—The Presbyterian publishes the official minutes of the late General Assembly, constituting a Presbytery with the above name. It is as follows:— Resolved, That a new Presbytery, to be called Lake Superior, be erected out of a part of the territory of Wisconsin...

Rev. Dr. Tyler, on resigning his office as Professor of Theology, will deliver a sermon at the Annual Meeting of the Synod of Wisconsin, at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Tyler, on Wednesday, August 24th, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at Ontonagon.

The Annual Session of the Episcopalian Clergy will be held at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Wagoner, on the 25th of June. The Rev. Dr. Wagoner will act as financial and traveling agent for the union conference.

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Comparative quiet has been restored. Mr. Wood has been released from the custody of Sheriff, and the New Police Commissioners have quietly discharging the duties assigned them. The time of writing this, no decision has been made by the Court of Appeals as to the constitutionality of the law...

The Annual Commencement of the Female Normal School was held in the Academy of Music, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Diplomas were presented by the Principal, Mr. Harrison, to eighty-four graduates. The addresses and prayers on the occasion are said to have been of an unusually merit.

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