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ADVERTISEMENTS. No invalids—Friday, August 5th. Dr. G. W. Fitch, 11th and D Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

NOTICES. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—The Annual Report to the General Assembly is at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, St. Clair Street, for distribution.

Obituary. DR. J. W. FITCH, of the late of Pittsburg, Pa., died on the 11th inst.

Cure of Severe Asthma—An Interesting Case.

WATNSBURG, Pa., April 5th. Editor of the Christian Advocate—Dear Sir—There have been many reports of the cure of severe asthma.

It is a very interesting case, and one that has attracted much attention. The patient, a man of about 40 years of age, had been afflicted with asthma for many years.

The cure was effected by the use of a certain preparation, which was obtained from a certain source. The patient had been in a very bad state of health, and had been unable to do any work.

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The Prairies of Illinois.

BROTHER McKINNEY—Res. and Dear Sir:—It would, perhaps, be of interest to some of your readers, who contemplate visiting the West, to hear something with regard to the prairies of Illinois, as well as of Kansas.

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Reports.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Report of J. D. Williams, RECEIVING AGENT OF PRESBYTERIAN COGNITION SOCIETY, AND ASSHUR YERGEN.

Mr. J. D. Williams, RECEIVING AGENT OF PRESBYTERIAN COGNITION SOCIETY, AND ASSHUR YERGEN. Pittsburgh, Pa., July 25, 1887.

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American Tract Society.

To Evangelize Christians, and especially to the Society's Colporteurs, Superintendents, and General Agents, and to the Editors of the Religious Press.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As some have questioned the wisdom of the Secretaries in writing a brief letter to the friends and agents of the Society and the press at the South, I feel bound to make a brief explanation.

Soon after the anniversary, we learned from numerous simultaneous communications and the press at the South, that the action of the Society had produced a deep sensation in the Southern and South-Western States.

Many of the long-tried friends of the Society, who had witnessed with great satisfaction the blessed influence of its publications, and its efficient system of Colportage rapidly spreading over those States, and penetrating the moral desolations, became alarmed; believing, as they did, that the policy of the Society would be immediately issued which, in the eye of the law, would be regarded as incendiary, and render any one who should attempt to circulate them liable to arrest and imprisonment.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Society was not a religious body, and that its publications were not of a religious character, it was still regarded as a dangerous and subversive organization.

The Society was therefore forced to discontinue its operations in the Southern States, and to confine its work to the Northern States.

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