safely landed at Valentia, the point of Ireland nearest the New World, and on the following day took its Westward course. Men of science, commercial men, and statesmen, have watched the inception and progress of this enterprise with great interest, because of the obvious advantages of success, to intelligence, business, and politics. But it is also viewed with an earnest and religious spirit, by some of the best men in England. A *fete* was given in honor of the enterprise, by Sir Culling Eardley, well known for his high position, and elevated Christian character. Among the guests were distinguished scientific gentlemen, officers of the British and American Navies, and the artizans who had been engaged on the great work, with their wives and children. The whole entertainment was conducted with a spirit of fraternal patriotism and piety. Before the sailing of the expedition, a banquet was given in honor of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, at which there were appropriate speeches and religious services. A form of prayer was prepared, to be daily offered up on board the fleet. That this great enterprise should be preceded by devout prayer and worship, was eminently proper. It has been so in other days. Prayers were offered in the Cathedrals of Spain when Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery. And when the pilgrims embarked from Holland, they knelt on the deck of their little vessel, and commended themselves to the care and guidance of their Father in heaven. In the event of success, the first message to be sent is, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co., are making an addition to their white marble store, which will cost, with the ground, $500,000. The whole structure will then be 176 feet by 151, excelling any building for similar purposes in the country.

The moral condition of the *Emigrant Ships*, is beginning to awaken some attention, and none too soon; for it is to be feared that they have been made means of prostitution to a fearful extent.

Much has been said in praise of the *Public Schools* of New York. But according to the *Christian Intelligencer*, there is still great need of improvement. Some of the members of the Board of Education are charged with drunkenness. The Principal of the Normal School, in writing an ordinary note to an editor, made several grammatical blunders. When the teachers met to prepare a complimentary address to Mons. Thalberg and Madame D'Angri, a member of the Board of Education, in a drunken state, thrust himself forward, and was rude and vulgar in a high degree. And the address itself was badly written, "containing the most ridiculous bombast the present age has seen." This is certainly a very humiliating report of a state of things, where eleven hundred thousand dollars are expended every year.

The *Independent* denies the charges made by the *Puritan Recorder*, which we published last week, and says the whole statement is an entire perversion of a conversation strictly private. To this the *Puritan Recorder* promises a reply.

The *Independent*, in answering the *Evangelist*, concerning the progress of *Congregationalism in New York*, says that in 1849, the New-School Presbyterians had, in New York City, 20 churches and 7,430 members; and that in 1857, they have only 18 churches and 6,528 members.

Gerritt Smith does not seem to have succeeded according to his expectations, in providing homes for colored people. He has written a letter to the New York *Tribune*, in which he says: "Of the three thousand colored men to whom I gave land, probably less than fifty have taken and continue to hold possession of their grants. What is worse, half of the three thousand, as I judge, have either sold their land, or have been so careless as to allow it to be sold for taxes."

PHILADELPHIA.

Extensive preparations are being made for the approaching *State Fair*, to be held on the 29th inst. It is intended to surpass any exhibition the State Society has yet had. Agriculture and kindred pursuits are held in much higher estimation than ever before. And their annual exhibitions have been of great benefit; but we hope that the habit that has grown up of perverting them into occasions for horse racing and performances, will be speedily abandoned.

The corner-stone of the *Olivet Baptist Church*, at the South-East corner of Sixth and Federal Streets, was laid last week, with appropriate ceremonies.

The *Rev. Thomas J. Quigley*, of St. Michaels, Md., has given notice that he will arraign the Rev. John Dixon Long, author of "Pictures of Slavery," before the approaching Annual Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the following specifications:

1. Misrepresenting the Philadelphia Conference and the Border difficulties.
2. Misrepresenting the people of Maryland and Delaware.
3. Misrepresenting the ministers who have labored in Maryland and Delaware.
4. Misrepresenting the members of the M. E. Church.
5. Misrepresenting the colored people.

The *American Presbyterian* reprehends, severely, the employment of Masonic ceremonies in laying the corner-stones of colleges and churches, thus allowing this Order or Institution to usurp the place that properly belongs to the Church. The Corner-Stones of the new University at Chicago under the care of the Baptists and of the Wabash Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, were to be laid, with Masonic ceremonies.

We learn that the *First Presbyterian Church of Kensington*, are about to build a new place of worship in Franklin Avenue, between Hanover and Palmer Streets, upon a lot 85 by 100 feet. The plans are for an edifice 65 feet front by 100 feet deep, including an octagonal projection, intended as a basis for a conspicuous and lofty spire. The front is to be an imitation of brown stone; the rest of the structure will be plain brick.

Western Correspondence.

DR. MCKINNEY:—I presented in my last some statistics, exhibiting the increase of contributions to the Boards of our Church, in the last three years, in the Synods of Illinois, Chicago, Iowa and Wisconsin; and promised some additional figures in this. In redeeming this pledge, I present an exhibit of contributions in the same field, for Presbyterial, Congregational and Miscellaneous purposes, throwing the Synods of Illinois and Chicago together, as they were one during a portion of the time contemplated.

Contributions in Synods of Illinois and Wisconsin.

	1854.	1857.
For Presbyterial Purposes,	$ 258	$ 573
" Congregational "	22,964	99,375
" Miscellaneous "	4,123	5,526
Total,	$27,345	$105,474

Synod of Wisconsin.

	1854.	1857.
For Presbyterial Purposes,	$ 15	$ 80
" Congregational "	56,038	29,223
" Miscellaneous "	225	629
Total,	$ 5,878	$ 29,932

Synod of Iowa.

	1854.	1857.
For Presbyterial Purposes,	$ 137	$ 303
" Congregational "	9,496	80,250
" Miscellaneous "	1,269	5,200
Total,	$10,902	$ 85,753

Thus your readers will see that, in the State of Illinois, Old School Presbyterians paid for the above purposes, in 1857, $105,474 vice $27,345 three years ago; in Wisconsin $29,932 vice $5,878; and in Iowa $85,753 vice $10,902. If our contributions to the Boards of our Church have been small, let us, in the above tables, see in part at least, the reason. The churches here have evidently been struggling to help themselves. This, the largely increased contributions, for congregational purposes during the past three years, abundantly shows. As their ability to help themselves increases, we hope they will not fail to cast liberally into the treasury of the Church, to aid others.

The church and congregation at Sterling, Illinois, for so many years under the care of Rev. George Stebbins, one of the pioneers of the West, has been without a settled pastor since Bro. Stebbins resigned the charge, some two years ago. They have, however, at present, we understand, the prospect of securing the pastoral services of Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, of Columbia, Pa. If Bro. Erskine should conclude to make this the field of his future labors, we have no doubt, from all we can learn, of his usefulness in it. It is an important, growing field, and much needs a laborer with diligence, zeal and piety; and we rejoice that one who bears a name, so dear to all who love true Presbyterianism, thinks of entering upon the work. May the mantle of his distinguished ancestor be found to have descended, in all its amplitude, upon him.

The friends of our Church have long felt the importance of building up our cause in Chicago, the great commercial emporium of the West. Our churches there have always been very weak, notwithstanding the sacrifices and struggles of our self-denying and noble brethren. This has been mainly owing, as I have previously shown, to the great difficulty of rearing churches beneath the shadow of others nearly identical with them, in the estimation of those who care not for doctrinal differences.

The North church, for some time under the pastoral care of Rev. R. H. Richardson, has lately become vacant, by the resignation of his successor, Rev. R. A. Brown; and the brethren have solicited Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., of Saint Louis, to take charge of them. We understand that he has signified his willingness to do so, and it is expected that he will enter upon his duties with them on the 1st of October. This will be an event, of much importance to our brethren of Chicago. Dr. Rice will bring with him the ripe experience of many years' active labor, in various departments of the Master's service, and will greatly contribute, if his life and health are spared, to the success of all our Church enterprises, in and near the city. We feel especially gratified at the prospect of his settlement there, when we consider the material service he may render to our infant Theological Institution. We trust nothing will interfere to prevent his settlement in the North church.

I mentioned, in my last, that the Methodist brethren were likely to have some trouble, if reports were true, in securing Mrs. Garrett's donation to their institution of learning, located near Chicago. It appears now, that our Baptist brethren have trouble also, growing out of a gift, which may possibly seriously prejudice the interests of a University, which they are attempting to establish at the same place. Hon. Stephen A. Douglass made to this denomination, which was accepted, a present of ten acres of land, upon which to locate their University. Many persons, both in the denomination and out of it, have felt called upon to condemn the Trustees for accepting this grant, *because of Mr. Douglass' unpopularity as a politician.* It seems to be the impression that this gentleman has sinned so egregiously, that he is now and henceforth, incapable of doing a praiseworthy action; and that those, who in any way countenance him in the attempt, are partakers of his sin. Strange, that good men should become so blinded, by their political prejudices. A person was excluded from a Congregational Church, recently, in Michigan, because he had voted for Mr. Buchanan, and advocated the Democratic cause; and now the interests of an institution of learning are to suffer, because a man, politically unpopular, has made it the gift of a site.

The war at Galesburg continues. A New School brother, who spent a recent Sabbath there, informed me that he did not hear a sermon or a prayer in which the college troubles were not mentioned. Dr. E. Beecher is preaching upon the matter, and the secular and religious press fairly hisses with the heat of the contest. The question at present is, which of the two contending parties has the best right to the institution. It will result probably in litigation in civil courts.

Explorations of the earth's depths in prairie land, are likely to result in discoveries important to science. Some men, in opening up a coal mine at Buffalo Rock, near Ottawa, in Illinois, recently exposed a copper kettle firmly embedded in the coal, the whole being seventeen feet beneath the surface. There were several feet of solid coal above the kettle, which was also filled with it. The iron of the rim and bail crumbled when brought into contact with the air. Here is a nut for the geologists. How came the kettle there if our coal measures have really the antiquity ascribed to them?

Chicago still grows, despite all predictions to the contrary. There are at this time, in process of erection, some three thousand buildings, many of them of the most magnificent character. I am informed that this is mostly the work of heavy capitalists in New York City, who, appreciating the prospective greatness of Chicago, prefer thus to expend their funds. May it grow, and may its great resources be sanctified, and be dedicated, by enterprising Christian men, to the advancement of the cause of God. Yours, NORTH-WEST.

News Department.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, FOR THE YEAR 1856: *Arts and Manufactures; in three volumes*

We are under obligations to our able and attentive representative, Hon. David Ritchie, for these three interesting and valuable volumes, containing accounts of progress in arts and manufactures for 1856.

JUDGE LOWRIE has granted a writ of error in the case of Henry Fife, Monroe Stewart, and Charlotte Jones, lately convicted of murder in the first degree, returnable, on the fourth Monday of October, to the Supreme Court at its sitting in this city, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, but to give the defence every benefit of even a shadow of doubt.

OUR RAILROADS are doing an immense business, but strangers and even many of our citizens are not aware of the vast business done by means of steamboats. Between the 9th of February and the 15th of August, three hundred and fifty-five steamboats left this port, with freight amounting to one hundred and thirty thousand tons. This does not include our shipments to the Wabash, the Muskingum, or Upper Allegheny and Monongahela rivers.

THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY has negotiated the sale of two hundred thousand dollars worth of their bonds, in London, on very favorable terms. This speaks well for the confidence placed in the management of the road and its future success. The bills of lading of the iron necessary to complete the road from Plymouth, its present terminus, to Chicago, have also been received. The work necessary for crossing the Allegheny river into Pittsburgh has been nearly completed, so that the expense and delay incurred in transporting freight and passengers through the two cities and across the river will soon *be removed.*

DAVID S. MCKIM, convicted of the murder of S. T. Norcross, near Altoona, Pa., last Winter, was executed on last Friday, at Hollidaysburg, Pa. He protested his innocence until the last, but nothing that he said seems to have awakened a doubt, as to his guilt, in a single mind. The morning before his execution, he attempted to take his own life, by means of a piece of glass which he had in some way obtained. Since his conviction, the Rev. D. X. Junkin, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church of Hollidaysburg, and the Rev. O. O. McClean, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Huntingdon, were unremitting in their attentions to his spiritual state, for which he expressed his gratitude when they attended him to the gallows.

Terrible Explosion.

WILMINGTON, DEL., August 23.—About five o'clock, yesterday afternoon, a terrible explosion occured at Dupont's powder mills on the Brandywine.

Mr. Alexis J. Dupont, assisted by seven workmen, were removing a large and heavy box from a building, which had been used since the year 1812, as a powder house, when the box accidentally came in contact with the wall, and fire was produced by the friction. An explosion immediately followed, burning all hands in a shocking manner. Mr. Dupont leaped into a race, and the others made every effort to extinguish the fire on their clothes, which they succeeded in doing, with the assistance of Mr. Dupont. Mr. D. then hastened to see if the press roof had caught fire, and as he approached, a terrible explosion took place, shattering the building to atoms.

By the flying fragments Mr. Dupont had his right thigh fractured and three of his ribs broken, while one of his lungs was perforated. He was found among the ruins, and when taken up gave directions to the persons present to hasten and extinguish the flames.

SUNDAY, 5 P. M.—Mr. Dupont, Anthony Dougherty, and Edward Hurst, the foreman, are dead. Louis Vache is mortally wounded. John McClafferty and Geo. Fisher, are injured, but not fatally. All the rest escaped unhurt.

Washington.

AUG. 20.—The General Land Office to-day decided against the pre-emption claim of a colored man to three hundred and sixty acres of land in Wisconsin, taking the ground of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case, that "A free negro, of African race, whose ancestors were brought to this country and sold as slaves, is not a citizen within the meaning of the Constitution of the United States."

This decision of the Land Office applies to the other similar cases pending.

The President has, by proclamation, declared a treaty of friendship and commerce between the United States and Persia, of binding force. In addition to an Ambassador or Diplomatic Agent near each government, it provides for Persian Consuls at Washington, New York, and New Orleans, and for United States Consuls at Téheran, Bender, Bushire, and Tauris. This treaty will continue in force for ten years.

John Haverty has been appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Western Agency, vice Governor Cumming. On the assembling of Congress Hon. Frederick P. Stanton, Secretary of State in Kansas, will succeed him.

Henry F. Wendell has been appointed Navy Agent, at Portsmouth, N. H., vice Nehemiah Moses.

Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, was to-day tendered, but he declined, an appointment as Commissioner of Patents.

AUG. 21.—The Interior Department has received intelligence from reliable gentlemen and fugitive Mormons, that Brigham Young is preparing to resist Gen Harney; that he relapsed into the grossest infidelity and atheism, and continues to hold up the Government of the United States to the contempt of the Mormons.

The sale of the Delaware and Kansas Indian trust lands yielded over five hundred and eighty-seven thousand six hundred dollars.

There is no good foundation for the report that the American forces in the China waters have seized the Island of Formosa, and the rumor has probably arisen from the appearance of a United States war vessel at the Island in question, to investigate the alleged murders of shipwrecked sailors in that vicinity.

Among the dispatches just received by the government, is the correspondence which took place between one of our naval officers and the Governor of Singapore, relative to his ordering our flag to be hauled down by a British officer from the Dutch barque "Henrietta Maria," which had been abandoned by her officers and most of her crew, and taken possession of by the master of an American ship. Governor Blundell earnestly disclaims any want of respect to the American flag, or the rights of American citizens, in the steps he felt it to be his duty to take.

But the matter does not here terminate. The barque was delivered to the government authorities of the Netherlands, in India, on the ground that the vessel being Dutch, the Chinese coolies found on board, if innocent of mutiny, had claim on the owners, and if guilty, were punishable by the Dutch Criminal Court.

The *Evening States* learns from the best authority that about two years since an American merchant, named Robinet, residing at Formosa, had his vessel seized by the Chinese authorities; and the same act subsequently repeated, although he had the permission of the Chinese officials to keep the American flag flying over his establishment.

This being reported to Commodore Armstrong, he dispatched Capt. Simms, with directions that he should remain there and keep the American colors flying until further orders.

This occurrence is not thought, by the Navy Department, to be a matter of consequence, nor can it be construed as an adoption by this government of systems of reprisals, or departure from the neutrality we have endeavored to maintain in the Chinese seas.

Items.

SALE OF FRANKLIN RAILROAD.—On Friday last the Pennsylvania portion of the Franklin railroad, was sold to Messrs. Dull, Jones, & Worrell, for the sum of $5,900. The purchasers have been required to enter into a bond of $60,000 to complete the road within seventeen months of the date of its purchase.

THE NEW CASTLE BANK.—The *Coal City Item* of the 21st says: This suspended institution, we are credibly informed, will positively resume payment and business in less than two months, the intention now being to open on the 13th of October, the time required by the law. The name of the concern will be that of "The Lawrence County Bank," and the stock mostly held in the hands of the people of New Castle and vicinity—a very large amount having been taken by merchants and farmers, in sums of from fifty to five hundred dollars each. The bills of the old bank bring readily ninety cents in gold. As there is but little of the old issue out, it is now as good as the money of any bank out of the State, and will be redeemed at par before the 15th of October.—*Pittsburgh Dispatch*

CROPS IN ALABAMA AND EASTERN MISSISSIPPI.—The Mobile *Mercury* has received discouraging accounts of the cotton crops from almost every section of Alabama and Eastern Mississippi, but the crop of wheat and oats is extraordinary, and a great yield of corn is promised.

CHINESE SUGAR CANE.—It is stated that over one hundred thousand acres of land in the United States have been planted with the *Sorgho*, or Chinese Sugar Cane. This is a wonderful result, when it is considered that only two or three years have elapsed since it was first introduced in the country.

COSTLY DIAMOND FOUND IN ILLINOIS.—One of the workmen engaged in boring an artesian well for Mr. Van Wert, in Stryker, a village on the Air Line Railroad, about ninety miles from Toledo, found a pure diamond last week at a depth of about one hundred feet. The diamond is of the size of an ordinary marble; and competent judges say it is worth at least $2,000.

Hon. Caleb Cushing has this week made a valuable donation of some five hundred volumes to the public library of Newburyport, Mass.

FREE SUFFRAGE.—The people of the State of North Carolina have voted by a large majority in favor of the proposed amendment of the constitution, allowing qualified voters for members of the House of Commons to vote also for Senators.

The Branch of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, has failed.

Indian Battle.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 22.—Col. Roberts, from New Mexico, reports a battle between the Apachee Indians and Col. Miles' command on the Gila river, in which twenty-five Indians were killed and upwards of thirty wounded. Lieuts. Stien and Davis and nine privates were wounded. Col. Miles recovered a large amount of property.

Hurricane.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—A terrible hurricane passed over Woodland, Wisconsin, last evening, destroying every house in the place. Mr. Fox, station agent, was run over and instantly killed, while endeavoring to stop a freight car which the wind set in motion. The telegraph lines were prostrated, and the railroad track considerably damaged.

Nomination.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The Republican State Convention met in Iowa City on the 19th, nominated Gen. R. P. Town for Governor, and Oran Faville for Lieut. Governor.

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Age and Debility.

As old age comes creeping on, it brings with it many attendant infirmities. Loss of appetite and weakness impair the health, and want of activity makes the mind discontented and unhappy. In cases where old age adds its influence, it is almost impossible to add vigor and health, and although many remedies have been tried, all have failed, until Bœrhave's Holland Bitters were known and used. In every case where they have been employed, they have invariably given strength and restored the appetite. They have become a great agent for this alone, and are used by many people who are suffering from loss of appetite and general debility. In cases of long standing chronic diseases, they act as a charm, invigorating the system, thus giving nature another opportunity to repair physical injuries.

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We are utterly averse to incurring editorial responsibility in trifling matters, but as we deem it no trifling matter to have the hair on a man's head (when prematurely falling off) actually and permanently restored, so neither do we consider it unworthy the editorial profession to recommend a Hair Restorative that will effect this very thing. Wood's celebrated "Hair Restorative" is the article we have in view, and if the certificates of the most distinguished men in the country are entitled to credence, then is this preparation all that is claimed for it on the part of its proprietor. See extracts from the *Missouri Republican* in the special notice column of this paper.—*Rahway American.*

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Foreign Intelligence.

QUEBEC, August 23.—The Canadian screw teamship *Anglo Saxon* arived at this port this morning. She left Liverpool at about two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday the 12th inst.

The route of the *Anglo Saxon* was too far North of the line selected for the Atlantic cable, to lead to any expectation of her falling in with the Telegraphic Cable fleet.

She reports much thick weather and constant winds through her whole passage.

Owing to an accident on shore, in connexion with the landing of the cable, the Telegraph expedition did not finally sail from Valencia Island until the evening of Friday, the 7th. The latest news from Valencia, is dated August 10th, 4 o'clock P. M., and is as follows:

The work of laying down the Atlantic cable is going on as satisfactorily as the best friends of this great enterprise could desire. Up to the present time about three hundred miles of cable have been laid. As the depth of water into which it is now being submerged is nearly two miles, the laying of the cable from shallow to deep water was effected without difficulty. The signals from on board the steamer *Niagara* are everything that an electrician could desire. The steamers are heading West, with a moderate fair breeze, and the cable is being run out from on board the *Niagara* at the rate of about five miles per hour, and messages are being constantly received on shore. The following is the latest flash from on board the *Niagara.*:

"All well on board. There is a moderate Westerly wind, and all are more and more trustful of complete successs."

The steamer *Vanderbilt*, from New York, arrived off Southampton on Saturday, the 11th. Her passage is called nine days and thirteen hours, mean time.

The *Atlantic*, which sailed from New York at the same time as the *Vanderbilt*, arrived at Liverpool at 12 o'clock, midnight, on the 11th. The Cunard steamship, *America*, arrived at Liverpool on the 10th.

Lord John Russell had reported from the Parliamentary Select Committee, that the Jews could not be admitted as members of Parliament under the existing act for the modification of oaths.

Lord Palmerston submitted to the House of Commons the difficulties with France in regard to the Moldavian elections, and stated that it had been decided in the conference at Osborne to recommend the Sultan to annul the late election.

Lord Palmerston also stated that there had been differences between the English and French Governments relative to the Principalities, not as to their union, but as to the regularity of the elections. There was good reason to believe that Austria would concur with the decision arrived at between the French and English Governments and that the Sultan, seeing that there was nothing in the measures recommended that would compromise his dignity or independence, would adopt their views and declare the elections void. Lord Palmerston said there was no grounds to apprehend any estrangement between France and England on account of the Moldavian difficulties.

A spirited debate had taken place in Parliament in regard to affairs in India.

Lord Palmerston stated that 30,000 troops had been sent out, and that active recruiting was going on.

Mr. D'Israeli expressed the opinion that the campaign for this year was lost.

The Emperor and Empress had returned safely to Paris.

Late Indian news was momentarily expected when the *Anglo Saxon* sailed.

The French news is of but little interest. The journals unanimously support the attitude assumed by the French Ambassador at Constantinople.

A dispatch from Vienna states that the representatives of France, Russia, Prussia and Sardinnere announced in notes couched in precisely similar terms of the cessation of diplomatic relations with the Porte, and their approaching departure from Constantinople.

The Russian Ambassador struck his flag on the 6th inst.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* says that the pending difficulties in regard to Moldavia will be submitted for solution to a conference of representatives of the various powers interested.

Late Madrid journals state that the government is informed that certain inhabitants of Cuba have formed a project for assisting the filibusters in a *coup de main*, but no anxiety was felt as to the result. The rumored suspension of negotiations between Spain and Mexico still lacked confirmation.

The schooner *Jupiter*, under American colors, was seized in the Bight of Benin, Africa, on the 14th of June, and condemned. She had seventy slaves on board and many more awaiting shipment on the beach. The captain threw the *Jupiter's* papers overboard.

Latest.

By the propeller *Edinburgh*, Captain Cummings, which reached New York on the 23d inst., we have the most interesting news of the progress of the Atlantic Cable—some days later than that brought by the *Anglo Saxon*, whose account of the success of the expedition we also publish. The *Edinburgh* left Glasgow on the 9th instant, and on the 14th, about seven o'clock A. M., the weather being rather hazy, two large ships were discovered about nine hundred miles from the Western coast of Ireland, one of which was, as seen through the Captain's glass; distinctly paying out the cable. This ship, as well as that in attendance upon her, carried the British flag. Hence, as the vessels were then more than half way across, the portion of cable assigned to the *Niagara* must have been triumphantly laid, and after it had been successfully joined to the coil on board the *Agamemnon*, the latter must have started with her share of the World's great link under equally favorable auspices.

On the night of the 15th, a brisk gale sprung up which continued during the 16th, and somewhat delayed the voyage of the *Edinburgh*. It is probable the *Agamemnon* felt the effects of this gale, but as she was only advancing at about the rate of five knots an hour, when seen by the *Edinburgh*, its violence, though it might slightly delay her progress, was, according to Capt. Cummings' judgment, not likely to damage the cable. It was the opinion of the Captain, first mate, and the old sea-hands on board, that everything promised well for the success of the great enterprise, and that the cable would reach safe quarters in Newfoundland on Tuesday, or, at latest, Wednesday of the present week.—*N. Y. Times.*

Notices.

Washington College.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Washington College, Pa., will meet on Tuesday, 15th of September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The examination of the students will begin on Monday, the 7th of September, at 2 o'clock P. M., and continue during the week.

The Committee of Examination for the Synod of Wheeling, are, Rev. Wm. J. Brugh, Rev. A. S. McMaster, Rev. Wm. H. Lester, and Rev. Wm. M. Grimes.

The Committee of Examination for the Board of Trustees, are, Rev. Samuel M. McClung, Rev. C. V. McKaig, Rev. John Stockton, D. D., and George Baird, Esq.

The Commencement will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M.

A. W. ACHESON, Sec'y.

Washington College.

Subscribers to the College Funds of the Synod of Wheeling, will be expected to make payment, so far as their subscriptions, or notes, or interest thereon may be due, at the approaching meetings of their respective Presbyteries; viz.,

In the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, to Rev. John Moffat.
" Steubenville, to Rev. A. Swasey.
" Washington, to Rev Dr. Scott.

Those whose subscriptions or notes mature in October, will find a Receiver at Synod in Wheeling.

Subscribers in Synod of Ohio can have payment made to the undersigned, or in case of his absence, to a Deputy, at the meeting of the Richland Presbytery, in Savannah, or Synod in Wooster

Steubenville, Aug. 20 JNO. M. FARIS, Ag't. of Syn.

P. S.—R. Sherrard, Jr., Esq., Treasurer at Steubenville, is ready at any time to receive payments for the Endowment Fund. J.M.F.

Presbyterial.

The PRESBYTERY OF NEW LISBON will meet in the church of Pleasant Valley, on the third Tuesday of September, at 12 oclock M. ROBERT DICKSON, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF LOGANSPORT stands adjourned to meet at Rock Creek on the first Tuesday of September, at 3 o'clock P. M. Written statements of settlements with ministers will be required from all the churches.

P. S.—An assessment of two cents to each member has been laid upon all the churches, and will be expected to be paid in at this meeting. E. W. WRIGHT, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF DES MOINES will hold its next stated meeting at Ottumwa, on the first Tuesday (6th) of October, at 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN M. MCELROY, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF MARION will meet at Iberia on the third Tuesday (15th) of September next, at 7 o'clock P. M. H. A. TRUE, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA will meet in Metamora, Woodford County, on the third Tuesday (15th) of September, 1857, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

ROBERT P. FARRIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE stands adjourned to meet in Newton, Jasper County, Ill., on the last Thursday of September next, at 7 o'clock P M. All Sessional Records ought to be sent up for examination.

R. H. LILLY, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER will meet in the church of Westfield, on the second Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. D. C. REED, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER will hold its stated Fall meeting at Sterling city, on Tuesday, October 13th at 7½ o'clock P. M. The semi annual assessment of five cents per member, for contingent and Commissioner's funds, will be called for. S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY will meet at Scrubgrass, on the 4th Tuesday of August, at 11 o'clock A. M.

NEWTON BRACKEN, Stated Clerk,

The PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND will meet in Savannah, on the second Tuesday of September, (8th,) at 7 o'clock P. M. J. P. CALDWELL, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER stands adjourned, to meet in North field, on Tuesday, the 1st of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. W. HANNA, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER will hold its next regular meeting at Galesburg, Knox Co., Ill., on Monday, October 12th, at 11 o'clock A. M. Fifty-eight members are expected. T. S. VAILL, S. C.

Synodical.

The SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY will meet, agreeably to adjournment, in the City of Erie, on the Fourth Thursday of September, (24th,) at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By a resolution adopted at the last meeting, the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are directed to send their respective Narratives to the Committee appointed by the Synod, on the Narrative of the State of Religion; previous to the first of September in each year. The Chairman of this Committee is the Rev. Loyal Young, Butler, Pa.

ELLIOT E. SWIFT, Stated Clerk.

Married.

On the 18th inst., by Rev. Robert Johnson, Mr. GEORGE H. MCILVAINE, of the firm of Walker & McIlvaine, formerly of East Liberty, Pa., to Miss PRISCILLA J. MCCLURE, all of Peoria, Ill.

On the 13th of August, by Rev. G. W. Shaiffer, Mr. ELIAS THOMPSON, to Miss MARGARET JANE YAWN, both of Tuscarora Valley, near Waterloo, Pa.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. J. Mateer, assisted by Rev. John McKean, Mr. WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, Glade Run, Armstrong County, to MRS. MARY CORE, widow of the late Rev. John Core, Churchville, Clarion Co., Pa.

Obituary.

DIED—In Sunbury, Pa., on July 20th, MRS. MARGARET DONNEL, widow of Henry Donnel, Esq., and the mother of the late Hon. C. G. Donnel, in the 83d year of her age.

For more than forty years she was a faithful and exemplary member of the Presbyterian church at Sunbury. The bereaving stroke falls heavily upon her family and friends. Yet this is what, in the course of nature, was to be looked for. A comparatively small number attain to her full old age. She has left a weeping circle here to join the circle of loved ones around the throne in heaven. It was a beautiful sight to behold that venerable mother in Israel, four months ago, sitting at the table of the Lord's Supper. She has gone to take her place with the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, at the marriage supper of the Lamb—a sight far more beautiful to the eye of faith. The most uncomplaining, patient, and cheerful spirit ever adorned her Christian character. During her protracted illness, no murmur escaped her lips. To her it was painful to hear those around expressing a hope for her recovery. With an intellect keen and clear as when in the prime of life, she looked for the summons to go home to heaven. Repeatedly, her cry was, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

DIED—In Summit Township, May 8th, infant daughter of David and Mary Scott, aged two months.

Mourn her not; the desert now is past, and she has gained that bright and sinless land. She was too pure on this dark, sin-stained world, and God has taken her to his own right hand.

M.A.M.

DIED—In Mifflin Township, Aug. 4th, at the residence of her son, Mr. John A. Patterson, MRS. MARGARET PATTERSON, aged nearly eighty-three years.

The deceased was born September 1st., 1774, in the State of New York. At an early age, she removed, with her parents, to Harrisburg, Pa.; thence to Pittsburgh in 1795. She connected herself with the Associate Reformed Church in 1814, under the pastoral care of Rev. Moses Kerr. Having, in 1846, removed to M'Keesport, and there being no Associate Reformed church convenient, she connected herself with the First Presbyterian church, then under the pastoral care of Rev. P. H. Jacobs, and she remained in this connexion till her death. For some months before her death she suffered much bodily affliction, which she bore with Christian patience. She often expressed her readiness to depart and be with Christ, whenever it should be his will. The whole of her Christian life was a living epistle, known and read of all who knew her. She had many friends, and perhaps not an enemy. She was amiable in all her life. The Saviour failed her not in the hour of death. Calmly and quietly she fell asleep in Jesus.

"The coffin, the shroud, and the grave,
To her were no objects of dread;
On Him who is mighty to save,
Her soul was with confidence stayed."

Not an apparent struggle or audible groan witnessed her transfer from earth to heaven—from the Church militant to the Church triumphant—from Christ's kingdom here below, to his kingdom on high. * * *

DIED—At the residence of her son, Thomas Alexander, in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa., on Sabbath, March 22d, MRS. MARY, wife of Thomas Alexander, deceased, in the 96th year of her age.

Mrs. Alexander was born in York County, Pa. In early youth, she made a profession of religion in the Associate Church, of which her parents were members, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Clarkson. At an early period her parents removed to Allegheny County, where she was united in marriage, in which union she lived more than half a century. She retained her connexion with the Church of her adoption for many years after her marriage; but during a revival generally known as the *falling exercise*, she connected herself with the Presbyterian church of Bethel, in which her husband was a member and Ruling Elder, and remained a constant attendant upon the means of grace at this place until the organization of the church of Bethany, in her immediate neighborhood; she cast in her lot with this feeble band of God's people, and lived and died with them. For more than three-score years and ten, the time allotted to mortals here, she wore the badge of discipleship; and how well her life corresponded with her profession, is attested by an aged female acquaintance, who, when informed of her death, replied, "I cannot say that I am sorry to hear of the removal of one of God's chosen ones from time to eternity—from the sorrows and sufferings of earth, to the glorious liberty of the children of God." All her own children but two, several of her grand-children, and some of her great-grand-children, have gone before her to the tomb, and she, like a shock of corn *fully* ripe, has been gathered home to her rest.

Although her mental powers were greatly impaired, salvation by Christ was the theme of her conversation. With her, prayer was her vital breath, her native air, her watch-word even at the gate of death.

During the last weeks of her life, she frequently expressed the desire, when retiring to rest, that all things might be in readiness in the morning, that she might "make an early start," doubtless referring to her removal from earth. In this, God seems to have granted her the desire of her heart. On a calm and tranquil Sabbath morning, as the rosy hue spread over the sky, and cast a mellow light over the earth, her spirit left its feeble tenement, and soared away, as we trust, from earth to heaven—exchanging the early dawn of an earthly Sabbath for the bright glories of the heavenly—the faint glimmerings of the natural sun, for the mild and heavenly radiance of the Sun of Righteousness.

"Why lament the Christian dying?
Why indulge in tears and gloom?
Calmly on the Lord relying,
He can greet the opening tomb."

"Life's duties done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies;
While heaven and earth combine to say,
How blest the righteous when he dies."

DIED—In Summit Township, June 8th, MRS. MARY SCOTT, wife of David Scott, and daughter of A. M. McCandless, aged 22 years, 1 month and 26 days.

A few months since, she went out from our midst a young and happy bride. Thus early has she passed away, leaving a husband and many friends to mourn, but not without hope. She bore her afflictions patiently, met death with calm resignation, and has gone, we trust, where there is no death, neither sorrow nor pain. Mrs. Scott was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

What bitter sorrows thrill my heart,
To think that she and I must part;
Alas! how piercing is the pain,
No more on earth to met again.

How mild and lovely was that youth—
She early learned and loved the truth;
She walked the ways of righteousness,
And lived with all her friends in peace.

DIED—Of dysentery, on Sunday evening, the 23d inst., at the residence of her father, Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, ELIZABETH HEBERTON, infant daughter of Maxwell K. and Mary H. Moorhead, at the age of 14 months—a child of great sweetness and much promise.

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