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RENEWALS should be promptly a little while before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply.

THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we desire a renewal. If, however, in the haste of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we hope our friends will still not forget us.

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PENN. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY.—The Announcement and Catalogue of this Institution, chartered in the year 1853 and located in the city of Philadelphia, is before us.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY.—This is an Institution of the United Brethren, and is located in Westerville, Ohio.

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES.—On our fourth page we give an orthodox and instructive presentation of the plan and teachings of this rather difficult portion of God's Word.

End of Volume Fifth. Two numbers more will complete the Fifth Volume of the Presbyterian Banner.

DETROIT.—It appears that, at last, we have an Old School Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—The Seminary, at Allegheny, will open on Monday, the 14th instant.

Lodiana Mission Houses Burnt. It appears that our India Missions had to suffer more than alarm, from the rebellion.

Southern New School Convention. We gather, from our secular exchanges, some items respecting the meeting of this body.

The Convention met, as called, in Richmond, Va., on the 27th ult. There were one hundred and twenty-four delegates present from fifteen Presbyteries.

During the first three days of the meeting, resolutions were passed, sustaining the relation of master and servant, and declaring in substance that Presbyteries, sympathizing with the objects of the Convention, be invited to withdraw from their present ecclesiastical relations.

The proposition to organize a General Synod led to an exciting debate, but the proceedings seem to have been very harmonious.

Mormonism.—Its Leaders and Designs. By John Hyde, Jr., formerly a Mormon Elder and Resident of Salt Lake. 12mo., pp. 86. New York: W. P. Feltz & Co., No. 251 Broadway, 1857.

Mormonism. What is to be the future of this abominable imposture? Hitherto it has been nourished by deep ignorance, unreasoning credulity and wild fanaticism.

There is no difficulty in accounting for this fact. In this country the characters of Smith, Rigdon & Co., very speedily became known; and although the system soon began to change its character, still the gross immoralities and blasphemies of its founders, and their unwarranted pretences and dishonesty, were pretty generally understood in a short time.

Any one who is acquainted with the condition of the manufacturing districts of England, will feel no surprise at learning the numbers which have been gained to Mormonism out of those regions.

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avows, that in early life he had no clear or connected views on the subject of religion. He was not more ignorant of facts than he was illogical in his examination of the claims of the system which he embraced.

With as much propriety he might have become a Hindoo, a Parsee, or a Mohammedan, so far as the reasonableness of his reasons are concerned. Nevertheless he became a Saint, was soon elevated to the rank of an Elder, and left his native land for the Elysium beyond the Rocky Mountains.

While we have no desire to occupy our columns by discussing the political aspects of Mormonism, we cannot forbear to say that the appointment of Brigham Young, the head of the Church, to the highest civil office of the Territory, was a grand political mistake.

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teen persons had become the subjects of Divine grace, as there was every reason to hope, and end of the church in connection with the Greek mission."

Mr. Templeton mentions the happy death of a recent convert at Tulsa, one of the out-stations where he actually preached, and mentions that he had baptized two other individuals at a later date, at the same place.

BOGOTA, S. A.—Mr. Pratt gives a very interesting account of the events of a "Holy Week." Read it. Rome is idolatrous. Donations in July, \$9,083.

THE BOARD'S SABBATH SCHOOL LIBRARY.—The Sabbath School Library issued by the Board, is continually receiving valuable additions.

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the College, I fondly hoped would afford entertainment and instruction to many readers, and dispose them to listen, with more attention, to our history of the College.

I frankly confess, however, that I was greatly deceived in the amount of space required for the sketch of Dr. A. Anderson. It was not intended to be longer than those of Dr. Ralston and Ramey.

THE CHURCHES OF BOSTON are at present suffering from the tendency to change pastoral relations. Eight of them are now vacant.

THE REPLY OF THE PURITAN TO THE INDEPENDENT is calm, earnest, and caustic. There is no shrinking from the position taken in the beginning, or from the statements then made.

THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, like our own Board of Domestic Missions, will be in great need of funds to meet its appropriations by the first of October.

THE HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COLLEGE, by William Jeffrey, D. D., is a most interesting and valuable work.

GREENSBURG, Aug. 18, 1857. REV. JOSEPH SMITH, D. D.—Dear Brother:—I regret to learn, through the medium of your "History of Jefferson College,"

THE FIELD FAMILY RECORD is summed up by an exchange, as follows: Few families of brothers exhibit more talent and enterprise than the Fields, natives of Stockbridge, Mass.

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usual feeling of a Christian assembly, than for the choir or precentor to select tunes, such as will prevent the mass of the people from uttering God's praises.

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results of which have not reached us, writing this. The design will not be abandoned; but the great point to be determined is, whether to make an attempt at once, or delay the work until next Summer.

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