

Banner and Advocate.

PITTSBURGH, DECEMBER 5, 1857.

TERMS.—\$1.50 in advance or in Clubs \$1.25 or delivered at residence of Subscriber, \$1.75. Res. Prospectus on Third Week NEW WA. 6 should be promptly a little before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD, in Pamphlet, as now ready for delivery at our office.

THE PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN HERALD.—A file of this journal from July 1852 to Oct. 1853, is wanted. A fair price would be paid. Inquire at our office.

First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans. A new edifice was dedicated to God, by and for the use of this people, on the first Sabbath in November. The pastor, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., led in the exercises.

The True Witness. This Presbyterian journal, conducted with much vigor, by Rev. R. McInnis, in Jackson, Miss., since March, 1854, is now removed to New Orleans. The first number thence, bears date Nov. 21, 1857.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. CHINA.—At Macao, and Ningpo, the missionary work was proceeding without hindrance. Mr. French was becoming established in health, and would be obliged to return, on a recruiting tour.

INDIAN TRIBES.—We ever feel a deep interest in the aborigines of our country, and rejoice in every indication that a remnant may be saved.

The Convention. The sermon of Dr. Hoge, at the opening of the Convention of the four Synods, in Pittsburgh, on Tuesday evening, was characteristic; and when we say this, we speak its excellence in terms extensively understood.

Rev. Dr. Monod at the Western Theological Seminary. On Tuesday P. M., the 1st inst., this devoted servant of the Master, immediately after his arrival in the city, delivered an extemporaneous address to the students of the Seminary.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION. Defective contributions to the Colporteur fund have induced the necessity of curtailing the Board's operations, in this department. For the first time since the work commenced, has it been found to decline the services of men well recommended. We can well conceive that the effort was painful.

CHURCH EXTENSION. This cause suffers, in common with other branches of our Church beneficence. At a late meeting, the Committee were obliged to defer action on sixteen applications. Five thousand dollars were needed. We present, as worthy of consideration, A SUBSTANTIAL DREAM.—"Friend Wesley," said a Quaker to Rev. John Wesley, "I have had a dream concerning thee. I thought I saw thee surrounded by a large flock of sheep, which thou didst not know what to do with. My first thought

after I awoke was, that it was thy flock at Newcastle, and that thou hadst no house of worship for them. I have enclosed a note for five hundred dollars, which may help thee to build them a house."

Thanksgiving. The 26th of November was observed, in Pittsburgh and vicinity, with great apparent propriety. The churches were open, and attended by very respectable congregations engaged in the usual forms of worship. The shops were generally closed. Quite a number of people were on the streets, sober, orderly, and in their holiday dress.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. The communication from the Secretaries reached us a little too late for last week, (we went to press a day earlier than usual, on account of the Thanksgiving.)

Is the Defection General? We have lamented greatly the decline in contributions, to our Boards of Missions and of Education. The New School seem to be quite as much in arrears as we.

Ecclesiastical. Rev. JOHN ELLIOTT was installed pastor of the congregations of Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek, by a committee of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, on the 30th ult. and 1st inst.

Rev. R. W. MARQUIS was installed pastor of the church at Keene, O., (Coshoco County, and not Morrow County, as given in the Presbyterian of the West,) on the 12th ultimo. Questions proposed, and charge given to the pastor by Rev. Wm. E. Hunt; charge to the people by Rev. M. W. Brown.

Rev. J. R. DUNCAN'S Post Office address is changed from Moundsville, Marshall County, Va., to Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio.

Rev. H. P. THOMPSON has taken charge of the church and the Female School of Carlisle, Ky.

very unreliable; since he declared, within the last few years, that he saw no difficulty in subscribing to as many creeds as might be presented to him. Very obliging indeed.

The Hon. Charles Sumner, upon his return from Europe, was escorted to his house by the Hon. Henry Wilson, Hon. N. P. Banks, and Mr. Phelps, whom he was accompanied by a large crowd.

EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND. Last week we noticed the increasing divergence between the two parties of Congregationalists in New England, denominated Old and New School.

The Rev. Charles Sumner, son of the Rev. Lyman Beecher, as pastor of the Congregational church of West Newton, Mass., a sermon was preached by the Rev. Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., from the words, "Christ is all," in which he referred original sin back to a pre-existent state, according to the theory of Dr. Edward Beecher!

NEW YORK. The news of the failures, suspensions, and panic in Europe, have had an unfavorable effect on the Money Market, retarding, in some degree, the restoration of confidence.

A large amount of specie was sent out by Strauss, but notwithstanding this, the amount in the Banks has increased to twenty four millions dollars. The purchase of Bank stock, during the week, has been quite active, and generally at improved rates.

Bishop Hughes has renewed his attack on the Common Schools; he does not like the principles on which they were originated, or are conducted. In a lecture delivered a few evenings since, he advised his people not to send their children to these schools; he would have all the institutions of learning directly under the control of the Church.

The superintendent of the laying of the Atlantic Cable has been committed to Cyrus W. Field, Esq., and the engineer of the Niagara has been appointed engineer in the work. This is high tribute to American worth, energy and skill.

We learn from the Independent that the whole number of Congregational Churches in the State of New York is four hundred and five, of which one hundred and twenty-five are connected with Presbyteries of the New School Presbyterian Church, on the old plan of Union.

Rev. J. T. BROWN was installed pastor of the Westminster church, Cleveland, Ohio, by the Presbytery of Wooster, on the 11th ult.

Rev. GEO. W. THOMPSON, of Academia, Pa., has received a unanimous call from the Central Church, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Dr. McCORKE, pastor of the Bethel church, East Tennessee, and his church, have transferred their relation from the New to the Old School.

Rev. H. M. PAINTER has accepted the call from the church of Boonville, Mo.

Rev. J. E. KIM, of Frederick, Md., has received a call from the Fifth church, Baltimore, Md.

Prof. W. D. MOORE, of Oakland College, Miss., has received a unanimous call from the church of Jackson, Miss.

Mr. GIBBERT T. WOODRILL, a recent graduate of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was ordained and installed pastor of the church of Fishkill, N. Y., by the Presbytery of North River, on the 10th ult.

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But, unfortunately at present there seems to be a retrograde and downward movement among those who are considered to stand at the head of this body. The Christian Examiner is their most important periodical in the statement and defence of what they term "liberal Christianity," and is edited by the Rev. Dr. Hedge and the Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

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to open the large room in the second story of the building containing the lecture room.

The students of Union Theological Seminary have been unusually active in the Sabbath School cause. Within the last two months, five hundred children have been gathered into the Sabbath Schools through their labors; and four thousand four hundred and seventy-eight families have been visited.

The New York Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, has just completed a year of active and successful effort. The anniversary was held on the evening of Sabbath week, in Dr. J. W. Alexander's church. From the annual report presented, it appears that thirty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-seven families have been visited, and five thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven Bibles distributed among them;

PHILADELPHIA. Thanksgiving Day was pretty generally regarded; the churches were open, and good congregations were in attendance. To this, an exception must be noted in the case of the Quakers, who signalize no one day in preference to another. Their "meeting-houses" were not open, nor were their schools closed. At several points bread was distributed miscellaneous among the poor; in these places, much squalid poverty and aged infirmity made its appearance.

On the preceding evening, the Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian church of Spring Garden, of which the Rev. Dr. J. McDowell is pastor, held their anniversary. The occasion was interesting, from past success and the encouragements held out to renewed effort in the future. An appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Nevins, late of Lancaster, Pa.

On the following evening a very large concourse of superintendents, teachers, and friends of Sabbath Schools, assembled in the Rev. Mr. Wadsworth's church, on Arch Street. In the absence of the President, George H. Stuart, Esq., Mr. Cummings presided. The number of Mission schools now in the city, thirty-one, containing twenty nine hundred scholars, an increase of nine hundred during the last year. Addresses were made by the Rev. Drs. Brantner and Leyburn, and the Rev. Alfred Cookman.

We mentioned, some time ago, the proposal, by Prof. Coppee, of the University of Pa., to deliver a course of lectures on the "Literary types of English History." In the progress of these lectures, he has assailed Milton and the Commonwealth, together with the Puritans and their principles. The learning and culture of the Professor are undoubted, but certainly his prejudices have interfered with the conclusions of his judgment. It is too late for any one to undertake the defence of Charles I., as a "sincere and honest man;" and to brand Cromwell as a fanatic; and to declare the Puritans unfit for decent society, or to bring against noble old John Milton the charge of insincerity and dissimulation, with any hope of success. The means of refutation are too abundant, and are increasing every day.

A course of lectures, introductory to the Study of the Law, is in course of delivery in the University, on Monday and Thursday evenings of each week, by G. A. Matila, Esq., of the Philadelphia Bar, formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of Switzerland, and a professor of law in the University of Neuchâtel, when that institution was adorned by the teachings of Agassiz and Guyot. The design embraces subjects assiduously cultivated, preparatory to the study of law in European schools, but which rarely, if at all, enter into a course of legal education in this country. It is the intention to apply history in tracing the developments of law in the most celebrated nations, with a special regard to the influence of Roman law. An account will also be given of the scientific institutions for the study of law in ancient and modern times.

Steps are being taken, by some men of enterprise and liberality in Germantown, for the creation of a new and commodious Presbyterian Church, on an eligible site in Germantown, for a new organization. A house has been secured, for temporary use, as a place of worship, and public service will be commenced on next Sabbath. This movement has the hearty co-operation of the Rev. Mr. Knox, pastor of the present church. The movement has not originated from a spirit of opposition, but from a desire to promote the interests of Presbyterianism and pure religion in that quarter.

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For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. "Is Rev. Dr. Breckinridge Pope?" Mr. Editor:—There are some things offensive in themselves, and so forth in Christian charity, that the mind is obliged to doubt as to the motives that influenced them. This remark comes from the reading of an editorial in the New York Christian Intelligencer, of the 12th of November, 1857, which alludes to the patronage of persons belonging to the R-formed Dutch Church, as "Is Rev. Dr. Breckinridge Pope?"

If influence, on the part of an episcopal argument, then the doings of the American Bible Society, in issuing what they term an Improved Version, is all right; and the Society's Committee on Versions should receive the medal of honor, rather than the laurel wreath. How complimentary the foregoing remarks, not only to Dr. Breckinridge, but also to the Presbyterian? The Intelligencer says: "This question will at once arise in the mind of any one who has fallen into temptation by reading the Intelligencer, or the Christian Intelligencer, or the Presbyterian, or the Christian Intelligencer, or the Presbyterian, or the Christian Intelligencer, or the Presbyterian."

Pittsburg attempt, also, at assuring what the editor of the Intelligencer presented, to suppose the meaning of Dr. Breckinridge's letter. He thus presents it: "First, I Dr. Breckinridge, an individual of God, and especially ordained to solemnize the matrimonial rite, all who dare to dissent from my opinions on the question in debate."

And why? Because he will not reject the version of the Bible which has been received, believed, sanctioned, and circulated for years; forsooth, because a Society outside of the Church chooses to make changes on the face of the Scriptures, for which the Christian public was not prepared. The Intelligencer may ask the question, "Is not Dr. Breckinridge Pope?" and talk, quite in the parlance of the world, that "he is a man of inferior talents, of little real force, in the high and solemn regions of Christian argument." Yes, hold up Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries, Drs. Hodge, Van Rensselaer, and others, to scorn; still the question recurs, are there not dangerous liberties taken with the Sacred Text? Has not a beginning been made? And is not a little sin like the letting out of water?

I challenge the investigation: Have Old School Presbyterians ever been present to the Bible Cause, or wanting in attachment to the National Society, if times that are past? The course pursued by Dr. Vermylie, and the other advocates of the New Version, if not abandoned, will, in the end produce alienations, and ultimately a separation, not only by Old School Presbyterians, but by many others, from the American Bible Society. This would be an issue not sincerely to be deprecated.

The installation of Rev. James P. Fulton as pastor of the congregation of Old School in the Presbytery of Blairsville, took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Rev. N. H. Gillett preached the sermon, from Jer. iii: 2; "Arise, go unto Nineveh, thy great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." Rev. A. Torrance presided, proposed the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the pastor; and Rev. R. Stevenson delivered the charge to the people. The congregation present was large, and manifested a deep and cordial interest in all the exercises.

From an Occasional Correspondent. BOSTON, November 24th, 1857. REV. DR. McKINNEY:—Dear Sir,—It is a long time since I have written you; and, as I have been in the weekly receipt of your excellent paper, the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate, I now drop you a few lines from this "away-down-East city," which, if you think worthy of a niche, you may give to your readers. Perhaps, I should have sent you something before now, but not your "Weekly Summary," from New England, been so thoroughly correct, as to preclude the necessity of any thing farther. You are aware that I have been a constant reader of the Banner, from its commencement in Philadelphia down to the present time; and I assure you, that I have read its contents with great pleasure and profit. Indeed, no paper comes to my hands which contains so good and thorough an account of the movements of "Orthodoxy," as that of your English Correspondent. He holds the pen of a ready writer, and handles the points he discusses with a master's hand. If his weekly epistles afford as much satisfaction to others who see your paper, as they do to me, he is doing a good work for the American churches and people.

It has, also, been a pleasure to me, to mark the progress of religious and secular movements, as developed in your weekly issues, in the West and South as well as in the Middle States. I can give you but little news from this old city; but still, there are some events transpiring which may be of interest to your readers. Three of our best presbyterian churches are now desolate: Boston Street church, Harvard Street church, and Phillips' South Boston. Boston Street church was long one of the most wealthy and

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