

Western Correspondence.

Dr. McKINNEY—Readers of the Banner and Advocate, residing in the State of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa...

posed to send, at once, another dollar to the Board of Missions? November, 1857, has been regarded as the most severe month of the name that has ever been experienced by the oldest inhabitant of the West.

Yours, NORTH-WEST.

Report of H. Childs.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. TRANSACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, FOR NOVEMBER, 1857.

Washington.

The two Houses of Congress met on Monday, the 7th, and were duly organized. SENATE.—The Vice President, by letter, intimated that he could not be present, and Mr. Fitzpatrick was chosen President, pro tem.

From Our Army in Utah.

St. Louis, December 8.—The express passed yesterday to Washington, with dispatches from Col. Johnston's headquarters in Utah, dated this morning to November 24th.

Elections for Mayor.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 7.—John Phillips, Republican, was re-elected Mayor of this city today.

Markets.

Provisions, Tuesday, Dec. 8. WHEAT—No. 1, 1.00; No. 2, .95; No. 3, .90; No. 4, .85.

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The President's Message.

We present below, a very brief but comprehensive abstract of this document, sent by telegraph. Next week our readers may expect the entire message.

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Dr. C. M. Fitch.

This eminent Physician is now on a professional visit to Pittsburgh, where he may be consulted either personally or by letter, by those requiring his advice.

From New York.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mr. Wm. H. Watson, a merchant and banker, who did business at No. 80 Dey street, committed suicide at his residence, No. 724 Broadway, while laboring under temporary aberration of the mind, caused by a severe attack of cholera.

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Obituary.

DIED—November 12, at her residence in Equality, Ill., Mrs. MAGDALENE OBERLY, wife of Mr. John Oberly.

She was much loved by all who knew her. The Lord called her out of health; but in the midst of life she was in death.

She had gone to the land where no returning. To a clime more loved by a mortal eye. Where the wail of sorrow and woe is mourning.

And there she dwells with the blissful-hearted. In the vale of life, in the vale of God, And the dearly-loved and early departed. Are with her there in that best abode.

And happily she, in those homes of heaven That doth detain the wife of golden clime, Is waiting our coming, when death has given The chain of life on the shores of life's stream. A. E. B.

DIED—At his residence in Westmoreland Co., Pa., August 20th, 1857, Mr. WILLIAM FLETCHER, in the 86th year of his age.

He became a professed follower of Christ early in life—probably in his nineteenth year—and his name is found enrolled as a Ruling Elder in 1808, his forty-fifth year. The duties of this office he discharged with unusual ability and fidelity, until disabled by age and infirmity. J. R. H.

DIED—At Rock Run, Stephenson County, Illinois, Oct. 23d, Mr. SAMUEL NIX, in the 38d year of his age.

The deceased was a native of Centre County, Pa., and previous to his removal West, five years resided for a time in Clarion County, Pa., where he first made a profession of religion, and attached himself to the church of New Ebenezer, under the pastoral care of Rev. James Montgomery. Mr. Nix was a consistent and exemplary member of the Presbyterian church of Rock Run, within whose bounds he resided for about four years. Having lived the life of the righteous, his last end was like his, full of hope and peace. J. R. D.

DIED—At his residence near Clarkson, Columbia County, Ohio, Nov. 7th, Mr. JAMES ARMSTRONG, in the 67th year of his age.

Mr. Armstrong's sudden and unexpected death speaks loudly. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." He enjoyed good health until a few months before his decease, and was able still to go around and attend to his business, as usual, till the evening previous. That evening, he took his supper and attended to family worship, as usual, and retired to rest. About 11 o'clock he became very sick, and breathed his last about 2 o'clock in the morning. He spoke but a few words; was calm and composed; said he would soon be with Jesus. We trust he was ready. He was pleasant and amiable. In all his associations of private life, and in all his official relations with the church of his choice, he was emphatically "a man of God." His heart and hands were open to the cause of Christ, and he delighted much in the ordinances. He was but recently ordained to the office of Ruling Elder, and the last Sabbath he spent on earth, he assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. "He walked with God and is not, for God took him." [Preacher and Presbyterian will please copy.]

DIED—November 19th, at his residence near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, WILLIAM S. THOMPSON, in the 48th year of his age.

The deceased was long a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a member of the Sixth Presbyterian church in that city, and on his removal to Iowa, he became a member of the church of Cedar Rapids. Religion was the choice of his early years, and his connection during a lingering disease. Near his end his promises became more precious; his joys more exquisite; and his heart revived at the Christian's voice. Much of his last weeks was spent in prayer and praise; many a broken psalm was expressed for the salvation of his children. With "a good hope through grace," he fell asleep. M.

DIED—On the 15th of October, in Pine Grove, Centre County, Ohio, Mr. Alexander and Margaret Sample, aged 4 years and 11 days.

The deceased was a most interesting and promising child. Around him were entwined the warm affections of tender-hearted and indulgent parents, who mourn in the bitterness of their souls, because he is no more. He was a lamb of the flock, a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus, having been inducted into his visible kingdom by the solemn rite of Christian baptism. We trust that he has gone to be forever with Him, who graciously said, in the days of his flesh, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." T. S.

DIED—On Sabbath morning, September 13th, at her residence, at La Grange Centre, La Grange County, Indiana, MARY MRS. MCCOY, aged 79 years and 9 months.

Mrs. McCoy united with the Presbyterian Church, in Washington County, Pa., in 1802, and was a member of the great revival in that place. In 1806, she moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, and in 1826 moved to La Grange, Centre County, Ohio, and in 1846 moved to La Grange, Centre County, Ohio, where she died of disease of the lungs. She suffered a great deal of pain, which she bore with humble resignation; being fully assured that her end would be peace, and her friends around her, she lifted up her eyes and prayed, saying, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit;" and her peaceful soul departed without a struggle. Mrs. McCoy has left a large connection to mourn her loss as a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Kingdom of God.

DIED—On the 30th of October, Mrs. MARGARET MUEHLEBACH, wife of George Muehlebach, of Congress, Westmoreland County, Pa., in the 63rd year of her age.

Mrs. Muehlebach had been for thirty-six years a member of the Presbyterian Church, and during her last illness, which was protracted, she seemed to enjoy the support and consolation which religion only can afford. Her calmness and composure, in the prospect of death, were extraordinary. Nearly four months before she died, while she was yet able to travel a little, she went to a neighboring village, purchased her funeral clothing, had it made up under her own eye, and laid it away with her own hands. As the time of her departure drew near, she gave minute directions respecting her funeral, and told her family that she wished to die in an arm chair which she kept in her room, in which she had frequently seated herself while she was able, and been placed by her attendants after she became unable to walk, which was only a few days before her death. Two or three hours before she ceased to breathe, she

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expressed a desire to be placed in her chair; and while being supported there by her husband, her spirit took its flight. "May I die the death of the righteous, and may my last end be like his!"

DIED—Of dysentery, at the Lake House, on Monday the 7th inst., at 12 o'clock M., Rev. THOMAS R. ELDER, in the 24th year of his age, and the fifth month of his ministry.

Mr. Elder was a native of Eldersridge, Indiana County, Pa. In 1847 he began his classical studies under the supervision of Rev. A. Donaldson, in Eldersridge Academy, with perhaps no definite object in view; but in 1850, during a revival of religion, serious impressions were made upon his mind by the Spirit of God, which increased till in the following Spring, when he was enabled to consecrate himself and all his powers to the service of Christ. In 1854 he was graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., with credit to himself and his instructors. In the Fall of the same year, he entered the junior class in the Western Theological Seminary, to pursue his studies for the ministry. The second year was spent partly in teaching in Eldersridge Academy, and in the private study with Rev. A. Donaldson. In the Fall of 1856 he was licensed by the Presbytery of Blair, with a design of laboring in the Lake Superior region during the coming Summer. He returned to the Seminary to complete his studies, but his health failing in December, the remainder of the Winter was spent at home.

A favorable change having taken place, he was ordained as an Evangelist in April, by the Presbytery of Saltburg. In May he was married, and having been commissioned as Domestic Missionary, he left Pennsylvania on the 2d of July, and after delaying a few days at Ontonagon, reached Bayreid on the 17th inst. He had a feeble strength would not, he entered at once upon his work, and his rapidly improving health, under the influence of a pure and bracing climate, gave promise that he could soon labor vigorously in his Master's cause. But God had other work for him to do.

On the 10th of August he assisted in the organization of the First Presbyterian church of Bayreid, and on the 19th, the Presbytery of Lake Superior, which was appointed by the General Assembly to meet in Ontonagon. During a detention of a few days there, he was attacked with a slight diarrhea, from which, however, nothing serious was anticipated. But after his return home his illness assumed a more dangerous form, and obstinately resisted all efforts to check it, till about noon on Monday it terminated his life. His sufferings were severe, but were borne with Christian fortitude. He said to his wife, "that if God had a work for him to do he would raise him up again;" still no fatal result was apprehended till ten or twelve hours before his death, when his mind became unsettled.

The little church, so recently organized, pressed upon his mind, but he seemed to commit to God, repeating the precious promise, "I will not leave you comfortless;" it is a source of deep regret that at the last he could not converse rationally—had no farewell to his partner, nor parting words to his absent friends, but his end was peace. The exhausted frame sunk quickly to rest, and now he sleeps in Jesus.

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