

Banner and Advocate.

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Plagiarism. The extent to which a writer may appropriate to himself, without credit given, the recorded products of another man's mind, is not easily defined.

THE CONVENTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND ASSOCIATE REFORMED MINISTERS AND LAYMEN, IN SOUTH CAROLINA, noted last week as in contemplation, has been called by the Chairman of the Assembly and Synod's Committee on Union.

MARRIED, in Danville, Ky., on the 21st of January, by Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D.D., Rev. W. W. Hill, D.D., editor of the Presbyterian Herald, Louisville, and Miss MARTHA J. SMITH, of the former place.

THE TEMPERANCE BANNER is a new monthly, edited by C. H. Hanson, and published at Galveston, Texas. It is a pamphlet of thirty-two pages, got up neatly, and No. 1 promises well.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, of Washington City, have sent out their Fifth Annual Report. From the constitution, by-laws, arrangements for lectures, and the history given of proceedings, we should regard this Association as one of great perfection and adaptation to usefulness.

TO STATED CLERKS.—The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly hereby gives notice to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries, that he has mailed to them a fresh supply of blanks for Annual Reports.

Narratives Wanted. The Secretary of the Oberlin Convention, Ohio, is called to the following notice: The object of Presbytery being to secure a report, to be read at the meeting on the first Tuesday in April, preparatory to its being forwarded to the General Assembly.

Washington College, Pa. The Semi-Annual Examination of the students of Washington College, will commence on Wednesday, the 10th of March, at 9 o'clock A. M., and continue until Wednesday noon, of the following week.

A Tribute of Respect. The Pastors and People's Journal, for February, contains an article from the pen of Rev. William Speer, affectionately noting the character, and giving some incidents in the history of Rev. John W. Quarterman, who died at Shanghai, October 14th, 1887.

The Secular Press and Revivals. The awakened interest on the subject of religion has seized the secular press, in many places, so that occurring events are favorably noted. The Gazette and the Dispatch, of the 2d instant, now on our table, have extended and excellent remarks.

memory does not enable us to say how much of originality could be justly claimed by the Pastor of Berne, but we think it probable that very many before him had presented the thoughts, in the very order which he did, and almost in the same words; and, if the Stagyrite himself were permitted to appear among us, we should not be at all surprised if, after the more than two thousand years gone by, he should lay claim to much of the principle of the argument as his own.

For these considerations, which we regard both as truthful and to the point, we cannot join in the charge of plagiarism against the distinguished author of the work which is now passing the ordeal of criticism. The North Carolina, of Feb. 26th, contains another quotation, of upwards of six pages, from the same nineteenth chapter of Breckinridge, and the corresponding part of Stapfer, in Ch. III., Sec. IV. The subject is the Essential Attributes of God; and the same manner of argumentation is used as before.

So far as we can yet see, we cannot find that the charge of Plagiarism lies against Dr. Breckinridge. Admitting the use made of Stapfer, and, doubtless, of a hundred others, there is a great originality in the work, and great power. It is a mighty intellect, much learning, great clearness, a sincere love of truth, and a deep reverence for the Word of inspiration. We still commend it most heartily, as we did at first, to our readers.

Home and Foreign Record. The March number of this journal comes to us with more favorable indications, that the means of carrying on the great work of the Church, through her Boards, are to be amply furnished now, than for some previous months.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS. This Board is likely to get through its fiscal year, terminating with this month, without repudiating the missionaries' orders for services rendered. But there is still room to fear, that the number of laborers must be reduced. This is a sad thought. We would not cherish it. But, apprehending danger is a stimulant to rational action. We are bound to contemplate coming wants, and to make due provision for their being supplied. Let none grow weary in well doing.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The wants of this Board have not yet been fully supplied. Much has been done; but still there are some doubts as to the means of meeting the quarter's appropriations. These doubts should be removed. The cost of training the youth who have consecrated their time and talents, for the whole of life, to the service of the Church, should be most cheerfully met. Let no one give either partially or grudgingly.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. INDIA.—The latest news is from Mr. Owen, under date of December 10th. He gives an account of the murder of the Father and Mother missionaries, entering considerably into details. The letter is long, but is well worthy of perusal. The prospects were brightening for a favorable resumption of labor, at several of the stations.

INDIAN MISSIONS.—Three converts have united with the Church, at Grand Traverses. From the other stations, there is no special news. DONATIONS IN JANUARY, \$19,254. BOARD OF PUBLICATION. In the early part of the year, of this Board, now near its close, the Board enlarged their Colportage operations, but, since the commercial crisis, have been obliged to retract. They now find that the year is likely to end with a balance against this fund, of eight or nine thousand dollars.

CHURCH EXPANSION. The wants of numerous small and scattered congregations, are very great. How shall the dispersed be gathered, without a place of meeting? And how shall the few and the poor obtain a house where to assemble? The Church is one body, and the wants of the part which lacks should be supplied by the liberality of the part where God has given an abundance.

THE CHURCHES IN AND AROUND PITTSBURGH, manifest still a great interest in the affairs of religion. The accessions at the Winter communions, now being held in many of them, are very pleasing, being frequently from six to twelve persons, with increased attendance and marked attention.

WASHINGTON, PA.—We learn that on last Sabbath twenty-five new communicants united in commemorating the Saviour's love. CANNONSBURG, PA.—Four of the College students united with the Church, last Sabbath.

HUNTINGDON, PA.—We learn that a precious revival is in progress in this church, under the care of Rev. O. C. McLean. A week ago there had forty-five persons expressed a hope in Christ Jesus; and the expectations of God's people were, that more still would be added to their number.

TEMPERANCE. If Christians all would put forth their energies wisely and perseveringly, they would greatly diminish the crying evil of drunkenness. They have, enumerating all the demeritons, immensely the preponderating influence, in nearly every part of the country. They could make drinking unwholesome and irreparable, and the sale of liquor for purposes of drink, to be regarded as a nuisance; and, under such a public sentiment, the traffic would be placed among the things outlawed, and be punished as a misdemeanor. Christians are not, as deeply as others, the cause of the evil; but the evil exists by their tolerance, and in part by their participation, and they are hence, to a great extent, responsible for it. And it is a fearful responsibility.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C. The students hold a prayer-meeting once a week, and sometimes more frequently. A prayer-meeting is held every Sabbath evening, by the Professors, which is well attended by the students, as well as the Bible classes and the other services. An excellent missionary spirit exists at this time, among the students.

HANOVER COLLEGE, IND. Says the writer, "We are looking and hoping for a revival of religion. There has been, for some weeks, more than usual interest visible in the town, as well as among the students. Many are earnestly praying that such a season would come."

RUTGERS COLLEGE, N. J. Hon. Theo. Freilighausen gives us an account of a fine state of things in this institution. Out of one hundred and four students, more than one-half are professors of religion; almost the one-half praying for the ministry; and nearly the one-third of these design going as foreign missionaries.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY, PITTSBURGH, PA. This institution furnished a considerable number of students to the earlier classes of this Seminary. The institution is now in operation under the Presidency of Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D., and has in it about seventy students, mostly youth under sixteen years of age. Four of these are looking forward to the ministry.

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY. A large number of the students of this College, are heretofore, as pious, and are studying with a view to the Gospel ministry. Religious service is conducted four evenings in the week, by Dr. Maclean, Professors Hodge, Moffat, Duffield, and Atwater. Two years ago, on the day observed as a day of prayer for Colleges, a precious revival of religion commenced in this institution, in which many youth, before careless, devoted themselves to the cause of Christ.

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changes in the United States, is forty-six; number of Professors in Seminaries, one hundred and eighteen; number of students, one thousand three hundred and seven; number of graduates, three hundred and fifty. The whole number of Colleges is fifty. The whole number of Professors, nine hundred and sixteen; Tutors, one hundred and forty-nine; students eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven; of which, five thousand five hundred and eighty-one are professors of religion, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven have the ministry in view."

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Christianity and Learning; Religious Education under the Care of the Church; Physical Education; True Principles in the Organization of a Christian Institution; A Plan for our Educational Operations, on the Basis of Scripture; Inaugural Exercises at the Opening of the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny City, Pa., by Dr. Swift, Dr. Brown, and Dr. Janeway; Go, and preach the Gospel.

These subjects are ably treated, in a volume of 198 pages. The work is for sale at fifty cents a copy; but it is kindly "sent to all the ministers and candidates of our Church, to whom it is respectfully dedicated."

RECESSIONAL. Mr. B. L. AGNEW was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Johnston, Pa., by the Presbytery of Blairsville, on the evening of the 18th ult. Rev. N. H. Gillett preached the sermon, Rev. Adam Torrance delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. D. Harbison to the people.

Rev. R. A. DELANEY, of New Orleans, has received a call to the church at Camden, Wis.

Rev. Wm. C. HANDY has accepted an invitation as Stated Supply of the Presbyterian churches of Lewes and Rehoboth, Maryland.

EASTERN SUMMARY. Business is not active, and men are but little disposed to undertake new enterprises until some fuller indications of the character of the future have been seen. And as a necessary consequence money is unusually plenty, and the opportunities for large and profitable investments are rare. Merchants hereover are more cautious; slower to move, and recover less speedily from a depression, than in New York. The effects of a great calamity remain visible for some time.

The Boston Pilot speaks in jubilant tones of the future prospects of the Roman Church in the Old Bay State. The cause of this felicitation is the greater proportion of marriages and births among the foreign, than the native born population. This paper says the day is not distant when Romanists shall be in the majority in the State. But, unfortunately for him, the data on which this opinion is based are very imperfect, and the history of what were once the strongholds of Romanism in this country, exhibits a large relative decline of the numbers attached to that Church, within a few years. Baltimore, New Orleans, and St. Louis, are cases in point.

Ralph Waldo Emerson was proving himself, with a new store of material wherewith to address the public, and proposes to deliver six lectures to the people of this city, who may be willing to listen to his indefinite reasonings and barbarous English, on thought, memory, and country life. We fear much that Mr. Emerson and others of his school, owe their popularity much more to the singular forms of expression they employ, than to any thing profound or new in the sentiments presented. Take away the meretricious gilding, and but little that is really valuable will remain.

The annual election to fill vacancies in one of the Boards of Harvard University, has been held, attended as usual, with much earnestness and no little acrimony of feeling. The election is by both branches of the Legislature, in convention. The ecclesiastical appearance of the Board is by no means uniform. The Board, as now organized, consists of eight Orthodox Congregationalists, five Methodists, six Unitarians, four Episcopalians, three Baptists, two Quakers, one Swedenborgian, and one whose religious views are not known. It is to be remembered that this is a distinct body from the Board of Trustees, in which the Unitarians are largely in the ascendancy.

A very readable article has been published in the Atlantic Monthly entitled, "The Diamond Lens," which it has been asserted is pilfered, in part at least, from the writings of the late William North. The author of the article, Mr. F. L. O'Brien, denies the charge, and calls for proof. Mr. Maverick appears in support of the assertion, and declares himself in possession of abundant evidence to sustain the position he has taken. As a matter of course each party has his friends, and the contest waxes fierce. Whatever may be the issue, injury should not accrue to the Monthly on account of it; because it is impossible for any editor, however thoroughly acquainted with general literature, to detect all the lacunae in the articles offered.

President Beckwith has returned to the Sandwich Islands, without having completed the endowment of Oahu College, with the \$40,000 asked from this country. This work has been postponed to a more propitious season. In the meantime the Institution will be sustained by the American Board, so far as may be necessary, in addition to the aid received in the Islands.

The subject of Extemporaneous Speaking, is beginning to attract much attention in many places, and improvement in this accomplishment is loudly demanded. It is an accomplishment of facility of expression and attractiveness of manner cannot compensate for the want of ability, information, and study; but there is no reason why they should be neglected. Alphons Hardy, Esq., of this city, has offered three prizes, of fifty, thirty, and twenty dollars, to the Junior Class of Amherst College, to be awarded to those who shall make the most improvement in extemporaneous speaking; the decision to be left to President Stearns and Professor Vase.

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