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Notices.

Presbytery. The Presbytery of York will hold its annual meeting in York on Tuesday, the 27th of Feb.

Farmer's High School. The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania, for 1897, is a document of very great value.

Markets. Philadelphia, Tuesday, March 2, 1898. Flour—No. 00, 100 lbs., \$3.00; No. 0, 100 lbs., \$2.75.

Another Instance of the Efficacy of Burdock's Hair Restorer. Some weeks since being seriously affected with pain and uneasiness at the stomach, I was advised to try Burdock's Hair Restorer.

Wood's Hair Restorer. We have never known any other medicine with as large a share of public confidence, in so short a time, as Wood's Hair Restorer.

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Revival at Johnston, Pa. JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 27, 1898. Dr. McKINNEY.—The intelligence that our little congregation here has recently been favored with a spirit of revival, will be received with great interest by many of the readers of the Banner.

On the Monday evening previous to the meeting of the Presbytery of Blairville, on the 18th inst., a meeting was commenced. Dr. Joseph Smith, of Greensburg, preached three evenings in succession, with great acceptability, to large audiences.

Our communion was held last Sabbath, when fifteen united with the church, eleven of whom were upon examination. Our meetings are continuing, and are being united with the church on examination, since last Sabbath, making twenty in all.

Every Christian must rejoice to learn that the Religious Interest manifest some time ago, continues to advance, and to extend its influence among all the Evangelical denominations. Scarcely a church can be found where the preaching is not more earnest, the attendance larger, the people more attentive, and inquirers more numerous than at any previous time for many years.

Union Prayer-Meeting in New York. N. Y., Feb. 20, 1898. Mr. DORR.—A Business Men's Union Prayer-Meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the residence of Mr. Dorr, 44 John Street, a few doors East of Broadway.

PHILADELPHIA. A large collection of Paintings, by British artists, has been for some time on exhibition, at the Academy of the Fine Arts. Some thirty of the pieces have been purchased by different persons in the city.

The North American has some well merited strictures on a piece of Sculpture by the American female artist, Miss Homer, which has been for some time on exhibition at Barle's Gallery, Chestnut Street.

The Hon. Edward Everett is to deliver his lecture on Charity, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., for the benefit of several charitable institutions. The best seats for the occasion will be sold at public auction.

The secular papers have reported, we know not with what truth, that the Managers of the American Sunday School Union have resolved to pay \$40,000 lost to the Institution, by the defalcation of Mr. Porter, even after the amount that may be realized from his own effects, out of their own pockets.

Revival at Island Creek Church, Ohio. ISLAND CREEK, Feb. 26, 1898. Dr. McKINNEY.—Dear Sir.—I must tell you of what the Lord is doing for us here. He is graciously pouring his Spirit upon our church (Island Creek). We have had meetings near two weeks, and they are still continuing. Twenty-five have publicly professed here in Christ; several more are now including hope, and scores are deeply impressed, many of whom are anxiously inquiring. The work still progresses, and there is no abatement in the interest.

Project of the same kind is agitated with respect to the different Boards of the Baptist Church. It appears from the Annual Reports of the Baptist Home Mission Society, Publication Society, and Bible Society, that the contributions to these different objects last year amounted to \$120,000, of which \$40,000 was expended in raising the money and applying it to its proper purposes; and \$20,000 of the latter sum were spent in paying the salaries and traveling expenses of agents. This is certainly a large per centage for collecting and disbursing the funds of the Church.

fifteen male assistants, have been employed. Able and interesting addresses were made by the Rev. D. Kirk, and the Rev. Mr. Manning.

Newburyport has been visited with a precious Spirit of Refreshing from the Lord. Over three hundred persons profess to have passed from death to life, in connection with the different Evangelical Churches. Here, as in many other places, young men seem to have been the special subjects of this blessed work.

The Ladies of Bangor, Me., and vicinity, have come up to the help of the Theological Seminary in that place, and have raised \$6,000 for the erection of a suitable chapel. The dock for the great "Leviathan," lately launched, has been made ready for her arrival at Portland, with the best arrangements for loading and unloading on this Continent.

This City exhibits the same excitement and engrossing pursuit as formerly. Every thing connected with business must move with rapid pace, or it will not be endured. The quiet progress of former days is discarded by many, and held in contempt by some. And yet late events have proved that those who have been satisfied with moderate returns, and have avoided great risks, or schemes of questionable propriety, have really made the most rapid advances.

This Winter, even Charity has become a rage, and has entered the lists among the fashionable amusements. Parties are given, at which the ladies are expected to appear in calico dresses, to be left at the door for the benefit of the poor, or some of the humane institutions. Thus they minister to their own gratification, spend the night in the giddy dance, and in listening to the stale wit of moustache attendants; and the next day, with aching head and exhausted energies, console themselves that they have relieved the poor and ministered to the wants of the orphan. Such charity is a luxury altogether too expensive for both giver and receiver.

A certain Mr. Farmer, in the lower part of the city, has been attracting much attention by the Free Dinners he has been giving, indiscriminately to all who apply. Indeed, it has been intimated that the benevolence of this gentleman, in this particular, is so remarkable, that it must be tainted with some eccentricity. But he only seems intent on giving a good and wholesome dinner to all who may be in need of it, without making inquiry as to their claims on his beneficence. At least sixty families are said to be altogether dependent on him, at present, for necessary food. He has already expended \$7,000 in this way, and expects to spend \$5,000 more before the Winter is entirely ended.

Inquiries are beginning to be made with regard to the Conduct of Policemen, in extorting money from the innocent, and accepting bribes from the guilty, who fall into their hands. This system seems to have been carried to a great extent, so that many look upon the protectors of the public with almost the same regard as upon its enemies. It has been announced that hereafter the strictest scrutiny will be exercised in this matter, and merited punishment visited upon the unfaithful officers.

Father Gaudenzio has left Brooklyn for his calm and peaceful retreat in the borough of Birmingham, near Pittsburgh; but before his departure, he kindly left with another the power of working miracles, in healing the sick and diseased. The master of this Roman Catholic father has fallen on a layman, a teacher of music and languages, Mr. J. Lowenthal, from Prussia. By passing the hand over the affected part of the body, without the use of any medicine, he has been curing paralysis, the blind, the lame, and the neuralgic; but only in cases solicited in charity. This remedy is certainly more easily applied than Allopathy, Hydropathy, or even Homoeopathy. But, seriously, such imposture as this, in our day, is almost beyond endurance.

A proposal has been made to Consolidate a number of the various Societies organized for humane purposes, to prevent unnecessary conflict between them, for the sake of greater efficiency, and to lessen the expenses. It is reported that two-thirds of the income of some of these Societies are required to pay the salaries of the Agents and Secretaries, and other incidental expenses. A project of the same kind is agitated with respect to the different Boards of the Baptist Church. It appears from the Annual Reports of the Baptist Home Mission Society, Publication Society, and Bible Society, that the contributions to these different objects last year amounted to \$120,000, of which \$40,000 was expended in raising the money and applying it to its proper purposes; and \$20,000 of the latter sum were spent in paying the salaries and traveling expenses of agents. This is certainly a large per centage for collecting and disbursing the funds of the Church.