

Banner and Advocate.

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THE BANNER... \$1.50, in advance or in three parts...

PRESBYTERIANISM IN WISCONSIN.—See our fourth page an excellent letter...

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.—The Board of Trustees will meet in the Prayer Hall...

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY held their first Anniversary...

Convention of Elders of the Synod of North Carolina.

Day Prayer-Meeting in Pittsburgh.

House of Refuge.

Our Article on Apostolic Succession is rather too long...

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Apostolic Succession. There are few subjects on which a large class of minds are more beclouded...

As often managed, the controversy is as interminable as it is needful. Very much of this confusion arises from the fact...

1. As the office of the ministry was instituted by Christ for the benefit of his Church...

2. On the other hand, the people of Christ, the Church throughout all its membership...

There are important principles in these propositions. If, for instance, the Holy Spirit have prepared a man for the work...

But, by whom is such a person to be ordained? Why, by those who have already been ordained.

Let it be understood. Let us claim it, in the true sense. Godly ministers of the Word, duly ordained, are the true successors.

dispensed, or of the actual dates when men were formally invested with ministerial functions...

Do we, then, concede the claims of the Papist, or of the Puseyite, who holds that the validity of a service depends on the fact that the officiator is one of an unbroken chain...

We apprehend that the following points will embrace that which is essential in this connection. We do not believe that anyone who assents to the Bible will hold that...

1. A man must possess purity of character, blamelessness of life, and zeal for the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every Apostolic minister had these four qualifications, and whether it be in the first century, in the ninth, or in the nineteenth...

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There are now connected with the Seminary, resident missionary, one; resident licentiate, one; senior class, thirty; middle class, twenty-nine; junior class, thirty-three; total, ninety-four.

pendent on the Church of Rome for the ministry, and as that Church is apostate, we, therefore, receive our orders from the apostasy?

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nevolent purposes. The Union has never employed a large corps of Collecting Agents, and it remains to be seen whether there is sufficient liberality in the people to sustain this Institution in this commendable attempt...

It is also understood, and we rejoice to announce it, that the Managers propose to pay, with the aid of a few friends, the entire loss arising from the recent defalcation...

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grace in the city is unabated. The Methodist and Baptist churches have had large accessions. In the Presbyterian churches a work is going on which exceeds anything enjoyed for years.

ALEXANDER COLLEGE, DUBUQUE, IOWA.—The choice of Rev. V. D. Reed, of Lansingburg, N. Y., to the Presidency of this Institution, we hear spoken of with much approbation.

Rev. JOHN DALE'S Post Office address is changed from Lexington, Ill., to Selma, M'Lean County, Illinois.

Rev. HUEY NEWELL'S Post Office address is changed from West Point, Iowa, to Primrose, Lee County, Iowa.

Rev. JAMES COULTER'S Post Office address is changed from Evansburg, Pa., to West Greenwood, Crawford County, Pa.

Rev. JAMES SMITH, D.D., having received and accepted the appointment of Missionary Agent for the Synod of Mississippi, has entered upon his work, and resigned his agency for the American Sunday School Union.

Rev. WM. C. M'PHERSON, on account of ill health, has resigned the charge of the church in Carrollton, Ky. He may be addressed at Keene, Jessamine County, Ky., for the present.

Rev. J. M. ALEXANDER has been compelled, by ill health, to decline the call of the church in Palestine, Ill. That church desires to secure a successor as soon as possible.

Rev. SAMUEL F. COLE, late Principal of Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, has accepted the call from the church at Pottsville, Pa.

Rev. J. W. PHARR, Jr.'s Post Office address is changed from Taylorsville, N. C., to Coddle Creek, Cabarras Co., N. C.

Rev. S. B. HALL has removed to the vicinity of Port Gibson, Mississippi, and desires his correspondents to address him at that place.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

Among other changes caused by the Financial Pressure of the last few months, is a manifest depreciation in the market value of real estate.

The subject of Temperance begins to receive attention once more, from the popular mind. It is reported that several gentlemen of high standing in the legal profession, have lately become staunch advocates of total abstinence.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—Thirty-eight were received into the church in this place on last Sabbath, and in addition to these there are thirty inquirers.

There are evidences of more feeling on the subject of religion than has been seen in this village and vicinity for many years, and this interest is increasing.

Among the petitions now before the State legislature, is one from the President and Fellows of Harvard College, asking an act of Assembly permitting them to commit the management of the Divinity School to Trustees, to be appointed by the Supreme Court of the State.

At the commencement of Mr. Finney's labors in Boston, for the Winter, it was understood that his great object would not be the dissemination of his peculiar views with regard to Perfectionism, but to present Christ and his salvation to sinful men.

The Religious Interest seems on the increase throughout all the churches. Professing Christians have been aroused, the careless are becoming thoughtful, and many are being gathered into the churches who have been for years, if not their whole lifetime, neglectors of the sanctuary.

On the evening of the last Thursday of February, a Union Meeting was held in the Central church; services having been held in the morning in each of the several

churches. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Blagden, and remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Adams, and Rev. Mr. Dexter.

Even the Unitarians are beginning to feel the necessity for more activity and greater diligence in the promotion of religion. Several Union Conference meetings have been held in the churches of the city and vicinity.

The School-Houses of this State now amount to four thousand, and are supposed to be worth about \$3,000,000.

The difficulties between the Students of Yale College and the Firemen have been quieted, and the former have pledged a purse of \$375 to the family of Mr. Miles, the fireman shot by a student at the time of the affray.

The Stock Market continues to improve, and a large amount of business of this kind is transacted. The Auction Sales are very large, while the importations of foreign Dry Goods have been unusually small.

The City Government had been so badly conducted for some time, that all its different departments had become wonderfully deranged. Every day brings to light some new fraud practised upon the tax-payers, especially in the street department.

The Democracy of the city is widely divided on the subject of the policy of the Administration, with respect to Kansas. We have already noticed the large and enthusiastic meeting of Democrats, headed by George Bancroft, against the Leconte Constitution.

A tribute has been paid to American Skill, by the proprietors of the London Times, who have employed the Messrs. Iles, to construct a monster printing press for that great journal.

The Medical Colleges of New York are beginning to attract more attention than formerly, in all parts of the country. The Eighth Annual Commencement of the New York Medical College was held on the 2d inst., when the degree of M. D. was conferred on thirty-three young men.

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A Painful Accident occurred in the Primary School, of the Sixteenth Ward, on the