

Banner and Advocate.

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General Assembly. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will hold its next meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, the 6th of May next, and will be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Courland Van Rensselaer, D. D., Moderator of the last Assembly.

Church Burned.—The Presbyterian church at Harrisburg, Pa., was destroyed by fire on the night of March 28th. It was a beautiful and valuable building. Four dwellings adjacent were also destroyed.

Rev. James M. Edmonds, of Absecon, N. J., died week before last, after a short illness. His funeral occurred on March 25th, just one week after his marriage. He was a laborious and acceptable minister, aged thirty-three years.

Princeton Review. The April number of the Quarterly is marked with its usual ability. It contains: I., Hofmann's Prophecy and Fulfillment; II., Confessionism; III., Butler's Lectures on Ancient Philosophy; IV., Sketch of Western Pennsylvania; V., Haven's Mental Philosophy; VI., The Providential Government of God; VII., The Church Membership of Infants; VIII., Brown's Development of Himself. Short Notices. Literary Intelligence.

The Theological and Literary Journal. The contents of the April number are: I. The Inspiration of the Scriptures—Objections to it Refuted; II. Notes on Scripture—Acts, chapters ii and iii; III. The Glorified and Unglorified Race during the Millennium; IV. Mr. Hudson's Doctrine of a Future State; V. God the Supreme Disposer and Moral Governor; VI. Dr. Livingstone's Travels in Africa; VII. A Designation and Exposition of the Figures of Isaiah, chapter xlvi; VIII. Dr. Barclay's City of the Great King; IX. Literary and Critical Notices.

Concert at Sewickley, Pa. We recently attended a Concert of sacred music in the church at Sewickley, and were exceedingly gratified. The main piece was "The Cantata of Daniel." The leader, R. P. Nevin, Esq., is a member of the congregation, and was also nearly the whole company, of some thirty ladies and gentlemen. We understood they had been practicing on the piece for some weeks, and we could not but think how much more exalted and refining it was, than to spend the Winter evenings, than to waste them in idle gossip, the silly play, or the corrupting dance.

Daily Paper During the Assembly. The editor of the True Witness proposes to publish it DAILY, during the sessions of the General Assembly, giving reliable reports, and on a page such as will conform to the minutes as usually published. He offers it at fifty cents, and as a large list will be needed to meet the expenses, he requests every minister to lay the matter before his congregation, and "expects every delegate to come with a long list of subscribers."

Be Considerate. We have regularly appropriated to Obinay notices more space than is customary in religious papers; but they have, notwithstanding this, so accumulated that an extra space, to the extent of nearly four columns, is occupied this week, on our fourth page. Cannot brethren—for our ministerial brethren write most of them—can they not write briefly?

What shall we do? If we publish to such an extent, readers' displeased. If we refuse to publish, the mourning friends are displeased. And to abbreviate is a consumption of time, and a responsibility also, with which we should not be taxed.

In many cases, no notice beyond the neighborhood is needed; in most others, three lines should be enough; in few might require five lines; and it must be something singular, when more than ten lines are required. What we say here was the editor's practice in the many years of his pastorate, in a very large charge; and he is not aware that he ever gave the slightest offence, by either his silence or his brevity. Do be considerate.

Home and Foreign Record. The long missionary letter, last week, excluded our notice of the Record, as well as several other things of which we had notes. We now present a few items relative to our Boards; that is, the working Agencies of the Church in the carrying on of her general interests.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS. The Secretary of this Board, thoughtful and provident as he is industrious and energetic, advises the Presbyteries to arrange their missionary fields, if possible, that there shall be diminished demands upon the Treasury. This may be done by, in some cases, recommending less appropriations, or by taking the stronger missionary churches of the Board, or by uniting two churches in one pastorate. The reason for this request is, that the claims of the Pacific coast, and of the Territories, and of some of the newer States, are peculiarly urgent. The seeds of Gospel truth must be planted early, that the Church may grow with the population.

With a country, as with a human soul, early life is the precious time in which to give every good thing the right direction.

The Treasury has been happily replenished, so as to meet the demands upon it for the year; but there is not such a surplus as will authorize an increase of appropriations. True, there should be an income adequate to all demands, but the Board can wisely promise only what they are duly authorized to expect.

RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY: at Philadelphia, \$14,188; at Louisville, \$5,610.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The year, in this Board, terminates with April, and their last act is to vote the quarterly appropriation to the candidates. But they have not money enough. Shall they borrow? Or will delinquent and deficient churches promptly send in their proper quota? Or must the young men either give up study, or make boarding bills which they cannot pay? Let every pastor's, and elder's, and Christian's conscience answer. To commit the Word to faithful men, able to teach, is a duty incumbent on the Church.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. FROM AFRICA, CHINA, and the INDIAN MISSIONS, the information is cheering, but nothing of very special interest has occurred.

INDIA.—The latest dates received, are from Lodianna, to Dec. 23d.

Members of the Lodianna mission were generally well, and most of them were pursuing their work in quietness and peace. Dr. Campbell remarks: "We had a most delightful meeting at Amala. After all the dangers that surrounded us, every missionary but brother Lowenthal, at Amala, returned home. The mission most was dear to us all, and I trust our hearts were filled with sincere gratitude. The Lord did not permit a hair to fall from the head of any of us, or of our native flock! Our hearts were full of sorrow, however, for our dear brethren at Futalgah. But their earthly sufferings are now over, and an eternity of heavenly joys are before them. Our prospects are now brightening, and we hope a time of great success is before us. We want missionary help, and this is still more required to build up the lower missions, and to build up the ranks of the Society to be the hopeful terms of the speedy restoration of quietness and peace to the country.

Donations in February, \$29,411.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION. The Colportage fund is still in great need; and it is hoped that many payments for it, will be made to the Secretary, who expects to be at the General Assembly.

The Confession of Faith, in German, is passing through the press, and will soon be ready for circulation.

The letters of "L. N. D." on Baptism, the Record speaks not of; but we have a copy on our table, neatly executed. We have had many letters of inquiry, on this subject. Time seemed long to the anxious.

RECEIPTS—Donations, February 11th to March 15th, \$1,966; Sales, Feb. 1st to 27th, \$6,641.

CHURCH EXTENSION. This cause has not yet become a favorite with our people; and we are sorry to be obliged to say, that the contributions do not indicate a growing zeal. But the Committee labor industriously, and accomplish a great amount of good, with their slender means.

The work of the Committee has been chiefly among the very needy. This appears from the fact that the churches aided were generally very small. During the two years and a half the present Committee have been at work; they have made appropriations to one hundred and ninety-one churches. Fully one-half of these had less than thirty members, and only thirty-five had over fifty members. The majority of the churches built, also prove the same thing. Though building materials have, in many places, been very high, only forty of the one hundred and ninety-one churches cost over twenty-five hundred dollars.

From all the facts that we can gather, we are compelled to believe that one-fifth of all the churches in the United States are without a house of worship. From less than two-thirds of our Presbyteries we have received the names of four hundred and fifty such churches.

There is evidently great need; and two thousand five hundred of our churches have done nothing yet! Do not the liberal dispensation of the Society to be three hundred and fifty such churches.

Important Information. We were surprised at seeing, in one of our city papers, last week, a "certificate" of a reprehensible character, with some honored names appended. We are pleased now to be able, authoritatively, to correct the misstatement, by publishing the following:

CARD. The subscribers having seen a certain certificate, issued by the American Syncretistic Benevolent Society, and purporting to be signed by its officers, beg leave to state that they entirely disapprove of its terms, and that the fac-similes of their names were annexed to it without their consent.

At a meeting of the Managers of the Society, at which none of the subscribers were present, a card and circular were presented and referred to a Committee "to take order." That Committee, supposing that under this resolution they had full authority, caused the names of the undersigned officers of the Society to be thereunto annexed, without their knowledge, consent or authority.

M. W. BALDWIN, President. G. H. SWARTZ, Vice President. Wm. H. FAY, Sec. Sec'y. Philadelphia, March 31, 1858.

FEMALE SEMINARY AT STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.—The Twenty-Ninth Annual Catalogue, containing the names of one hundred and seventy-two pupils. Summer Session one hundred and eight; Winter Session one hundred and thirty.

REVIVALS. CONCORD, PA.—Forty-five persons were recently added to this church on examination, of whom twelve received baptism. See letter of Rev. Mr. Coulter.

KITANNING, PA.—We learn that a precious work of grace is in progress here.

HARRISVILLE, PA.—The church of Amity, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. F. Boyd, has been also refreshed. Twenty-three have recently been added to the church on examination, six of them heads of families, and five were baptized.

ROHSBURG, PA.—We learn that Rev. G. W. Newell's charge, at this place has been greatly blessed. Forty-one persons were added to the communion, more than doubling the number of members.

BLOOMSBURG AND NEW COLUMBIA, PA.—These churches, under the care of Rev. D. J. Waller, are sharing in the dispensations of God's grace. The pastor writes: "We have had a season of refreshing in my church, but have not had our communion yet. I have an interesting meeting in progress at New Columbia. About twenty profess here in Christ. I baptized four adults last evening. We rejoice that the Lord has not made us as Gilboa, in this time of gracious visitation, but has caused, at least, the dew of Hermon to fall upon us."

INDIANA, PA.—See letter of Mr. McElwain. Since the date of that letter we learn that the work still continues.

FREESTOWN AND SATELICK, PA.—The good work in these congregations continues. A letter from the pastor will appear next week.

CLINTONVILLE, PA.—A letter speaking of the work of grace in this church is received, after our space is all occupied.

Going to the Assembly. There is quite an inquiry as to the routes of travel to New Orleans. The True Witness publishes the following: "A Committee of the Presbytery of New Orleans, has solicited the main lines of Railroads and Steamboats leading to this city, to grant free return tickets to the delegates to the General Assembly, which will convene on the 6th of May. The request in most cases (so far as known) has been cheerfully granted. We have received, thus far, but three replies, viz: Michigan Central Railroad, from Chicago to Detroit; the Michigan, Southern and Northern Indiana, from Chicago to Toledo; and the Georgia Railroad, from Atlanta to Augusta.

"We feel authorized to publish the following GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS: "Members of the Assembly will pay full fare in coming to this city; but on their return they will receive certificates that will pass them free over the same lines.

TIME AND ROUTES OF TRAVEL. "From New York via Washington City, Richmond, Wilmington, N. C., Augusta, Meacon, Columbus, Ga., Montgomery, thence by steamboats to New Orleans, about six and a half days. Fare \$48. Brethren can rest over Sabbath at Montgomery or Mobile and reach here before the opening sermon. From New York via Richmond, Lynchburg, Abingdon, Va., Knoxville, Chattanooga, Tenn., Huntsville, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., thence by steamboat to New Orleans, in seven days. New York via Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, or via Baltimore, Parkersburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati or Indianapolis, to Cairo, or to St. Louis or Louisville; or from New York via Niagara Falls, Buffalo or Erie, Pa., Detroit, Chicago, and Cairo, thence by steamboats to New Orleans, in seven days; fare \$52. Can rest over Sabbath at Memphis, and reach here Thursday night, or stop at Vicksburg or Natchez and arrive here Wednesday. From Chicago via Cairo five and a half days.

"From St. Louis or Louisville about six days—from Cairo four and a half days.

"Fares on all the through ticket lines, from \$48 to \$54 from New York to New Orleans.

"No extra charge for board or meals on any of our Southern steamboats.

"For any further information, address Rev. Randolph A. DeLoaney, Chairman Committee, 197 Camp Street, New Orleans.

The St. Louis Presbyterian contains the following card: "Delegates to the General Assembly, to meet at New Orleans, are hereby informed that the St. Louis Packets will convey them at half the regular price of the passage. We make this offer in honor of the services of Gen. N. Bannek, Agent for the Railroad Line of Peckels. For further directions they will please, on arriving at St. Louis, to call on the subscribers,

KEITH & WOODS." The New Orleans Committee inform us that they hope to arrange with a Louisville packet to take the members, agreeing to stop during the Sabbath. If the arrangement shall be made, we expect information by telegraph, and shall circulate it as early as practicable.

The prospect of a steamer from this place is not very bright; but still, the thing may be accomplished. And members can bear to contemplate it as doubtful, because they cannot lose much by a disappointment. They can take the cars; hence, to Louisville, St. Louis, or Cairo, in due time, just as though they had cherished no hopes of shipping here.

The railroad fare from here to Louisville is \$12.75, to St. Louis or to Cairo \$19.50. The boat fare from the latter places will be, to members, \$15. To stop off on the Sabbath will consume the evening of Saturday, and possibly much of Monday, and subject the traveler to an expense of \$5 to \$8.

A prudent arrangement as to time would require passengers, by rail, to leave here for Louisville, or St. Louis, on Tuesday morning, (27th), and for Cairo on Wednesday morning. And we would advise rather twelve hours sooner than that much later. The morning hour is 3.30 on one road, and 6.00 on the other.

Death of Rev. Isaac N. Shannon. The following letter announces the departure of this good brother, to the rest and joy which await all the faithful servants of Jesus Christ:

COSHOCTON, OHIO, } March 31st, 1858. } DEAR DOCTOR.—I to-day attended the funeral of our brother, Rev. Isaac N. Shannon, who departed this life yesterday, Tuesday, March 30th. Brother S. graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1846, and having subsequently studied Theology at Princeton,

was settled first as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of New Brunswick, N. J.; afterwards at Terre Haute, Indiana; and last of all, so far as the work of the ministry is concerned, spent several months as stated supply and pastor-elect of the church at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He left the last named place about a year ago, because of impaired health; and with the exception of the time spent in a trip to Kentucky, and another to Iowa, he has been since that time at his father's house, near Keene, Ohio, from which place his soul went to his heavenly Father's home on high. His death was an eminently easy and peaceful one. His disease was consumption. He was thirty-seven years of age; unmarried; a preacher of more than ordinary attainments and ability. He left notes and dates in the charge of the pastor of the Keene church, Rev. R. W. Marquis, (who preached his funeral sermon), to be placed by him in the hands of his old Preceptor, father Horvey, of Martinsburg, Ohio, wherewith to prepare a fitting obituary notice. I am yours, truly,

WM. E. HUNT, Pastor Pres. ch., Coshocton, Ohio.

EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND. The Legislature has adjourned, after bestowing commendable attention on the business before it. A bill was passed authorizing the Supreme Court to order, in equity, a separation of the Divinity School from Harvard College. The Universalists have had a College in existence for six years at Somerville, with a President and four Professors. This Institution was founded entirely by the efforts of this denomination, and for the advancement and dissemination of its peculiar tenets. Application was made to the Legislature for an appropriation of \$30,000, but the grant was refused. A similar fate happened to the application by the Methodists for \$20,000, to aid in the restoration of Wilbraham Academy, lately destroyed by fire.

The appointment of Mr. Putnam, as Successor to Judge Loring, meets with general approbation. He is said to be a good lawyer, and a most excellent man.

An opportune and valuable addition to the Eclectic and Religious Literature of this region is about to be made by the issue of Historical Sketches of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, by Dr. Joseph S. Clark. These sketches appeared originally in the columns of the Congregationalist, but have now received considerable additions in the form of notes. The book will have a wide circulation among the many sons and daughters of New England dispersed throughout the land.

The Puritan Recorder continues to call attention to the amount of Unemployed Ministerial Talent in this vicinity, while there are such loud and urgent calls for pastors in so many places. That paper refers to the efforts of Gov. Slade, in furnishing the West with female teachers, and suggests that a similar method in sending into the interior, some of the ministers now without pastoral charge, may not be unworthy of consideration.

The Showers of Grace that have fallen so plentifully here, have as yet only penetrated a little beneath the surface. While many persons have been awakened, made thoughtful and prayerful, and large numbers have been hopefully converted, the vast multitudes are still untouched. This is evident from some of the facts that have been made public in the prayer-meetings. It was stated that on a recent Saturday night, an actual count was made of the persons visiting the lager beer saloons between sundown and midnight, and they were found to amount to the astonishing number of fifteen thousand—mostly young men and boys from fourteen years and upwards! This is truly alarming, and shows most conclusively the greatness of the work yet to be accomplished, and the continued need of faith, prayer, and zeal; while the present is a most favorable opportunity for reaching all classes of the community, and saving those greatly exposed to manifold temptations. There does not seem to be any diminution in the religious interest; the prayer-meetings are as well attended, and the meetings are as full as ever. The Old South church, as in former days, is the great centre of attraction. The morning and noon prayer-meetings in the chapel of this church, are as well attended as ever. The meeting of every Monday morning is devoted chiefly to the reception of religious intelligence.

Amherst College is now blessed with a precious revival. The whole College is penetrated with the work, but there seems to be a remarkable operation of the Holy Spirit on the hearts and consciences of individuals, whereby each one is brought to see and consider his personal relations to God, as an immortal soul.

The Rev. Sabin Answorth, for seventy-four years pastor of the Congregational church at Jeffrey, N. H., has at length fallen asleep, aged one hundred years, seven months, and twenty-eight days. This is not only a remarkable instance of longevity, but also of the length of a pastorate.

Prof. E. A. Andrews, L.L.D., well known among scholars from his Latin Lexicon, died last week at New Britain, Conn., in the seventy-first year of his age. For some time he had been actively engaged in the revision of his Lexicon, which will be carried on, along with that of his other works, by the members of his family.

Throughout the whole of New England a great work of grace seems in progress; Christians are revived, and multitudes are converted.

One of the pastors of Hartford, Conn., says that within the last four or five weeks more than One Thousand Persons have called on him to converse on the subject of religion! This reminds one of Whitefield's work in London, when he received a thousand letters from persons anxious about their souls.

NEW YORK. Last week evinced a more decided improvement in the Tone of Business, although many departments of trade still languish.

Money is abundant, but the stock market is heavy, and prices rule very low. Auction sales continue to be large. Wheat and flour have not improved in price.

The Mayor appears determined to Ridd the City of its "fighting men," or at least compel them to seek concealment. This is well; for the last twelve months have brought to light the fact of the existence in the midst of this city of a large class of men of remarkably fine physical developments, whose business was that of professional bullies, or the aiders and abettors of such, governed by rules and principles acknowledged among themselves as superior to all other authority. A number of them have been apprehended, and the investigations connected with their case may lead to the discovery of others.

This city is infested with a class of Professional Beggars who are abundantly able to labor, but who depend on the offerings of charity for a livelihood. The laws are very strict against such, and to enforce them is a most palatable duty; otherwise we offer a premium to idleness and injure the really deserving.

The Free Masons of this city have determined to erect a suitable monument to the memory of the late Dr. Kane, to be placed in some conspicuous part of the city.

The Anti-Leoponary Party was received with the greatest exultation by the opponents of the Administration. One hundred and twenty guns were fired on the battery, and in the evening there was a grand display of fire works in the Park. In this pyrotechnic display, the names of Messrs. Haskin and Clarke, members from the city, who voted with the majority, were displayed most conspicuously.

The Book Publishers' Trade Sales began very encouragingly, with the usual number of purchasers, and at fair prices.

The American Bible Society will soon have the Committee on Versions full again. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, Goodrich, McClintock, and Smith, have accepted the appointment to the Committee. The Rev. Dr. Turner has declined for reasons mentioned in his letter of resignation, and the Rev. Dr. Bethune on account of numerous personal engagements. During the last few months the receipts of this Society have been much larger than was anticipated, when the unusual pressure is taken into account. The American Bible Society has a strong hold upon the affections of the American Church and the American people, and now that it has returned to the original object for which it was established, true friends will remain firm in their attachment and active in efforts for its prosperity.

Newsboys crying papers, have frequently been great annoyances at the doors of some of the churches; but a policeman is now regularly detailed to attend at the door of every place of public worship, to prevent disturbance of any kind along the street in the immediate vicinity.

More active efforts are now put forth than at any previous time for the spiritual benefit of Policemen. The policemen of the Seventh Ward, with their pious chief, Capt. Hart, at their head, have solicited the ministers in that Ward to hold religious meetings for their benefit. And a meeting has actually been held in Dr. Hiccox' church, which was crowded with policemen and their families.

A Series of Meetings was held in the Presbyterian church, on Grand Street, of which Dr. Thompson is pastor, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, intended especially for the instruction and direction of those who have been awakened. The last preachers were the Rev. Drs. Spring, Thompson, and Krebs; and the Rev. T. Ralston Smith. These meetings will be continued for several weeks in other churches.

The "Revival" is still the prevailing subject of conversation, and there does not appear to be any appreciable decrease in the interest. Prayer-meetings are as numerous, and the attendance is as good as ever. It is to be regretted, that in the midst of so much that is cheering, persons of warm hearts, but without much experience, should introduce and report matters that may well be denominated "spots in our feast."

Such are the reports of the prayer called and offered for Mr. Benton; of the conversion of Edwin Forest, "the greatest altar in America." And the requests for prayers for the conversion of distinguished personages, as Archbishop Hughes, President Buchanan, and others, are objectionable, not in themselves, but in the manner in which they are presented. These improprieties are confined to a few, but brought forward in such a way as to attract much attention. To avoid the introduction of clap-trap, as the world now goes, even in the holy concerns of religion, requires much care. In the meantime a great work is doing, and prayer and faith are needed as much as ever, and also sound doctrinal preaching. Never was there a greater necessity for a careful, able, and Scriptural unfolding of the way of salvation.

PHILADELPHIA. After the consolidation of the City and County, the whole district was placed under the Surveillance of an Energetic Police.

The farmers and residents of the country objected to this, because they said it was unnecessary in the country, and added greatly to the expenses. To gratify them, the Police was withdrawn from them. And now the consequences are appearing in the rapid and alarming increase of incendiarism, without any protection from an efficient detective corps, organized within the limits of the City proper. Last week, a number of barns were burned, evidently the work of prowling incendiarism. And great regret is expressed for the want of protection.

The Medical Department of the University has sent forth another addition to the medical ranks, amounting to one hundred and forty-five. At the time of graduation the rush for seats was so great, that it was found necessary to close the doors half an hour before the opening of the exercises.

The introductory prayer was made by the Rev. Albert Barnes, and the address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. Leidy.

Last week, the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, Preached in Jayne's Hall, from Ex. x: 12. At the close of the sermon, young men willing to undertake the conducting of prayer-meetings in different parts of the city, were invited to come forward and subscribe their names; a large number did so. Of a meeting in this Hall, a country pastor thus writes to us:

"I was at the first prayer-meeting in the large apartment of Jayne's Hall, Philadelphia. It was truly a solemn assembly. The Spirit of God seemed to prevail and to grace each heart. Would to God the gracious work might proceed, until it should be crowned with the Millennial glory of our mighty Redeemer, and that every eye might speedily behold Him, their soul's chief beloved!"

The meetings have been removed to the Sanson Street church, in the vicinity of the Girard House, owing to the fact that that Hall had been previously engaged for a Catholic Fair, that will last two weeks.

The Independent Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Chambers is pastor, is said to be the largest in the city. At a late Communion, one thousand persons sat at the Lord's table together.

All denominations are interested, more or less, in the present awakening, and great desire is felt for a deeper and more powerful work than has yet been experienced.

ECCLIASTICAL. Rev. O. H. MILLER, of Ohio Presbytery, being about to take charge of the church in Wapello, Iowa, desires to be addressed accordingly.

Rev. SAMUEL PATTERSON'S Post Office address is changed from Uhricksville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, to Deersville, Harrison County, Ohio.

Rev. J. B. ADAMS' Post Office address is changed from New Berlin, Pa., to Mifflinburg, Pa.

Rev. J. W. MCKENNA'S Post Office address is changed from Wellsburg, Pa., to Frankfort Springs, Beaver County, Pa.

Rev. ALEXANDER HERRINGTON has removed from Williamsport, Pa., to Media, Delaware County, Pa. Correspondents and publishers will please note the change.

Rev. B. E. COLLINS' Post Office address is changed from Moshannon, Centre County, Pa., to Shirleyburg, Huntingdon County, Pa.

Rev. STUART ROBINSON has expressed his intention to accept the call to the Second church, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. J. W. BLYTHE has, on account of impaired health, resigned the charge of the church in Vincennes, Ind., and will shortly remove to South Hanover, Ind.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BAKER, having leave of absence from his church in Austin, will spend some time in Huntsville, Texas, preparing for the press "The Life and Labors of Rev. Daniel Baker, D.D."

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Convention at Xenia, Ohio. XENIA, O., March 29, 1858.

MR. EDITOR.—Our town has been favored with one of these "great prayer-meetings," which have become so frequent in these good times.

A Convention of the ministers, elders, and members of the Associate, Associate Reformed, and Reformed Presbyterian Churches, for the "purpose of joint prayer to Heaven for his promised blessings, and of advising with each other in regard to the interests of religion," met on the evening of the 24th inst., (March), in the Associate Reformed church of this place. The number of strangers present I have not ascertained; but believe the attendance was larger than anticipated. Dr. Presley, of Allegheny, was chosen to preside, assisted by several Vice Presidents.

The exercises consisted of short addresses, reading the Scriptures, prayer, and praise. Of course the Psalms in the old version were used exclusively. The following topics were discussed:

1. The true idea of a revival. 2. Indications of the need. 3. Encouragements to hope for a revival. 4. Causes of the present deadness of the Church. 5. Sins of the day as impeding the progress of religion. 6. Means of promoting a revival. 7. Necessity of the influence of the Holy Spirit. 8. Evidence of a true revival. 9. Revival of religion essential to the success of missions. 10. Aspects of Divine Providence toward the Church and the world.

The first topic was discussed in an opening address by Dr. Young, of Oxford, Ohio. His address was founded on 2. Ph. iv: 11-13. Dr. Young is a fine pulpit orator, and exhibited an admirable spirit.

Extended addresses were also made by Drs. Wilson, of Cincinnati, Rodgers, of Allegheny, and Prof. Wylie, of Philadelphia. The address of Dr. Rodgers was a searching and faithful showing of the "indications of the need of a revival." The Rev. Mr. Blair, of New York, took an active part in the proceedings. Mr. Blair is a flat and powerful speaker; a man of great energy and zeal, and, I believe, is regarded by his brethren as having rather too much good-headiness. Christians of all denominations attended, and the house was crowded during all the sessions of the Convention.

An excellent spirit animated the proceedings generally. The prayers were fervent, and the addresses animated and earnest. But one thing occurred to impair the good feeling and mar the beauty of the meeting, viz., an exciting discussion, of perhaps an hour's continuance, on Slavery. The effect was most unhappy on the devotional feelings of those present. When this subject was introduced by the Business Committee, as one of the sins of the day, we felt it to be an ill-timed step, and the result proved it so. It was soon apparent that a diversity of views were held even among these brethren on this difficult and exciting subject.

A lengthy resolution was received (and that, too, after it had been agreed that no resolutions should be offered), and directed to be incorporated in the address to the churches, which, if the Spirit of God be present, will result in much good. One brother remarked it was the most important Convention

of the age. We were not able to see in what respect it was entitled to superiority over those that have gone before it. It does undoubtedly, constitute a new era in the history of these Churches, and of a pleasing indication of progress and of a greater efficiency in advancing the cause of the Redeemer. It also augurs well, we think, for the future; we believe, we are one end in view in calling it at this time in this place. The influence of the Convention on the interest of religion in this place, we think, has been happy. A number of the brethren attended a union prayer-meeting, now being held daily in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, and cheered and aided us by their presence and counsel.

There is now a delightful state of things here. Our meeting this morning was crowded, and our young men rose and asked the prayers of God's people. I never witnessed more marked indications of the presence of God's Spirit. May the Lord continue the good work here and everywhere.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Revival at Indiana, Pa. INDIANA, Pa., March 24th, 1858. REV. D. MCKINNEY, D.D.—Dear Sir:—I have thought that perhaps it is due to the cause of Christ, to give a short account to the readers of the Banner, of the work of grace now in progress at Indiana.

Early in November last, the usual pastoral visitation of the congregation was commenced. In these visits, each one was personally addressed on the subject of vital godliness. The interest manifested by the people, both old and young, in these visits, was marked and encouraging. The call for the Synodical Convention was heard by many with great satisfaction, and deep, tender seriousness in the house of God became more and more manifest. On the 20th of December the congregation began to worship in the basement of their new church edifice, now in progress of erection. The members of the church were requested to observe the Thursday preceding, as a day of private fasting and prayer to God, that he would not "carry us up thither unless he would go with us." During the services on the Sabbath there was uncommon solemnity and melting of the hearts of the people before the Lord; for he has come, by his Spirit, to "make his rest glorious" in the recommissions of the Convention were observed, so far as appropriate to our particular circumstances. An unusual spirit of prayer seemed to be poured upon the people; the depth and power of religious interest became daily more apparent; and the demand for a more frequent use of the means of grace became so strong that a series of meetings was commenced in January, in connection with the communion season. These meetings were continued daily for two weeks. At that time thirty were added to the communion, twenty-five of whom were on examination. From that time the interest in religion continued; there were deep humiliation, brokenness of heart, and earnest prayer among the people; there were many inquiries; and our meetings were characterized by great solemnity, tenderness, and still