

THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

at eight o'clock brief address of not more than five minutes in length, will be made. The Annual address will be delivered in Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., by the Rev. H. D. Kitchell, of Detroit. It is expected that the Advocate will be of this worth, will be particularly interesting owing to the wondrous workings of grace within the last few months.

The Spirit is still poured out upon the churches of this city, and vast multitudes are dissatisfied with their spiritual state, who never before experienced any alarm of conscience or desires after God.

PHILADELPHIA.

The subject of direct Trade with Liverpool, by means of steam vessels, is still much agitated. To the taunts thrown out by some of the New York papers, that there is no probability that such an enterprise would prove profitable, it is replied that the steamships plying between that port and Liverpool have never been remunerative; that the Cullis Steamers have lost largely; and that even the Cunard Line, notwithstanding the immense government patronage, has never been profitable.

Great gratification is expressed at the passage of the bill for the Sale of the Remaining Slave Works, to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, from the completion of which this city hopes to profit greatly in the trade with the North and North West.

The Young Men's Christian Association asks parents, guardians, and pastors, to give young men, coming to reside in the city, letters of introduction to the Association, promising that its aid will be extended in surrounding them with proper influences.

This is well and kind; but every pastor

should also give every young man that leaves his congregation for the cities, a letter to

the pastor or Sessions, that he may

be made to feel himself the subject of

Christian sympathy and watchful care at once. Many a promising youth might be saved from a career of vice, if this course was always taken. For the temptations of a large city are insuperably dangerous to the young and inexperienced from the quiet and retirement of the country.

The sudden Death of Mr. Tyng, eminently peaceful and rejoicing as it was, has produced a profound sensation throughout the community. The funeral sermon was preached by his father, Dr. Tyng, of New York, on last Sabbath evening to the largest audience that ever filled Concert Hall, from 1 Sun. i: 27, 28. The effect of a sermon from such a text, by such a man, and on such an occasion, upon a sympathizing audience may be well imagined, but not easily described.

The Rev. Thomas H. Storckton preaches every Sabbath morning and evening, in Jaynes' Hall, and the multitudes again flock to this place, every day, at the hour of prayer, while in most of the churches a precious work is in progress.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Revival at Columbia, Pa.

REV. DAVID McKINNEY, D. D.—Dear Brother:—In the midst of deserved wrath, God has remembered us in mercy." But a few months ago, the Presbyterian church of this place was all but deserted by its friends.

As a last resort, with some probability of success, they extended a usage more suited to the Rev. J. S. Grimes, of Dayton, Ohio, who, we believe, was sent of God, as a chosen instrumentality, through whom he has been pleased to show forth the exceeding riches of his manifold grace, to this people. On the first Sabbath of February, when he entered upon his pastoral duties in this church, the Angel of the Covenant began to trouble the waters. In connection with the elders and myself, he began the work of family visitation, to ascertain the special condition and immediate wants of the people. A series of meetings were then commenced, and kept up every evening of the week, for four weeks, when the pastor was obliged to close the services, to attend the meeting of Presbytery. The attendance and interest increased until the close, and deep solemnity marked every service.

The order of exercises observed was, first, a plain doctrinal discourse, made practical and pungent in its application.

Second, a prayer-meeting, interspersed with short exhortations, by which brother

and myself participated with the pastor.

And third, an inquiry meeting for the anxious, at which the people of God remained.

These services were conducted without any of that noise and animal exultation connected with revivals of religion. Brother Grimes preached the blessed Gospel of Christ in all its simplicity, purity, and power; laboring faithfully, day by day, and night, in exhorting and entreating sinners to flee from the wrath to come, and his labors have been owned and abundantly blessed of God. More than a hundred have been awakened, and deeply exercised to spirit. Many, hitherto carnal and unconcerned, were brought to cry to God for mercy. This work of God, seemingly, began with the teachers of the Sabbath School, when the pugnacious appeal of the pastor came home to each one, "Have you personally addressed each member of your class, and impotently urged them to give their hearts to God?" At the close of the services, one of the teachers addressed the pastor, saying, "O, sir, can I ever enter this school again to teach others, until my own heart is changed? O, I cannot do it, for I feel, as you say, it will be only heapings coals of fire on their heads and mine."

During the progress of the meeting, a strong opposition was manifested, in many instances, by parents, against their children visiting the services of the sanctuary. In some cases, they were positively refused to enter the church. In one particular instance, a child of unbelieving parents, not wishing to disobey their express command, stood outside of the church under the pulpit window, for several hours, during one of the coldest and most inclement nights of the season. The opposition of the parents having been overcome through the instrumentality of the pastor, she had the church, and is one of its most promising members.

The accession to the church, of those awakened and converted, is over sixty, on examination.

Of these, eighteen received the ordinance of baptism, which was a most solemn and imposing sight. The respective ages ranged from twelve to twenty seven years. A number of them were heads of families, and advanced in life. And it is worthy of notice, that those who were chiefly

instrumental in securing the present pastor, were the first to share in the work of grace. The interest still continues in the church, and many of the prominent men of the place are deeply concerned about their souls, whom we hope will yet see their way clear to union with the people of God.

The Presbyterian church at Wrightsville, just across the river, has likewise shared in the same blessing. Through the faithful and untiring efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Lane, God has added to the church twenty seven, with the ten received at the previous communion, which makes thirty seven during the year. O, we would, for so abundant goodness and loving kindness, increase our thanks to the redeeming grace of our long-suffering God, for raising us up from our low estate! "Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless his name."

Yours truly, J P R.
April 20, 1858

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Revival at Muddy Creek and Centreville, Pa.

REV. DR. MCKINNEY.—Amidst the divine blessings, which have been so copiously bestowed throughout our borders, it has pleased the Lord to visit us in mercy, in the churches of Muddy Creek and Centreville, where it is my privilege to labor as pastor.

On my return from the Synodical Convention in December, I endeavored to carry out the suggestions of that body, and in February held a series of meetings in Centreville, continuing six days and nights.

Owing to other appointments, these meetings were suspended, but as soon as I could return from assisting by brethren, they were resumed.

We then held a series of meetings in each congregation, followed by communion. The Spirit of God was present with us, to revive, comfort, and strengthen his people, and I trust, to make this acknowledgement, not so much to bring to the good dead, as the manner in which it was done. Early in the Fall, the garner was filled with oats, the crib with corn, the box with meat, the barrel with flour, &c. &c. And, in the season advanced, the vessels were returned to the church, and the grain to the barns and persons having their granaries made to order, will not be disappointed either in style or price.

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The Presbyterian Fort Wayne.

Held its Spring meeting at New Haven, and the summer at Centreville. The Rev. J. M. Lewis was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Josiah S. Brown, Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. Wm. Cathcart was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly, and John M. Lewis alternate.

Only two church-represented settlements with pastored churches were ordered to meet at the Octo-ber meeting.

A system of Supplies was adopted for the future direction of the Presbytery. This provides that vacant churches when applying for supplies, shall declare what provision they have made for their remuneration; that supplies shall be sent to the same if necessary to cover the Har-Rectorate.

On April 9th, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Wabash on the third Thursday of October, at 2 o'clock P.M.

JNO. M. LOWRIS, S. C.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

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Revival at Ligonier and Donegal.

DR. MCKINNEY—Dear Sir:—Since I last wrote you, we have had our Communion in Ligonier, and have received seventeen on examination, and two on certificate. This makes the number received in both congregations, at our late communion, thirty three, twenty seven of whom are on examination.

We have had no excitement, and instead of urging persons into the church, we have advised some who wished to connect, to defer it for the present. The attendance on the means of grace is much better than heretofore. The attention also, and solemnity in the house of God, are greatly better than formerly. Our prayer is, that the presence of the Spirit will be with us, and that God's people may never rest satisfied with any present attainment.

Respectfully, J. A. BROWN.

Ligonier, April 20, 1858.

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Pastoral Relation Dissolved.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church of Little Valley, held on 12th day of April, 1858, in view of the pastor's removal (Rev. Thomas P. Speer), the first Sabbath of February, when he entered upon his pastoral duties in this church, the Rev. J. S. Grimes, of Dayton, Ohio, who, we believe, was sent of God, as a chosen instrumentality, through whom he has been pleased to show forth the exceeding riches of his manifold grace, to this people.

Resolved, That we are decidedly convinced, during his stay of more than three years among us, he has discharged his pastoral duties with much acceptance, both in his Sabbath exhibitions of Divine truth, and the Wednesday evening lecture, at prayer-meeting.

Resolved, That we deem it due thus publicly to testify to his fervent zeal and untiring energy during the past winter, at a time when there were visible displays of God's presence in our series of meetings.

He has been apprehended, who were undoubtedly guilty of selling lottery tickets, but before the time of trial, the witnesses managed to get out of the way, or the recognizances were forfeited.

Resolved, That his soul intercession was

profitable and agreeable, and his bearing, publicity and agreeable, was kind, dignified, and eloquent, becoming the minister of Jesus Christ. We would therefore tender our warmest attachment to him, and our fervent prayers shall be for his present and eternal welfare, and that God would open his providence may direct, and that he may be long spared as a watchman of Zion, to sound the Gospel trumpet, that annuls every man.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the *Presbyterian and Evangelical Banner and Advocate*, for publication.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, Pres't.

Peter Townsend, Sec'y

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Donegal.

The Presbytery of Donegal at its late meeting, held in Peoria, commencing April 18, 1858, appointed the Rev. Joseph M. Rittenhouse, or the Rev. E. Erkin, and Hugh Ross, E. Q., or Mr. Samuel B. Heise, Commissioners to the General Assembly. Received the Rev. Dr. Grimes, First Sabbath in June, and a Committee for the Presbytery of Donegal, a candidate for the office of moderator.

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