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CONTENTS—These have been arranged upon us to such an extent, that we are again compelled to devote to them a part of our fourth page.

ALLIANCE, OHIO—We are pleased to learn the prosperity of our small but enterprising church in this place, and especially that the people have set about erecting a house of worship for themselves in good earnest.

Young Men's Christian Association. We have just received the Fourth Annual Report of this useful institution. The past year has been one of great activity among the members, especially the latter part.

Western Theological Seminary. We call attention to the Circular in the present number of our paper, issued by the Board of Trustees, to the churches in the Synods of Pittsburgh, Ohio, Wheeling, and Allegheny.

General Assembly. The distance of the place of meeting, and the difficulty of communication, either by mail or telegraph, oblige us to be content for the present week, with very brief Telegrams. The Assembly met in the First Presbyterian church of New Orleans, on Thursday, the 6th inst., and was opened with an able and excellent sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Van Rensselaer.

The members of the Assembly are in excellent health, and the proceedings thus far have been very harmonious. Next week we hope to be able to present a good part of the proceedings in full. We are pleased to be able to state that the health of the city is good.

Our neighbors of the United Presbyterian will publish a daily paper during the meeting of the Synods of the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches, giving a full account of the proceedings, at fifty cents per copy during the session. These proceedings will be read with great interest, since it is expected that the important question of union between the two bodies will be determined at this meeting.

The Associate Synod will meet in the Associate church on Seventh Street, next Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M. The Associate Reformed Synod will meet in the First Associate Reformed church, Allegheny City, on the same day, at 7 o'clock P. M.

New Professing Christians. Two weeks ago, we gave expression to some of the thoughts suggested by the remarkable religious "awakening" that has attracted so much attention throughout the whole country.

Revivals. Reports of the work of grace in the churches, still come in. ERIE, PA.—See letter of Rev. W. M. Blackburn.

BIRMINGHAM, OHIO.—See letter signed "D." in another column.

XENIA, O.—An interesting state of things has existed in the Presbyterian church, in this place, for some time. Thirty-three have been received on examination, and others are inquiring.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Our church in this place has received one hundred and fifteen on profession of faith, since the Convention in February, at Cincinnati.

ROCKPORT, OHIO.—Twelve were received on examination, at a recent communion.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.—The revival continues in this city. A large mass-meeting was held in Smith and Nixon's Hall, to hear the report of the delegates to the Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations, lately held in Charleston, S. C.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y.—On the last Sabbath in April, forty persons, varying from fifteen to ninety years of age, were received on profession of faith, by the First Presbyterian church.

CHARLESTONVILLE PRESBYTERY.—Two of the churches, one of them being without a pastor, have received ninety-three on examination within the last few weeks.

MORGANTOWN, VA.—Twenty-five have been received on examination.

LEXINGTON, KY.—The First church has received twenty, and the Second thirty, on examination. Union prayer-meetings are held in the Court House every morning, and are well attended.

INDIANAPOLIS PRESBYTERY.—In the church of Hopewell, some forty profess to have lately found the Saviour.

SOMERVILLE, TENN.—About sixty have been in attendance at the inquiry meeting.

Board of Foreign Missions. The report of the Treasurer of this Board must be highly gratifying to every member of our Church.

Presbyterians and the Bible Society. The New York Bible Society is an important auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

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