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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The following contributions to the Board of Colportage have been received, by John Culbertson, Librarian...

Death of Rev. Dr. Byrnes. Centre College, Kentucky, has again sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. Byrnes, Professor of Mathematics...

The General Assembly. This body adjourned on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The attendance was large, and a great amount of business was transacted.

Convention. The adjourned Convention of the Associate, Reformed, and Reformed Synods, met in Dr. Rodgers' church, Allegheny City, and continued in session, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th insts.

Second Presbyterian Church. This church was occupied for the last time previous to its demolition, on last Sabbath, when two discourses, morning and evening, were delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Howard, D.D.

Editorial Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, May 3, 1858.

After our dispatch from Cairo, we proceeded to Memphis, a sail of twenty-three hours, without any noticeable incident beyond the enjoyment of sweet social intercourse, and of the ordinances of worship.

The Presbytery of Central Mississippi, had closed its sessions on Saturday, and two of the brethren had remained to administer the Lord's Supper, on the Sabbath.

There was also, in the church, during the afternoon, a service for the Colored people. They were addressed by Rev. Mr. Cowan, of Mo., and manifested a deep interest in the service, and a capability of appreciating the Word.

For the evening service, it was arranged that brother Hay, of the Mission in Northern India, should deliver an address in the Methodist church.

The natural bank of the river at Providence, is about six feet below the present water-level of the river. The town plot is protected by the levee. Shortly below the town, however, there is a crevasse, through which the water rolls in a flood, inundating the back country.

Monday morning, at breakfast, found us off Vicksburg, and now we are approaching Natchez, whence this brief epistle is to be dispatched.

New Orleans, May 8th, 1858. After our sweet Sabbath's rest, at Providence, as before noted, we made a rapid and pleasant journey to this place.

The Assembly progresses very pleasantly with business. The number in attendance is about two hundred and sixty. A very large proportion of these are young men.

The weather is delightful, and the members of the Assembly are blessed with excellent health. Thus far, the session is lovely, and prospects are fair.

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Among the laymen who have taken an active part in the prosperity of this church, Messrs. James Morrison, Samuel Thompson, M. B. Lewis, and McCurdy, are held in special remembrance.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

Subjects connected with Domestic Missions elicit, ordinarily, more interesting discussion than any other class of the operations of our Church. They cannot but be a matter of much concern. Six hundred and ten ministers, fully one-fourth of our efficient corps, are missionaries. Nine hundred and ninety of our churches receive aid.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting (composed chiefly of about one hundred ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, on their way to the General Assembly, at New Orleans,) be tendered to Captain Wm. M. Kouss, Commander, for his kind attention and gentlemanly demeanor toward us during our passage...

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NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

A new Presbyterian church has been organized at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, with twenty-nine members. This church is within the bounds of the Winnebago Presbytery.

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