

THE PRESBYTERIAN PAMPHLET AND ADVOCATE.

Editorial Correspondence.

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday, May 13. This day is devoted from 10 A. M. to 12 P. M. to the subject of Publication. It will complete the first week of the Assembly's sessions...

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN BODIES.

Rev. J. M. Young, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and Rev. Talbot Chambers, D.D., of the Reformed Dutch Church, appeared as Delegates from those bodies...

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PITTSBURGH, MAY 29, 1858.

THE REV. J. M. YOUNG, in advanced or in Clubs \$1.50; or delivered at residence of Subscriber \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page.

RENEWALS should be promptly a little before the year expires, that we may have a knowledge of what new work we desire a renewal. If, however, in the haste of settling, this signal should be omitted, we will send you a copy of a ready supply.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—We give the Minutes so far as received at the time of going to press. We will give the Minutes of the eleventh day, the last, together with the Narrative, next week. It is to the 'True Minutes,' mostly, that we are indebted for reports of the proceedings.

EVANGELICAL DEPOSITORY.—The Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D.D., who has been the editor of this organ of the Associate (Seced.) Church for the last sixteen years, with much acceptance, has retired. The new editor is the Rev. T. H. Beveridge, whom we welcome to the editorial fraternity.

THE PRINTER.—A monthly number devoted to the interests of the 'Art Preservative of All Arts,' Vol. I, No. 1, published by Henry & Huntington, No. 1 Spruce Street, New York. This new publication is intended to give a correct history of Printing—the various improvements in the Art, and also much miscellaneous matter.

DANVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—The Rev. Dr. Stratton, of Natchez, Miss., has been elected, by the General Assembly, to the Professorship made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Robinson. Dr. Stratton is a gentleman in the prime of life, of highly respectable qualifications, and greatly beloved and respected by all who know him.

Union of Synods. The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, met in Dr. Presley's church, Allegheny City, on the evening of the 19th inst. The Associate Synod met in the church on Seventh Street, on the same evening. The Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D.D., of Philadelphia, was elected Moderator of the latter, and Rev. Donald McLaren, D.D., of Newburgh, N. Y., of the former.

Jones had done so, and that Secretary Graves was now doing so, and that the Associate Secretary had not for all their time, attended to the duties in the office. It was also stated that the salary of the office was \$1,500, and the traveling expenses about \$300; that is, the expense was about equal to the average appropriation to eleven missionaries. Taking all these things into consideration, it seemed proper to the Assembly, notwithstanding their very high estimate of the present incumbent of the office, to make to the Board the suggestion named.

In both these respects the Assembly has shown themselves worthy of the TRUST reposed in them by the churches. They ask and receive of the churches, contributions for a specific purpose, and they are determined that the money shall be so applied, honestly and effectively, and at the same time with due frugality.

The weather continues most delightful. The members enjoy good health, fine spirits, and an abounding hospitality. Friday, May 14, 1858.

The supply of our Church with a sound and attractive religious literature, is a matter of the first importance. The business of the Board is not conducted as some are wont to express themselves, in the most effective manner; but all agree that it is doing a great work, and doing it safely. Its productions are sound, and many of them are admirably adapted to the wants of the Church. The fiscal condition of the concern is highly favorable. The Publishing department is conducted on business principles, and it is made to sustain itself. The Colportage department is regarded as a scheme of benevolence, and collections are asked from the churches for its maintenance. It had been enlarged in the early part of the last year, and the revulsion in trade causing the donations to diminish, there occurred a necessity to overdraw on this fund, to the extent of \$8,500. This may be regarded as a loan from the Publishing department to that of Colportage.

The Confession of Faith has been published in German; and other efforts are being made in German literature. A proposition, introduced by Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, providing for a Commentary on the whole Bible, to be issued by the Board, in six royal octavo volumes, occupied much of the Assembly's time. This is a long cherished scheme with the brother. Some twenty years ago, he introduced it into the Assembly. It then failed to meet with approval, and now it comes forward again, as a candidate for favor. But it is looked upon almost hopelessly. The Doctor thinks that poets cannot be made to order. There are others who regard good commentators to be as difficult of procurement, as are poets. True, every preacher is a commentator; but there is not one preacher in a hundred, nor in five hundred, who can write a popular commentary, on a whole book of the Bible. Sound expositions, many could write; but to combine soundness with lucidity, attractiveness, and adaptation to the multitude of Christians, the learned and the rude, the aged and young, the family and the Sabbath School, is a task most difficult of execution. It requires learning, and polish, and experience, and feeling, and simplicity, and earnestness, and elevation, such as are rarely found combined. The thought of exelling Luther, and Calvin, and Poole, and Alexander, and Scott, and Hodge, and Alexander, and Jacobus, and a host of others who have tried their well practiced hands at the work, is not one which many of our ministers are likely to cherish.

The plan suggested is, for the Synod to appoint five of their most competent men, and the Board to appoint five; these to meet at the next General Assembly, and divide the work amongst them. But, will the Synods do so? and will the persons nominated undertake the work? and will they devote to the orthodoxy of the manuscripts, and whether they are worthy? and who will incur the expense of printed copies, to be sent through the churches, for examination? The subject is worthy of discussion, in these and many other aspects. If the papers, the Presbyteries and Synods, shall duly discuss it for the ensuing twelve months, the next Assembly may be prepared for more enlightened action.

Saturday, May 15, 1858. Eight days of the sittings of the Assembly are now accomplished. A large amount of work has been done. Much more is still proposed, but being not of the same importance, it may be more rapidly dispatched; and there is a prospect that by Tuesday the 18th, the Commissioners may be ready to set their faces homeward.

CHURCH EXTENSION. This subject has, as yet, failed to receive the attention it deserves. It is the youngest of our Church enterprises, and has not the distinction which is usually bestowed upon "the babe" in the family. In interests are assigned to a little corner, one page at the end of the Home and Foreign Record. It is put last in the order of presentation in the Assembly. It has assigned to it the remnants, after the other Boards are supplied. It is denied even a participation in the family name—being allowed only the dignity of a "Committee." But, let not the "little one" be discouraged. It is growing. An additional Director was allowed it this year. One even of its great opponents consented to examine into its affairs and to present its case to the Assembly—with apologies for his position, and "but's" and "ifs," it is true, but still he undertook its missionary nature. And he did not struggle; it was not yet proved utterly a dry nurse; he uttered words of comfort, administered some pabulum, and commended it to more sympathy. We trust that the day is not distant, when others who were opponents will become friends, and when friends by words will be friends in deed. Extension belongs to the living nature of the Church, as really

of any that has yet been brought before the Assembly, but the motion to place it in the hands of the Church, was not carried. The motion was not carried, and it is not found there. The motion was not carried, and it is not found there. The motion was not carried, and it is not found there.

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