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GENERAL FEMALE COLLEGE.—This excellent institution, under the Presidency of Rev. J. G. Monfort, D.D., sends out its Fourth Annual Catalogue.

Monday, the Fifth of July. This day was observed by the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, as Independence Day.

Religion in Philadelphia. On his late visit to this metropolis, to attend the Annual meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions, the editor stepped into the large room of the Board of Publication.

The "Fourth" in Pittsburgh. On Sabbath, July 4th, the weather was delightful. The military did not decorate the day by parades.

Sabbath School Celebration at Benlah. It was our privilege, on the 2d inst., to attend a delightful Sabbath School Pic-Nic at the Benlah church.

The time for the repeat more in accordance with the desires and tastes, no doubt, of some of the very little ones, had now arrived.

After these first objects of interest had been duly served, the tables were again spread, and the other members of the assemblage fared sumptuously.

We are persuaded, pastor, elders, parents, teachers, and children, will all love the Sabbath School more for this day's exercises, and that the schools will long experience its beneficial results.

Board of Domestic Missions. This Board, which is the right arm of the Church's home power, both in sustaining her feeble parts, and in accomplishing her triumphs, and extending her borders, and which should share most deeply in her heart's love, held an animated meeting on the 28th of June.

DEATH OF DR. JANEWAY. Early in the meeting, the death of the Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., long the honored President of the Board, was announced.

THE ORGANIZATION. Rev. John McDowell, D. D., was elected President of the Board, Rev. Henry Steele Clarke, D. D., Vice President, and Matthew Newkirk, Esq., Recording Secretary.

THE MAIN INTEREST. The business of main interest was the consideration of the question referred by the Assembly, relative to dispensing with the office of Associate Secretary.

THE DISCUSSION. The main question was, immediately on the election of the Presidents and the Recording Secretary, introduced in a paper which set forth the action of the Assembly.

Dr. McKINNEY desired to look at this subject impersonally. He had so treated it in the Assembly, and wished still so to consider it. The interests of the body are to be regarded.

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proves that his services are not required, would be an outrage. Secretary Jones, in his day, said, repeatedly, that an Assistant Secretary was not wanted.

The speaker dwelt largely upon the idea that the Board are Trustees of the Church's charities, as well as her servants to do her work. He also spoke of the collections as being made, extensively, by poor pastors.

Then, to waste, or needlessly to expend, is an abuse of trust. It is an act of sacrilege. It is offensive to God. It will not be knowingly tolerated by men.

So far as the work in the office is concerned, it has not only been done by one Secretary, but well done. The Assembly has approved from year to year.

It is thus manifest that the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Executive Committee, do not desire the continuance of the office.

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mittee. On being informed, he stated that he supposed the matter had some connection with Baltimore, and wondered that Mr. —, who was sustained by the Board, should have brought the subject forward.

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At a late hour the following minute was adopted; it being the preamble in the paper first presented, and a resolution offered by Dr. Krebs, viz:

Resolved, That the last General Assembly took action on the subject of the office of Associate Secretary in the Board of Domestic Missions, and sent to us the following suggestion, viz:

Resolved, (8.) That in view of the many demands upon the treasury, and also the happy working and bright prospects of the scheme of Systematic Benevolence the Assembly suggest to the Board the propriety of considering the question, whether the services of an Associate Secretary might not be dispensed with, and the amount of the salary of the office saved; whilst the Assembly cherish full confidence and regard for the brother now holding this appointment.

Resolved, That it is not expedient in their judgment to abolish the office of Associate Secretary.

On the above, the eyes and noses being called, were as follows, viz: John M. Harper, Rev. A. D. Campbell, D. D., Honell Stevens, Rev. C. H. Clarke, D. D., Matthew Newkirk, Rev. Cyrus Dickson, C. Macalister, Rev. D. Stewart, P. D., H. D. Gregory, Rev. L. H. Christian, James Field, Rev. J. M. Crowell, J. H. Field.

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We expect, at an early date, to be able to direct the attention of our readers to the merits of these translations from the German. At present, however, we desire to notice a remarkable work, from the pen of a Scotch Divine, referring to our ordinary column for notices of two other volumes, of great value and rare interest, which this firm has just given to the public.

The work which we are anxious to commend to our clerical brethren is, "Fairbairn's Hermeneutical Manual,"* and we greatly err if it is not destined very speedily to take a high place in the theological literary world. Dr. Fairbairn early distinguished himself by his celebrated work on the Typology of Scripture, which is generally known in our country. Subsequently, his "Exposition of Ezekiel," raised his name to an elevated position as a learned Biblical critic.

In this vote, seven ministers, two of them being members of the Executive Committee, and seven elders, four of whom belong to that Committee, record their names against the continuance of the office; while against the office, two ministers, one of whom is on the Executive Committee, vote for its continuance.

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