

Banner and Advocate.

PITTSBURGH, JULY 24, 1888.

TERMS.—\$1.50, in advance, or in CASH... For one or two papers, send Gold or Silver...

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We have received \$7.50, from a friend, to supply omissions on the "Shady Side," with our journal.

ORGANS.—Baptist Noel (the New York Chronicle learns from London), who has been trained to the use of the organ in worship, and who was for years accustomed to it while in the English Establishment, now refuses to introduce one into his church, and his people have nothing but simple congregational singing.

Lotteries.—The pernicious business of Lottery dealing is extensively carried on in our country; and Pittsburgh, with all its virtues of honesty and industry, has been deeply afflicted with this vice.

The Commencement exercises of Lafayette College, we are authorized to say, will take place next week.

Jefferson College.—The Annual Commencement of this Institution, will take place on the Fourth of August next.

Installation in the Third Church.—Rev. Henry Kendall was installed pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church (New School) in this city, on the evening of the 18th inst.

Mr. Kendall is from Ontario Presbytery, New York, and is a devoted, orthodox, and excellent preacher.

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An Assembly's Commentary.

The friends of Dr. Breckinridge have been away, for many years, that one of his fondly cherished schemes is the publication of a Commentary by our Board, or rather by the General Assembly, in which the whole Word of God should pass under review, and that thus our people might be provided, not only with our Catechisms and Confessions, but also with an exposition of Scripture which would exhibit an entire accordance in doctrine with the Westminster Standards.

Matthew Henry and the Westminster Annotations, lived nearly two centuries ago. Since their day, many questions which bear on Revelation have arisen into importance, and occupy a prominent place in the literature of the age.

Passing from Henry, Gill, Lightfoot, and the other Commentators, to Scott, Clark, and others of more modern times, objections may be urged against them all. They are all defective, in so far as the great topics are concerned which have been discussed in Germany for a time, which have then passed over into Britain, and which are rising up into importance among the thinking classes in our own land.

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The Western Seamen's Friend Society, is a Pittsburgh benevolent Association, which cares for the spiritual benefit of the commercial laborers, and their families.

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A Mistake Corrected.

It is not often that we notice the errors of our contemporaries—we never do so, unless when urged by a strong sense of duty.

How our contemporary could make such a representation of the large majority in the Assembly, of the active, laboring members of the Board, of our poor selves, and of the thousands of devoted pastors, elders, and Christian people who feel, think and speak with us, is exceedingly strange.

Then again, it is impossible to proceed any great way in an Exposition, either of the Old Testament or of the New, without coming into contact with the Millenarian theory. On what side of this controversy are our writers to be arrayed?

The proposition is, for each Synod to appoint five Commentators, one hundred and sixty in all. What a host! What a pile!

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The Princeton Review.—The July number of this Review will be read with much interest throughout; but the principal attraction will be the elaborate paper on the Rebellion in India.

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Religion in Common Life.

The age of great sermon writers is not yet past; and here we have as remarkable a volume of discourses as we have seen for many years.

Chalmers, Stanley, Melville, Butler, and Guthrie, are great names on the roll of British preachers, and here we have a volume that constrains us to add the name of Caird to this brilliant catalogue.

Chalmers grasped an idea, and he turned it round and examined it on every side, and he never stayed his hand until, by analysis and demonstration, and by the resistless torrent of impassioned language, he had fixed the idea forever on his reader's or his hearer's mind.

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