

Banner and Advocate.

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TO MAKE CHANGES, send postage stamps, or better still, send for papers, say \$3 or \$5, and we will send you the same.

CHURCH EXTENSION IN ALLEGHENY.—The Methodist Episcopal churches in this city contemplate the organizing of a Church Extension Association.

REV. S. HAMNER DAVIS.—This worthy young brother, as we learn from the Central Presbyterian, died on Monday, the 19th inst.

Charitable Requests.—It is right, in disposing of the property which God has blessed us, to give a portion to his cause.

Jefferson College.

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

On Tuesday, August 3, the Alumni Association will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Alfred Nevin, of Philadelphia; and an Historical Notice of the Class of 1823, will be read by Rev. Loyal Young.

In the evening of the same day, Rev. Dr. Hope, of Richmond, Va., will deliver the Address before the Literary Societies of the College.

Home and Foreign Record for August.

The following table shows the progress in the number of churches contributing to this Board, since the adoption of the Systematic Benevolence scheme:

Table with 3 columns: Year, No. of Churches, and Total No. of Churches. Data for 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858.

Being an increase of four hundred and ninety-five contributing churches in four years. The increase in the whole number of churches in that time is three hundred and forty-eight.

EDUCATION.

A very earnest appeal is put forth for aid to Colleges and Academies in the great West. It should be granted, liberally.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

INDIA.—The latest news is to May 10th. Mr. Owen was preaching at Allahabad, with favorable prospects.

Our letter from Agra mentions that the country in that region is still unsettled, and a feeling of insecurity still exists among many of the Europeans.

In relation to the work at Lahor, Mr. Foreman remarks: "Our work here, I think, has never been more encouraging than it is at present."

PUBLICATION.

Many calls are made for libraries for Sabbath Schools in destitute and needy places, beyond the means of the Board to supply.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The action of the General Assembly on this subject is given in the Record, highly favorable.

Associate Secretaryship—Response to Dr. Krebs.

On our first page we give the argument of Dr. Krebs, of New York, on the Associate Secretaryship in the Board of Domestic Missions.

The effort of Dr. Krebs, in his introduction and in his remarks appended, to make the matter appear personal, as though it were a warfare waged against the occupant of the office, is unhappy.

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present, who do not usually attend the business meetings. (See col. 2d on 1st page.) In nearly all of what he says on this subject, we agree with him heartily.

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Krebs may have seen more than we imagined. He had the benefit of "whispers," and of a "shrewd surmise." These may have been invented and put forth to cover, or to justify, a very different plot from that alleged.

"Surely it (the work) has not diminished since then. Are we now to retrograde our steps, to deny all our history and our progress, and to proclaim to all the world that, after all the long agony of the youthful struggle for existence, and all its achievements in strengthening the Church, and all the glory and triumph of its free expansion, the great Board of Domestic Missions of the great Presbyterian Church has resolved its limit, and now proposes itself to retreat, and to divert its dimension, and its enterprise, and doggedly subside into mere 'one horse concern'?"

How grand! What logic! Only apply it. Here are these thirty-two United States, a great territory to be sure, and many people, and a noble people, but they have only one President—but one head.

And all the Russias, too, with their seventy millions of people and near a million of an army—but only one Czar. And Great Britain, also, with an empire on which the sun never sets—but still—only one King. Yes, and even the Rutgers Street Church, New York, has but one pastor—one horse concern, the whole of them!

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ments must not go before the Presbyterian readers. The Presbyterian has done us a wrong. We hence call upon it, as a matter of justice, to republish our article entire. It is not long.

Our contemporary thus smoothes over the disobedience in the case before us: "The alteration would throw into the Church two classes of books, not identical, and should the new hymn be given out, the worshippers having different books would be thrown into confusion."

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Ecclesiastical.

Rev. JAMES WILLIAMSON'S Post Office address is changed from Belleville, Pa., to Reedsville, Pa.

Rev. A. SMALL was installed pastor of the church of Tuskegee, Alabama, on the 9th ult.

Rev. H. N. PHARR was installed pastor of the church of Lafayette, Alabama, on the 20th ult. His Post Office address is Chambers O. H., Alabama.

Rev. R. R. MOORE'S Post Office address is changed from Utica, Ohio, to Shelby, Richmond Co., Ohio.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

It is not generally known that the Trade of Boston with New Orleans is very large, and greatly exceeds that of any other city in the United States.

But business here is exceedingly dull at present. And were it not for the political excitement that bursts forth every few days, it would be difficult to find topics of conversation on 'Change.

The School Book Controversy is one that has occupied much attention among those entrusted with the care of the public schools, and the result is that nearly all the books formerly used have been ruled out.

Now, what does this mean? We did give an instance. We referred to the following set of the Assembly: WARRAS, Hymns 335 and 464 of our collection are one and the same.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized and directed to replace hymn 336 with some other hymn not now found in the book, of the same typographical dimensions, and of equal sentiment and decided poetic merit—Minutes, p. 287.

If this is not an injunction, we are at a loss to understand our mother tongue. But perhaps the "direction" was not a "mandate." Is this the evasion? And is it not a retreating, to defer for a year, and to institute an effort through its journal to induce another Assembly to annul the direction?

The Church has a right to know what is done, and her journals should inform her. She looks to them. But, respecting some important things, she is kept in great ignorance.

Here, in regard to the late important transaction in the Domestic Board, the Presbyterian, the reporter relied upon, does not give the yes and noes on the Association.

It does not tell its readers that the working men in the Board, the men who know its needs and the utility of its offices, said an Associate Secretary was not needed; that Secretary Jones had said so, as a matter of judgment and experience; and that Secretary Musgrave said so; and that the Executive Committee said so.

It suppresses truth important to be known in order to a right decision. The churches should not be so treated.

Liberia and President Benson.

We, last week, said a few words respecting the efforts of the French to obtain emigrants from the native tribes in Liberia, of the shipment of a number on the Regina Cecil, and of our fear that President Benson was involved in, at least, a great indelicacy.

We are happy to be able, so soon, to state that our mind is much relieved. We have a letter from Rev. D. A. Wilson, Principal of the Alexander High School in Liberia, giving much important information on the subject, and especially as to the laws of Liberia.

Mr. Wilson is a relation of Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Sewickley, and is now on a visit here. He sends us also a letter from H. R. W. Johnson, dated Monrovia, May 19th, giving important details.

These letters came too late for this week's issue. They will appear in our next. We have been deeply interested in Liberia from the origin of that Colony. We trust that our readers will suspend judgment till they can obtain facts.

If the French are so mean as to use the superior power to force emigration, contrary to the Liberian laws, the case is a very hard one.

churches in the country. But so close was the vote, at that time, in the Old South church, that it was saved to the Orthodox cause only by the casting vote of the presiding officer, Lieut. Gov. Phillips, father of Wendell Phillips. And it is proper to state that the son still professes to be an Orthodox Congregationalist, as was his father.

The Collins Steamers, notwithstanding the elegance of their finish, the greatness of their capacity, the rapidity of their voyages, and the national pride with which they were regarded have been peculiarly unfortunate. Disaster after disaster has come upon the Company.

At one time it is reported that they have been purchased by parties in France; and at another that they are to be placed in the California trade. But Mr. Collins has at length appeared in a statement denying that they have been sold, conditionally or otherwise.

The failure of the late attempts to lay the Atlantic Telegraph, has occasioned much disappointment in the public mind, although scientific men have lately contended that it was impossible to accomplish the undertaking in the way proposed.

Another attempt is to be made, but the most sanguine begin to doubt of success in the present state of electrical science, and with any machinery now in use; although the daily papers are deluged with schemes for accomplishing the work, each projector being confident of success if his plan could be adopted.

A crusade has been commenced against the Ticket Speculators and runners who have so long infested the railroad stations and the steamboat landings, and by whom so many have been victimized.

The Commencement at Harvard was held on the 21st inst., and excited the usual interest. The graduating class numbered ninety, and the Junior Class of next year is the largest ever in connexion with this College.

The examination of applicants for admission to the Freshman Class is very strict, and the determination to receive only those properly qualified, is carried out most rigidly.

Of the applicants for admission this year, eighteen were rejected, and one hundred and five admitted, but only twenty-five of these unconditionally; the others have one or more branches of study to pursue during the vacation, and to undergo an examination thereon at the beginning of the next term.

It is high time for the standard of admission to the College Classes in all our collegiate institutions, to be raised; and it is sad that an unworthy competition in the way of inducement to secure students, keeps this standard so low in many places of which better things might be expected.

At the business meeting of the Alumni, the erection of a granite building for their anniversary, for commencements, inaugurations, and other collegiate exercises, at an expense of \$60,000, was favorably considered.

Mr. Charles Saunders has already led off with a donation of \$5,000, one-twelfth of the whole sum required. This is the way the sons of Harvard manifest their affection for their Alma Mater.

While the paper was well printed and edited, still its success was always doubtful, from the fact that so many religious papers were already in existence to do the work it undertook, and which, in their aggregate capacity, they had an opportunity for doing much better.

It had been expected that, owing to the revival, fewer Churches than usual would be closed this year during the Summer weeks, but this hope has not been realized.

The Times says: "Nearly all the leading Episcopal churches, save Trinity, will be shut in August for cleansing. The Rev. Dr. Phillips and the Rev. Dr. Alexander's churches on Fifth Avenue will be closed, and the congregations will meet in the Rev. Dr. Potts' church. But all the pastors of Washington Square will be closed. The Rev. Dr. Porter and the Rev. Mr. Wells in Brooklyn. The latter gentleman, by the liberality of his parish, will take a run to Europe. The Rev. Mr. Stryker's church on Broome, the Rev. Mr. Wood's, the Rev. Mr. Smith's, on Sixth Avenue, have but one service a day in August, and for about five weeks all the regular worshippers in our city churches will be away. Strange faces will be seen in the pews, strange voices heard from the pulpit, and strangers will sing the praises of God in the choir."

Much has been done in this city for the spiritual improvement of Seaman by philanthropic Christians. A Society for their benefit was organized in 1818, and a house erected for a Bethel, the first of this purpose in the world, was dedicated Jan 4th, 1820. The sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Matthews. The old church was closed, and the new one on Madison Street opened on the 9th of April, 1854. The Society is supported by the leading merchants from the various Evangelical denominations. The Rev. Charles J. Jones, of the Old South Presbyterian Church, who was at one time a sailor, is the beloved, able, and faithful pastor, and within the last twenty months three hundred and eight persons have united with the church! In addition to regular services, on the Sabbath and during the week, a Reading Room and Library under the church, are gratuitously furnished to seamen, and no pains are spared to add to their comfort, and