

Banner and Advocate.

PITTSBURGH, AUGUST 31, 1888.

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THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARSHIP FARTHER DISMISSED.—The Presbyterian and its Correspondence.

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The Queen of England and the President of the United States.

The Atlantic Cable is now in working order. Messages pass and re-pass from Valencía Bay, Ireland, to Trinity Bay, Newfoundland...

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

WASHINGTON CITY, August 16th, 1888. The President cordially reciprocates the congratulations of Her Majesty, the Queen, on the success of the great international enterprise...

Highland, Kansas.

The Presbyterians of this place are engaged in the founding of a University. Their aim is good, and their plans seem to be judicious.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1887, to revise the Book of Discipline, has been holding a meeting in Philadelphia.

REV. JAMES K. BURCH DIED.

Rev. James K. Burch died at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., in Chicago, on the 28th ult. He was in the 74th year of his age.

PROFESSOR PATTERSON.

PROFESSOR PATTERSON, formerly of Jefferson College, Pa., and now of Oakland College, Miss., has recently been elected to the Chair of Mathematics, in Danville College, Ky.

It is greatly to be regretted that principles and lines of policy, cannot be discussed without personalities. Where the latter are introduced, there is always a disturbing element.

A writer, cowardly because concealed, assaults us in the Presbyterian of July 31st, under the false name of "Western Pennsylvania."

To the assault we responded, as was our right, in the columns of the journal in which it was made. The name of our assailant was unjustly withheld.

We must be permitted, in all fraternal kindness, to say, that considering the sensitiveness of Dr. McKimney to any remarks reflecting on his own public conduct, it is to be regretted that he has not been more chary of the feelings of others.

Our contemporary should have thought of "severe personalities," before it published those of its correspondent. It is the cause of what we have said.

In the article to which we allude, it will be seen by the reader that we are charged with doing injustice to a "worthy and efficient Assistant Secretary."

A defense in such a case, and especially the defense of our cause, must necessarily bring into view the acts and efficiency of the incumbent, in and with relation to the office under consideration.

RESPONSE TO "WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA" ON THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARSHIP.

MESSES. EDITORS.—In the Presbyterian of July 31st, I find an article imputing to me very unworthy motives, and an injurious course, in the General Assembly and in the Board of Domestic Missions.

I have not a particle of interest in the subject, beyond that of any other minister. No salary; no office, either possessed or sought for, by either self or friend; no obligation to repay; no favor to ask; no disappointment to grieve over.

Now, what has the undersigned done? I. He was made by his Presbytery a member of the late General Assembly, to take part in any business which might come before it, and to originate business where he might be persuaded that the interests of the Church needed it.

They fell! If a member who but exercises his rights, without an offensive word, may be thus persecuted, what will follow?

2. This same member of the Assembly is also a member of the Board of Domestic Missions. He attends the Annual Meeting. He takes part in discussing the important question.

3. This same person happens to publish a religious journal, to which thousands of Presbyterians look for information. They expect to be fairly and with due fullness, informed on Church matters.

Why should all this difficulty have arisen, from a bare suggestion of the Assembly to one of its own Boards, of an inquiry into the necessity of continuing an office?

For our part, we regard our Boards as all essential. And we think that all are substantially well conducted. And just as they are, we would not have them changed.

Well, the vote comes—fourteen to fourteen—tie. The President, Dr. John McDowell, has to decide the question. How will he vote?

There are several things in our assailant's article which we did not note above, for fear of being tedious. To one of them we shall now allude briefly.

The injurious effects of agitation are patently lamented. Why then did not the Associate Secretary think of this in time, and permit the Board in the ordinary way, to act on the Assembly's proposition?

And why did not the assumed "Western Pennsylvania," think of this, when he penned his article, endeavoring to make both us and our cause appear odious?

Allegheny Theological Seminary.

To answer numerous inquiries, we would state that the next session of the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, will commence on Monday, the 13th of September.

But Dr. Jones' health also fails, and he wishes to retire. Who shall fill his place? Shall it be the tried and experienced Assistant? No, it was not assistance, not Clerkship, not letter writing, but mind, mind, mind, with true industry, that is wanted.

Three years roll round, and that naughty Assembly again interferes. It has established a Systematic Benevolence Scheme, which is now found to work so happily that all traveling agencies can be dispensed with.

Extemporaneously, are weekly exercises, in which all engage from the beginning—no manuscript being allowed in the desk; while written Sermons and Lectures are required by the Professors for special criticism.

Give and Strive.

We trust that the friends of Domestic Missions will not withhold nor diminish their contributions, while an effort at reform in expenditures is being made.

What, in the face of all this testimony, is the value of a man's own utterances in his own favor? Great fear is expressed for "all the Boards of the Church," lest they be injured by these inquiries.

In the City.

PHILADELPHIA, August 16, 1888.

DEAR BANNER.—My last was from the mountains, and spoke of cool and refreshing breezes, restoring life and activity to the weary.

Well do we know how justly the people of this great city are entitled to the estimation in which they are held abroad for intelligence, good taste, elegance in dress and equipage, for the possession of every convenience of domestic life, and for the splendor of many of their private residences.

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Interesting Results in Wilmington, N. C.

The Presbyterian church in Wilmington, North Carolina, of which the Rev. M. B. Grier is pastor, for some time past has been greatly blessed of God. Sixty-two persons have been received on profession of their faith.

long, earnest, and, as might be expected from the character of the Committee, able; while the results were mainly, if indeed not altogether, unanimous.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The great recent event in this region, was the Anniversary and Semi-Centennial at Andover. The Seminary at Andover is the oldest institution of the kind in the United States.

But it may not be out of place to notice, that one of the emendations proposed, is a clear definition of that question which has awakened a discussion in every meeting of a Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.

A great and cheering degree of religious interest still continues, notwithstanding the temporary absence of some of the pastors, and many of the people.

In more than a dozen of the Engine and Hose houses, prayer meetings, attended by large and interested crowds, are still held. While, in the large tent now standing at the corner of Broad and Poplar Sts., the Gospel is generally preached every day.

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