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COMMENCEMENT AT WASHINGTON, PA.—See Notices.

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—The Brethren of the Presbyterian churches of Allegheny, authorize us cordially to invite the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Allegheny, to meet twenty-four hours earlier than the time fixed for adjournment...

Seminary of the North West.—By the Constitution of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary for the North West, the Board of Directors is required to meet prior to the annual meeting of the several Synods...

An Important Notice.—Two numbers after the present, will terminate the sixth year of the Presbyterian Banner. Many subscriptions will then terminate.

Western Theological Seminary.—The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, will meet in the Lecture-Room of the First Church, Pittsburgh, on Thursday the 23d day of September next...

Our Correspondents.—The article on our first page, over the signature, "W. D.," is from a country pastor. It is plain, common sense statement, and contains some very important thoughts.

Western University.—The Rev. W. D. Moore has been elected to the Presidency of this Institution, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. McLaren. Mr. Moore is one of its graduates, and also of the Western Theological Seminary.

Teachers' Institute.—The Teachers' Institute of Allegheny County, held a meeting last week, which continued for five days. Questions of great importance to public education were ably discussed, and resolutions passed.

Office Seeking.—The efforts made by men to obtain office, and to hold on to office, are frequently very degrading to their manhood. But, also, in the political world, the fact of a man waiting all the office seeks him, although it is once the rule, is now but the exception, and of very rare occurrence.

THE SCHEMATIC SCHEME.—The scheme of Systematic Benevolence which has had so auspicious a commencement in our Church, is likely to meet with a severe trial, during the current year. We trust that the faith which shows itself by works, will be equal to the occasion.

These accounts of the happy working of the scheme, induced the Assembly to suggest to the Board of Domestic Missions, that they might save the salary and expenses of their traveling Secretary, and be enabled to grant the average additional aid to eleven feeble missionary charges.

While the naturalness of this thought is admitted, we cannot admit that it is wise; nor that the hasty carrying of it out would be right. There are other remedies for the evil; and the duty of giving is a steady one.

There was not, however, the entire unanimity which we had supposed. There are also doctrinal differences of much importance. We give, in another column, by request of the writers, an address to the churches; and also, on our first page, by request from the same source, we reprint from the New York Observer, some of the reasons of these brethren's protest.

On Deferring Church Discipline.—Of the parties and the merits of the case alluded to below, we have not the slightest knowledge. We answer the questions impersonally, and on general principles.

REV. JAMES YOUNG, of French Creek, Va., has received a unanimous call from the church of New Salem, Anguize County, Ohio.

REV. J. W. POTTER'S Post Office address is changed from Maquoketa, Jackson County, Iowa, to Millville, Butler County, Ohio.

REV. J. C. MITCHELL, of Greensboro, Ala., has received a call from the church of Salem, Va.

REV. J. E. MARQUIS Post Office address is changed from Shelby, Richland County, Ohio, to Bloomington, Illinois.

REV. DR. MCKINNEY.—Dear Sir—The undersigned received from an "Un- known Friend" in Philadelphia, a ten dollar Library for the Mission Sabbath School at Hatfield. Permit me through your columns to thank that Friend in the name of the Teachers and Scholars for his or her very welcome donation.

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has made judges in his house, and will not shrink from investigation. And the true Christian ever wishes, not only that the Church may be, but shall be seen to be, holy, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.

DR. MCKINNEY.—Dear Sir—The controversy between you and the Presbyterian, with its correspondents, respecting the Associate Secretary of the Board of Missions, has assumed an aspect of character deeply to be regretted.

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EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND. Boston has not escaped the effects of Over Trading and the consequent revulsion, on its population. According to the estimates of last year, the city then contained one hundred and sixty five thousand, eight hundred and ten souls.

Considerable feeling has been excited by the examination of Mr. Hillard's First Class Reader now in use in the public schools, by which it has been ascertained that six American Unitarian Clergymen, namely, Buckminster, Follen, Channing, Dewey, Greenwood, and Newell, are represented in eight pieces, covering some twenty pages, while only one piece of any other American clergyman, of another denomination, is given.

The celebration of the Atlantic Telegraph was accompanied with many interesting incidents. Among other things, the illumination of the old Hancock Mansion, on Beacon Street, attracted special attention. The present occupant, a venerable nephew of the Revolutionary patriot, caused its lightning rods, planted by Franklin himself, to afford expressions of joy at the accomplishment of the great undertaking.

The publication of a New Translation of the Bible, by the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, is announced by Messrs. J. P. Jewett & Co. Mr. Sawyer is said to be a Presbyterian clergyman, but we are not informed as to what particular branch of that Church he may belong.

A New Work by Dr. Edward Beecher, author of the "Conflict of Ages," whose precise object and exact meaning the critics found it so difficult to discover, is announced. The Prayer Meeting every morning, at the Old South church, continues to be attended by great multitudes, and with increasing interest.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will hold its annual meeting at Detroit, on the 7th day of September. The donations to its funds, from August 1, 1857, to July 31, 1858, were \$304,076.05.

The injury to the City Hall has been found to be greater than was generally supposed. And it is now estimated that \$50,000 will not be sufficient to repair the damages.

Judicial Proceedings move with slow step in this as well as in many other places. To get into Court is not difficult; but to get out again is by no means easy. For there are now no less than seven thousand causes on the lists of the Civil Courts, some of which have been in this condition for the last three years.

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will operate most ruinously upon many of the proprietors of different Summer resorts. The season has been short, the attendance has not been large, and the income has been correspondingly small.

There is a universal expression of regret at the retirement of Cyrus W. Field, Esq., from active participation in the business of the Atlantic Telegraph, on account of ill health. And many of the friends of the enterprise insist upon his retaining a conspicuous place in the management, even if his health should not allow the same personal attention as in time past.

The name of Jesus resounds in the praises of heaven. Not a single soul there in question the propriety of offering praises through him and to him. And small is the danger of error, with the redeemed on earth, in endeavoring to assimilate to those in heaven. The name of Jesus figures conspicuously in every part of our religious and devotional service; why should it not, also, in our prayers?

Notwithstanding the fact that this is the very height of the business season, a pleasing degree of Religious Interest still continues, and is evidently on the increase. The various daily prayer-meetings are well attended, and many requests for prayers in behalf of particular individuals, are presented.

The great Ecclesiastical Event of last week, was the consecration of the Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, in Christ Church, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The centre pews were reserved for the clergy, of whom nearly two hundred were present. These were not only from Pennsylvania, but also from New York, Delaware, New Jersey, and other States.

PHILADELPHIA. The health of the city continues good, and the alarm occasioned by the death of one or two persons from yellow fever, caught from infected vessels, has completely subsided.

The Passenger Railways will soon cover the city like a net-work. Indeed, so many companies have been organized, and the rails are being put down on so many streets, that the competition will soon be very great, and it is not at all unlikely that the public will be benefited more than the stockholders will be remunerated.

Letter from Boston, Aug. 28, 1858. REV. DR. MCKINNEY.—Dear Sir—Having been a reader of the Banner from its birth, and having been much pleased and instructed in the course of its columns, I may be allowed now to say, I think your course deserving of great praise as it respects the discussed Secretaryship.

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