For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

A Word to Presbyteries.

Presbyteries are the fountains of power in the Church, and their action in regard to any question of ecclesiastical policy which may arise, is the proper exponent of the mind of the Church. Now, as the policy of our Boards, in the employment of Secretaries and Agents in the collection and disbursement of money for the great purposes of their creation, has become the subject of public attention and discussion in at least two of our leading religious journals, would it not be best for the Presbyteries, at their approaching Fall meetings, to give some suitable expression of their views on this matter, and especially in regard to the Associate Secretaryship in the Board of Domestic Missions, to which the General Assembly called the attention of the Board, last Spring? Let their expression, whatever it may be, in regard to the particular question, be calm, courteous, dignified, and firm, as becometh men professing godliness, and having the true honor and usefulness of our Boards, and, in general, the best interests of the Church, deeply at heart. And, moreover, let the old, but wise and significant maxim have its just influence, in view of all encroachments of power, "*Obsta principiis.*"

It might be well, also, to remember that it is not open, fair, and manly discussion, in a Christian spirit, of the concerns of our Boards, that is so likely to cripple the Church in her operations, by drying up the resources of Christian benevolence, as the creation of needless and expensive offices in our Boards, and the bestowing of large salaries on mere place-men. Should the Presbyteries speak their mind on this subject, it might be a guide to further action in our Boards, and a salutary lesson to the Church's servants in all coming time.

A FRIEND OF THE BOARDS.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Meetings of Presbytery and Synod.

DEAR BROTHER:—Twenty-four years ago, the following letter was published in the *Christian Advocate.* Many of the brethren thought it did good. The meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod, that Fall, was one of the most precious it ever enjoyed. I send the letter to be published again, if you think best. Yours, truly, J.

"*Dear Brother:*—A few days since, I received a letter from a beloved brother, reproving me, and himself too, for our unprofitable behavior at the meetings of Presbytery, Synod, &c. This reproof I feel to be just, and desire to be benefited by it. Thinking it may not be useless, I have concluded to send out a general reproof on this subject, to all whom it may concern.

"The meetings of these Judicatories are intended to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church. Whatever will advance this object, fairly claims their attention. And what so well calculated to promote the interests of the Church at large, as a revival of piety among her ministers and elders? Does it not properly belong to Presbyteries and Synods, to do what they can to secure this revival? Generally, our meetings are seasons of mere business, and often a very dry, unpleasant business. They tend rather to chill, than to warm the affections. And frequently this is their actual influence. Very seldom do our ministers seem to be any more lively, or devoted, or zealous, after these meetings, than before. One great reason of this is, that while we are together we pay but little attention to religious improvement. We have but few meetings that are strictly religious; in some Presbyteries, none at all. In others, as well as in Synod, only part of a day is devoted to religious exercises. And who, that has attended our morning prayer-meetings, and our *half day* of religious duties at Synod, has not mourned to see the slender number, and the want of life, on such occasions? What can be the *causes*, and what may be the *remedy*, of this evil? Among the causes, the following have occurred to my mind:

"1. We do not go to these meetings with proper designs. We go merely because we are bound to do so, intending to spend the tedious time with as good a grace as possible. We go to discharge our duty as members of a Church Court, or *business* meeting. We do not think of using every possible means to advance the spiritual interests of the Church. We do not design to be engaged much in truly religious exercises. We do not expect to benefit our brethren, nor our brethren to benefit us. We do not expect to be made better, to be quickened or revived. Is it any wonder that we come home as we went, or perhaps worse?

"2. At these meetings we are generally too much hurried. We go to them, intending to be home at a certain time; and then our whole concern is to hurry through the business by that appointed time. In this way some are led to oppose spending a day, or even half a day, in religious duties. Indeed, this spirit of impatience is so manifest, that our Moderators are compelled to cut short their opening and closing prayers.

"3. We indulge too much in a spirit of levity. *Affected* solemnity, I despise. But there is a gravity and seriousness, which ministers and elders ought always to manifest. But I am sorry to say, that the reverse of this is sometimes witnessed at Presbyteries and Synods. Our conversation, though not often indelicate, is rather light and trifling—it is, to say the least, unprofitable. Instead of telling each other our discouragements and difficulties, our hopes and successes, our conversation is made up of anecdote, and every common-place matter, which seems more designed to create a laugh, than to do good. We do not pray much together. We do not talk much together about the state of piety in our own souls, or in our several congregations. We do not help each other forward much in the Divine life, but rather retard each other's progress. Our conduct in these particulars injures our usefulness in the families where we lodge, and effectually hinders our mutual improvement.

"If these be a few of the reasons why the meetings of our Church Judicatories are so little profitable to their members, the *remedy* is easily seen. *We must reform.* We must go to these meetings desiring to receive spiritual benefit. Let us go, intending to do good and get good. Let us go, I had almost said, *determined* to be blessed. Let us prepare for these meetings by earnest prayer; and let us go to them, resolved, not to be home on a certain day, but to remain as long as the interests of the Church may require. Let us avoid all levity, all idle, trifling conversation. Let us engage much in religious exercises, both in private, and all united. Let it be our great object to promote our personal piety, to secure a revival of religion in our own souls.

"That these meetings might be, and ought to be, employed in this way, I have no doubt. If our ministers and elders should come home from every meeting of Presbytery and Synod with their hearts warmed, their faith strengthed, their zeal enlivened, their whole souls revived, what a blessing it would be to the churches! The time for these meetings will soon be here, and many look forward to them with deep interest. Shall they be dry and hardening, as too often heretofore? Or shall they be cheering and blessed in their influence?

"I, the most unworthy and the most condemned by these remarks, would affectionately urge my brethren solemnly to consider this subject. This is an intensely solemn time. While the Spirit of the Lord is wonderfully poured out in some parts of the land, from others it is sadly withheld. This is mournfully true in regard to much of this section of the Church. The state of piety is lamentably low. How earnestly ought all to pour forth the prayer, 'Revive thy work, O Lord!' Where may we expect a revival of religion to commence, but among God's people? And might it not, ought it not, to begin among the ministers and elders of the Church? And should not the meetings of our Church Courts be employed for accomplishing this object? If our meetings this Fall should be blessed in this way, and a pure and powerful revival of genuine religion should spread through this whole region, how precious and extensive would be its influence! We are somewhat noted for our soundness in the faith. But it is said our orthodoxy has no living piety along with it. Let us cast off this reproach, and stop the mouths of gainsayers by seeking the outpouring of God's Spirit, and by laboring, both privately in our different spheres, and when collected together in our meetings, to promote a mighty and glorious revival of God's work.

"PILGRIM."

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. H. W. GUTHRIE's Post Office address is changed from Highland, Kansas Territory, to Bennett's Station, Marshall Co., Kansas Territory.

Mr. J. M. TRAVIS, of Danville Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Palmyra, at its late meeting.

Rev. S. C. PHARR, D.D., late Professor of Languages in the East Tennessee University, has been installed pastor of the church of Hopewell, N. C.

Rev. J. A. J. LOWES' Post Office address is changed from South Salem, Ohio, to Glendale, Ohio.

Rev. J. BARDWELL has resigned the charge of the Aberdeen church, Miss., and the pastoral relation has been dissolved with mutual consent.

Mr. CHARLES W. PRICE was licensed as a probationer for the Gospel ministry, by the Presbytery of West Lexington, at its late meeting.

Rev. A. W. HAINES has removed from Keosaugua, Iowa, to Crawfordsville, Iowa, where he is now laboring.

Rev. WM. PINKERTON has removed from Collierstown, Va., to Steele's Tavern, Augusta County, Va.

Rev. J. W. ALLISON's Post Office address is changed from Grandview, Ill., to Arcola, Coles County, Ill.

Rev. A. FAIRBAIN, having received a call from the First church, Sacramento, California, desires correspondents to address him at that place.

Rev. WM. M'CANDLISH's Post Office address is changed from Quincy, Ill., to Fontenelle, Nebraska Territory. He removes to that place to occupy a missionary field.

Rev. ALLEN GALLAGHER, from the Presbytery of Northern Missouri, (N.S.,) was received by the Presbytery of Palmyra, at its late meeting.

Rev. Dr. STANTON, of Chillicothe, Ohio, has felt himself compelled to decline the Presidency of Hanover College.

Rev. GEORGE M'KINLEY's Post Office address is changed from Middletown, Ill., to West Urbana, Ill.

Rev. HENRY M. BACON, of Covington, Indiana, has received a call from the church of Hickman, Ky., which has lately transferred its relations from the New to the Old School.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Susquehanna.

This Presbytery has just held a very pleasant and harmonious meeting at Meshoppen, Pa.

The number of our ministers is less than at any other time in many years, but we hope for additions soon. Several important vacancies are supplied.

From the Report of the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, the subject of the Associate Secretaryship, the duplicated him, and the Revised Book of Discipline, was docketed for the next stated meeting, unanimously and without debate.

S. C.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Supplies Appointed by the Presbytery of New Lisbon.

During the Session of this Presbytery, in Bethesda, September 7th, 1858, the following supplies were appointed:

Rehoboth—Mr. Miller, Fourth Sabbath in September; and administer the Lord's Supper. Mr. Stratton, Second Sabbath in October. Mr. Vallandigham, Fifth Sabbath in October. Dr. Macmaster, Fourth Sabbath in November.

Niles—Mr. Halloway, Third Sabbath in September. Mr. Vallandigham, Fourth Sabbath in October. Dr. Macmaster, Second Sabbath in November.

New Lisbon—Mr. Dickson, Third Sabbath in September. Mr. Robinson, Second Sabbath in October. Mr. Reed, Fourth Sabbath in October. Mr. Hays, Third Sabbath in November.

Champion—Mr. Dundas, at discretion.

Columbiana—Mr. March, Fourth Sabbath in September, 8 o'clock P. M. Mr. Maxwell, Second Sabbath in October. Mr. Miller, as frequently as possible.

ROBERT DICKSON, Stated Clerk.

News Department.

Accident.

The express train, on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, ran off the track, near Newton Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. The locomotive was badly injured. Jeremiah Kane, of the Adams Express, was killed. No passenger was injured. The train was delayed about five hours. The accident was caused by a switch having been left unadjusted, by a freight train, and the watchman without looking at the actual state of affairs, signalled to the passenger train, all right.

Pittsburgh Mechanism.

The Washington Works, in this city, have recently shipped to California, via New York, a pair of twenty inch cylinders, six feet stroke. This is said to be the fourth pair sent to California from these works. The former three were for steamers in that State. The present are for a boat now constructing to navigate the Amoor river, whose great length and capacity for navigation by boats of the largest size, has but recently been made known to the civilized world.

This speaks well for Pittsburgh, far inland as she is. It helps to make plausible her claim to be the Birmingham of America.

Commercial Colleges.

Among the excellent institutions of Pittsburgh, are two Commercial Colleges. In these, young men are fitted, by a thorough training, in Penmanship, Arithmetic, Book keeping, Commercial Law, &c., &c., under an excellent superintendence and by competent teachers, for the various departments of business life. They are:

THE IRON CITY COLLEGE, conducted by F. W. Jenkins, Esq. The rapid growth and extended popularity of this School, is the result of the confidence which it has inspired by its fair dealing, thorough teaching, and exclusive devotion to the interests for which it was established—the elevation of mercantile knowledge, and the better education of business men.

DUFF'S MERCANTILE COLLEGE, under the management of P. Duff, Esq, has been in operation for many years, and is well known in the business community. The arrangements for giving a full course of instruction in the various branches of knowledge connected with mercantile transactions, are excellent.

Having two such institutions we can commend Pittsburgh, to the notice of our distant friends, as a place where they may do well by their sons and wards.

Trade of Philadelphia.

A writer in the *Ledger* goes largely into the statistics of the Foreign Trade, of our principal cities, for the last thirty-seven years. New York stands first, having about seven times that of Philadelphia, and Boston is second, having about the double of Philadelphia. Philadelphia ranks third, then New Orleans, Baltimore, Charleston. The foreign trade of Philadelphia is now, not equal to what it was thirty-seven years ago.

In response, the editors of the *Ledger* say:

"The facts presented in the communication probably tell the truth as far as they go, but they do not tell the whole truth. A city may be rich and prosperous without foreign commerce, as our own city proves, for it is rapidly advancing by its own industry. A nation also may thrive and be prosperous without any external trade. Both may be great consumers as well as great producers, and though the custom house entries may be small, yet the ability to supply all their own wants cheaply, without the necessity of exchanging their productions with their neighbors, would certainly not imply a less profitable employment of their industry, or less general prosperity. Philadelphia is a great producer. Her manufacturers alone amount to an annual production of one hundred and seventy-one millions of dollars in value. The trade which arises from this vast production does not show on the custom house books of the port, but the evidences of it are seen all around, in the growth of the city, the extent of the population, and the large edifices erected in every quarter to facilitate the industrial operations which produce this wealth. The fact that New York has a greater foreign commerce than Philadelphia, does not prove that Philadelphia disposes of less foreign merchandise, or that her domestic business is less. She chooses to make use of the port of New York for convenience, as other internal cities do, but the importations through that city intended for the market of Philadelphia, amount annually to nearly forty millions of dollars. This helps to swell the figures at the custom house of New York, but the real profits of that amount of trade belong to Philadelphia exclusively."

Washington.

September 8.—The government has to-day concluded a treaty with the American Colonization Society, by which the latter agrees to subsist and instruct the captured Africans for one year after their arrival in Liberia, having a due regard for their health and comfort. For this service somewhat less than $50,000 which was originally proposed by the Society, is to be paid.

Capt. Rich of the *Marines*, has been detached from the frigate *Sabine*, and ordered to the steamer *Niagara*. Capt. Tansill has been ordered to the *Sabine*, and will be the senior marine officer to the Paraguay expedition.

Sept. 10.—Judge Bowlin has accepted the mission to Paraguay tendered him by the President.

The revenue is improving, and the need of a farther resort to loans, is supposed to have passed away.

The Yellow Fever.

This disease still prevails at New Orleans. The deaths reported are some sixty to eighty per day.

At Charleston the disease still exists; and also at Vicksburg.

California.

The *Star of the West* has arrived at New York with $1,700,000 in gold, from California.

Financial matters are reported to be easy. The collections are highly satisfactory.

Col. Cauty had made an attempt to seize Punta Arenas, in the name of Costa Rica. He was opposed by the British Consul at Greytown and the British naval officers, who propose annexing it to the Mosquito possessions.

From the Frazer River mines the last accounts were favorable. The river had fallen so that some of its bars were accessible, and miners were realizing eight to ten dollars a day.

From Arizonia and New Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—Col. Sayles, agent of the Post Office Department, arrived here yesterday from Arizonia. He reports the existence of a very lawless state of things in that country, the pistol and bowie knife being the only law recognized. Indian depredations were also very frequent. Col. Sayles speaks favorably of the mineral resources of the territory, but deems the annexation of Sonora as of the utmost importance to their successful development.

From New Mexico, Col. Sayles reports the difficulties with the Navajoe Indians still unsettled. Gen. Garland had assured them that the murderers of Major Brooks' servant must be given up.

The municipal election was held here yesterday, and great excitement prevailed, but no serious disturbance occurred. Lampton B. Denman, Free State Democrat, was elected by about two hundred majority.

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A NEAT and reliable article of ready made clothing, for either men or boys, can be had at Carnaghan's, Federal Street, Allegheny City. A choice stock of new style piece goods for gents' and boys' custom work, is now ready for the examination of buyers, which with a large variety of furnishing goods for Fall and Winter, make his stock an attractive one. Examine his prices and styles.

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Duff's Mercantile College, corner of Third and Market Streets, Pittsburgh.

"A few hints from a perfect master will do more to develop the capacity of the pupil than the most protracted lessons from an inferior teacher."—*W. C. Bryant.*

As a lecturer upon all the details of the merchant's business, Mr. Duff has long been considered as the most instructive and impressive of the day, casting such a light over the whole subject as can emanate alone from a mind richly stored by experience and familiar with all its realities. The fruits of his valuable lessons are exhibited by his numerous students in all parts of the country, not one of whom, so far we are aware, has ever suspended in business.—*Commercial Journal.*

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The Great Restorative.

FEVER AND AGUE CURED BY DR. M'LANE'S LIVER PILLS.

Mr. Jonathan Houghman, of West Union, Park County, Illinois, writes to the proprietors, Fleming Bros. of Pittsburgh, that he had suffered greatly from a severe and protracted attack of Fever and Ague, and was completely restored to health by the use of the Liver Pills alone. These Pills unquestionably possess great tonic properties, and can be taken with decided advantage for many diseases requiring invigorating remedies; but the Liver Pills stand pre-eminent as a means of restoring a disorganized Liver to healthy action; hence the great celebrity they have attained. The numerous formidable diseases arising from a diseased Liver, which so long baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians of the United States, are now rendered easy of cure, thanks to the study and perseverance of the distinguished physician whose name this great medicine bears—a name which will descend to posterity as one deserving of gratitude. This invaluable medicine should always be kept within reach; and on the appearance of the earliest symptoms of diseased Liver, it can be safely and usefully administered.

Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, manufactured by FLEMING BROS. of PITTSBURGH, PA. All other Vermifuges in comparison are worthless. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Vermifuge, also his celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable drug stores. *None genuine without the signature of* FLEMING BROS.

Markets.

PITTSBURGH, Tuesday, September 14.

There is no perceptible improvement in business matters, and will not be until the river rises. The Eastern cities are now feeling the impulse of the Fall trade, and jobbers will, without doubt, realize their usual activity at this season, in the course of a week or two.

The difficulty of obtaining receipts of produce checks the activity of the produce trade. The price of flour and grain at all Western points has declined during the week, and the market is quoted dull. No change in figures has been experienced here, however.

BACON—Shoulders, 6¼@7c. Sides, 8½a8¾c. Hams, 9¾@10; plain canvassed do., 10¾@11; sugar cured, 12@12½.

BROOMS—$1.25@3.00 per doz.

CHEESE—7½@8c. for prime.

DRIED FRUIT—Good lots are worth $1.75@2.00.

DRIED BEEF—11½@12½c.

FLOUR—From wagon, $5.15 for superfine, and 5.30@5.40 for extra. From store, superfine, 5.37@5.50; extra, 5.50@5.75; and family do., 6.00. Rye, 4.00@4.12.

GRAIN—Oats: new, on arrival, 40c. per bushel of 33 lbs., and old do, at 42@43c. Corn, 60c. Rye, 62@65. Barley, 60c. Wheat: $1.05@1.10 for Penna. Red; Southern, 1.15@1.20.

SEEDS—Timothy, from first-hands, $1.25; from store, 1.50@1.75. Flax, 1.50.

WOOL—Pulled, 20@28c., and 30@40c. for fleece.

Foreign Intelligence.

By European arrivals, we have Liverpool dates to the 24th ult.

Great Britain.

The prospectus of the India and Australian Telegraph Company, with a capital of £500,000, has been issued. The proposal is to continue the Red Sea line from Ceylon to Singapore, and eventually to carry further sections to Hong Kong and Australia. Application is to be made to the government for a guarantee.

The British Board of Trade returns for July, show a decrease in the exports of £1,300,000, as compared with July of last year. In the imports, an increase had taken place, particularly in Breadstuffs, the arrivals of which were very large.

The first detachment of sappers and miners, only twenty strong, was to leave England for Vancouver's Island, on the 1st of September. One hundred and thirty others were soon to follow.

About £900,000 in gold, of various descriptions was sent into the bank to-day. It is said that the arrangements for the contemplated Turkish loan are likely to be completed almost immediately.

France.

It was again reported that Marshal Pelissier had asked to be removed from the English embassy, and that his request would shortly be complied with. It was also said that his marriage was to take place on the 8th of September, the anniversary of the taking of the Malakoff, and that the Emperor would give the bride one million francs as a marriage portion.

The Emperor and Empress of France, returned to St. Cloud, on Saturday evening. During the last days of their journey, their Majesties met with the same enthusiastic reception as had greeted them in passing through Normandy and Britany. On the Emperor's arrival at Rennes he was met by the Bishop and no less than eight hundred Priests, and about one hundred thousand people. The great gathering of the Priests was, perhaps, intended to encourage the intention the Emperor is said to entertain of raising Rennes from a Bishopric to an Archbishopric.

A new French naval station, for the Eastern coast, is to be created at Isle Reunion. This news is big with important consequences, for the influence of the French flag, and prosperity of the French colonies.

The French government, anticipating the possibility of more outrages on Christians, in consequence of the bombardment of Jeddah, was about to increase its naval forces in the Mediterranean.

It was rumored at Paris, on Friday, that the imperial government had demanded from England explanations relative to the bombardment of Jeddah

The Emperor is about to send Victoria a cannon, constructed upon his own principle, and named "Alliance," in return for that presented to him by Her Majesty.

Spain.

A Madrid telegram of the 25th, says a military expedition is being prepared for Havana.

Austria.

The new born imperial prince has been christened "Rodolph Francis Charles Joseph," by the imperial decree, the prince proprietor and colonel of the 19th regiment of infantry.

The report that a reconciliation had taken place between Austria and Russia, is formally denied.

Russia.

A small Russian squadron consisting of two fourteen gun screw corvettes and a screw dispatch gun vessel, had arrived at Spithead, *en route* to the Pacific. They were not allowed to enter the harbor of Portsmouth, but their commanders met a very courteous reception.

China.

It was stated that the amount of indemnity to be paid by China to England and France, as stipulated in the treaty of Tiensin, is 80,000,000 francs.

The China dates from Tiensin are to the 18th of June. Great progress had been made in the negotiations, and it was considered that the Allies were on the eve of a treaty which would insure every thing they could claim, and open China to the enterprise of our merchants. [This news, it will be observed, is not so late as that received via Russia.]

Latest.

The *Vanderbilt* brings Liverpool dates to Aug. 28th.

The news of the treaty with China is confirmed.

Intelligence from India notes some movements among the rebels, but no important contest.

Notices.

THE SCHOLARSHIP advertised for, has been obtained.

West Liberty University.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Institution, will be held in the Lecture-Room of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield, O., on WEDNESDAY, September 29th, 1858, at 10 o'clock A. M.

E. B. RAFFENSPERGER, Secretary.

Synodical.

The SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA stands adjourned to meet in the West Arch Street church, Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1858, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Agreably to Standing Rules, "At least one week before the meeting of Synod,"

1. Stated Clerks of Presbyteries will forward their Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of Synod, at Doylestown, Pa., and their Narratives to Rev. J. H. M. Knox, Chairman of the Committee, at Germantown, Pa.

2. Each Minister and every Ruling Elder expecting to attend Synod, will send, by mail, notice of his intention so to do, with his name, to Rev. Jonathan Edwards, D.D., pastor of the church, to convene in which the Synod stands adjourned.

S. M. ANDREWS, Stated Clerk.

The SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH will meet, agreeably to adjournment, in the Presbyterian church of Blairsville, on the Third Thursday (21st) of October, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Presbyteries are reminded of the injunction of Synod, to direct their Stated Clerks to send their respective Narratives to the Chairman of the Committee (Rev. A. G. Fairchild, D.D.,) appointed by the Synod to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion, at least two weeks previous to the meeting of Synod. WM. JEFFERY, Stated Clerk.

The SYNOD OF ILLINOIS will hold its next stated meeting in the First Presbyterian church of Peoria, on the Second Wednesday (13th,) of October, at 7 o'clock P. M.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

The SYNOD OF INDIANA will meet in the Presbyterian church of Richmond, Ind., on the Thursday after the Second Tuesday of October, at 7 o'clock P. M.

JOHN F. SMITH, Stated Clerk

The SYNOD OF IOWA is adjourned to meet in Marion, on the 30th of September next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. D. MASON, Stated Clerk.

The SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY will meet, agreeably to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny City, on the Fourth Thursday of September, (23d,) at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By a resolution of Synod, the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are directed to send their respective Narratives to the Committee appointed by the Synod on the Narrative of the State of Religion, previous to the first of September in each year. The Chairman of this Committee is the Rev. James Allison, Sewickley, Pa. ELLIOT E. SWIFT, S. C.

Presbyterial

The PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND will hold its next stated meeting at Jersey Shore, on the First Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock A. M. ISAAC GRIER, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF DONEGAL will meet in Chanceford church, on Tuesday, October 5th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN FARQUHAR, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON will commence its next stated meeting on the First Tuesday (5th,) of October, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the First Mansfield church, Washington, to be opened with a sermon by Rev. W. R. Glen, or Rev. H. W. Hunt, alternate. Pastors and Sessions of churches will forward their usual Narratives of the State of Religion to Rev N. B. Kunk, Fairmount, N. J., at least ten days prior to the day designated for meeting.

F. KNIGHTON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF OHIO will meet at Mt. Washington on the First Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock A. M.

W. B. M'ILVAINE, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON will hold its next stated meeting in the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, on the First Tuesday (the 5th,) of October, at 11 o'clock A. M. Sessional Records will be reviewed at this meeting.

ROBERT HAMILL, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE will meet at New London, Pa., on Tuesday, the 5th of October, at 11 o'clock A. M., and will be opened with a sermon by the Rev. C. W. Hodge. R. P. DUBOIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE will meet agreeably to adjournment, in Carrolton, on the First Tuesday (5th,) of October next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ROBERT HERRON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF IOWA stands adjourned to meet at Birmingham, on the Saturday preceding the third Tuesday of October, (16th day,) at 1 o'clock P. M.

T. STEARNS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE will meet in the church of Rockhill, on the First Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock A. M. JOHN MOFFAT, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY will meet at Zelienople, on the First Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock A. M.

NEWTON BRACKEN, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON will meet in the church of Mount Prospect, on the First Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M. JAMES I. BROWNSON, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF CLARION will meet in the church of Beechwoods, the Fourth Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. D. MCCAY, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG will meet at Parnassus, on the First Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF HOCKING will meet (D.V.,) at McArthur, September 21st. J. H. PRATT, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO will hold its next stated meeting in Lane, on the last Tuesday of September, (28th,) at 7 o'clock P. M.

GEO. F. GOODHUE, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE will meet at Dunlap's Creek, on the first Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M. J. M'CLINTOCK, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF COSHOCTON, will meet in the church of Apple Creek, on the first Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M. The churches will be expected to report their benevolent contributions for the year.

P. M. SEMPLE, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY will meet in Sharpsburg, on the third Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. JAMES ALLISON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will hold their regular Fall meeting at Cross Roads, on the First Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M. Members coming by Railroad will stop at Stewart's Station, where they will find conveyances to the Church. JAMES DAVIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF CEDAR stands adjourned to meet in Cedar Rapids, on the last Tuesday of September, at 7 o'clock P. M. F. A. SHEARER, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA will hold its next stated meeting in the First Presbyterian church of Bloomington, Ill., on Tuesday, September 21st, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

ISAAC A. CORNELISON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ZANESVILLE will meet in Senecaville on the Third Tuesday (the 21st.) of September, at 7 o'clock P. M. The churches will be expected to present statistical reports on Systematic Benevolence.

WM. M. ROBINSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER will meet at Carthage, Ill., on Tuesday, September 28th, 1858, at 2 o'clock P. M. T. S. VAILL, Stated Clerk.

Married.

On the 7th inst., by Rev. S. C. Jennings, D.D., Mr. JOSEPH M'DONALD, of Beaver County, to Miss JANE F. DAVIS, of Allegheny County, Pa.

On the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Samuel Wilson, D.D., Mr. JOHN THOMAS POWERS to Miss PHEBE JANE FINLEY, both of Dunlap's Creek, Fayette County, Pa.

July 7th, by Rev. Joseph Platt, Mr. DANIEL SMITH to Miss LIZZIE M. MARSHALL, all of Illinois.

In Pittsburgh, September 9th, by Rev. R. F. Wilson, of M'Keesport, Mr. DANIEL FULMER, of West Newton, to Miss SARAH ANN M'CLAIN, near the latter place.

By Rev. Wm. Hunter, on the 9th inst., Mr. HENRY M'CORMICK to Miss SARAH A., daughter of Thomas Stewart, Esq., all of Allegheny County, Pa.

August 26th, by Rev. G. W. Mechlin, Mr. JACOB DORMIER to Miss SARAH ANN HORSSER, both of Armstrong County, Pa. September 2d, Mr. DAVID STUCHEL, of Plumville, Indiana Co., to Miss NANCY MARGARET MARSHALL, of Glade Run, Armstrong County, Pa.

On Thursday evening, at Allegeny City, by Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., ROBERT COLEMAN, of Pittsburgh, to SARAH ANN INGRAM, of Allegheny County.

Obituary.

DIED—In Wysox, Pa., August 28th, Mr. GEORGE BELL DURANT, in the 71st year of his age.

DIED—On the 24th of August, in Bentonsport, Iowa, ADELBERT CHALMERS, son of Rev. J. E. and C. M. Woods, aged 4 months and 6 days.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." W.

DIED—In Bentonsport, Iowa, on the 27th of August, JOHN HENRY, son of Thomas and Margaret M'Vity, formerly of Schuylerville, N. Y., aged 5 years, 5 months, and 4 days.

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." W.

DIED—In Bloomfield, Pa., August 21st, Mrs. REBECCA SMILEY, relict of the late Frederick Smiley, in the 80th year of her age.

This aged friend was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was distinguished for a long life of humble and consistent piety, and for the vigor of her mental faculties, preserved even to the last. She rejoiced in the anticipation of death, and departed with bright hopes of a blissful immortality. Although she was for nine months previous to her departure entirely confined to her bed by paralysis, she scarcely ever uttered a complaint; she seemed to fear that a murmur should escape her lips. Her end was another heart-cheering exemplification of the power of religion to enable the Christian to triumph over the King of Terrors, whilst looking by faith to Him who is conqueror of death and hell, and the way of entrance into the mansions of glory. A FRIEND.

DIED—At her residence, in Perry County, Pa., on Saturday, the 24th of April last, Mrs. REBECCA M'CONNELL, in the 59th year of her age.

She was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an exemplary Christian. She let her light shine. She was humble, gentle, kind, affectionate, cheerful, hopeful, faithful. She loved God's people, his Word, his sanctuary. Her house was one of prayer and praise. She left behind her a family of six sons and daughters, all of whom, together with a son-in-law, are members of the Presbyterian Church, and giving good evidence of genuine faith. On the evening of her death, and but a short time before it occurred, Mrs. M'Connell seemed quite cheerful and well. About 8 o'clock she spoke to her family of retiring soon, as preaching would be at an early hour on the coming Sabbath, (she lived at a considerable distance from the church,) and added that she herself wished to attend. Doubtless she did attend the place of worship on that Sabbath, but it was in the upper sanctuary; for before the Sabbath had begun on earth, she, as we confidently believe, had begun "A Sabbath that shall never end." C.

DIED—At his residence, near Leechburg, Armstrong County, Mr. ROBERT PARKS, in the 90th year of his age.

Mr. Parks was born in York County, married in Mifflin, O., and in 1814, with a family of ten children, emigrated to Armstrong County. Being a man of more than ordinary intelligence, he was called to take an important part in civil and political interests. He was remarkably cheerful, even to the last years of his life, and his family circle was always pleasant to connexions and strangers. He had a distinct recollection of the events of the Revolution, and dwelt with pleasure on the active part his father took in the eventful transactions of that day. Though always free to express his feelings on the subject of religion, it was not until the Summer of 1846 that he saw his way clear to connect himself with the Church. He then, with his wife, joined the Presbyterian church of Leechburg. He wys permitted to enjoy her society in this relation but a short time; she died in the Fall of '47, leaving good evidence that she was prepared for the change. From the time of his connexion with the church, he was inclined to speak of religion as a matter of experience, and the distinct source of his reliance, as death approached, could not be mistaken. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

DIED—In Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio, after a brief illness, of croup, JOHN RUSSEL, infant son of Dr. A. B. and Elizabeth M'Candless, aged 10 months and 22 days.

With Christian resignation, we yield up the little lamb to Him who took little children in his arms and blessed them—to the Lord to whom he was dedicated in the solemn ordinance of baptism. He suffered much. A short time before he went, a pleasant cheerful smile played upon his countenance, while the angels hovered over him and around his dying couch, whispering to him, "Come away." After a few more struggles, all was over. Angels carried him away to the bosom of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We take comfort in the thought that our dear one is a member of that heavenly choir who sing, "Hosannah to the Son of David."

"That once loved form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs;
We weep our earthly comforts fled,
And withered all our joys.

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,
When what we now deplore
Shall rise in full, immortal prime,
And bloom to fade no more."

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." A.B.

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