

# THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

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PITTSBURGH, SEPTEMBER 25, 1858.

power again. People in Ireland say the intends to build a new mansion on his Sligo estate, and settle down there in quietude for the rest of his life! But people here will naturally say of such an old political stager, "We don't believe a word of it!"

The merchants here connected with the China trade, are in good spirits, especially those who lost their property at Canton, and to the general body's fine prospect is opened up, of unprecedented trade with the Celestial Empire.

But it is surely the Christian public, both here and in the United States, which ought to see the overruling hand of God in this wondrous access to the very Capital of China, for the Bible and the Gospel. Are the churches so revived, and so ready with men and money, as to be prepared to enter speedily and adequately, on this noble mission field?

TRADE AND COMMERCE continue to improve. The news from the Fraser River gold diggings stimulates our merchant navy to fresh enterprise, in carrying out clothing and provisions to New Caledonia. The Manchester trade, especially in articles for India, is fast reviving.

THE CONVERSATIONAL QUESTION grows more and more interesting. On the one hand, the Protestant public in the mass of the nation is aroused and alarmed. On the other hand, the Presbyterians, through Mr. Greely, avow openly their convictions. Wit, as well as argument, is brought to bear to bear upon the infidelity of the "Pound." The subject was brought before the Assembly's Committee on Missions, at New Orleans, by Rev. W. D. Calhoun. The Committee, twelve in number, unanimously agreed to present it to the Assembly.

The Editor of the *Presbyterian Banner and Advocate*, being in the Committee's chair, was in duty bound to write the resolution, and to defend it in the Assembly.

Efforts were made by different persons to amend it, but without success. It was opposed by a few of the ablest men, but was carried triumphantly. Its opponents did not even call attention to it.

The action of the Assembly was as follows:

"Resolved, That, in view of the many de-

mands upon the treasury, and also of the happy

success of the Foreign Missions, and the

Board's propriety of considering the ques-

tion, whether the services of an Associate Sec-

retary might not be dispensed with, and the

amount of the salary of the office saved; (while

the Assembly cherish full confidence and regard

for the brother now holding this appointment.)

The clause marked in brackets was not in

the resolution, as offered and passed; but

was added, the next day, at the request of

the document's friends.

WAVELAND PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY.—

This Institution, situated at Waveland, Ind., sends out the Catalogue for 1857-8. Total

number of pupils during the year, Males 116, Fe-

males 50.

CHURCH DEBT PAID.—The church in San Francisco, served by Dr. Scott, raised

by collection and subscription, on the even-

ing of July 25th, \$4,000, an amount ade-

quate to the payment of the church debt.

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MI-

SIONS met at Detroit, on the 7th inst. The

attendance was large. The receipts for the

year were \$324,680, and the expenditures

\$372,041. The Board is in debt \$40,707.

Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D., President, occu-

pied the chair.

THE REPAUPERATED AFRICANS.—We see

it stated that our Board of Foreign Missions in New York, has consented to take charge of and educate in their missionary schools in Liberia, eight of the children of the com-

pany of the repatriated Africans, now being

conveyed to the State of Nigeria, from

Chatham, Liberia, where they will be

educated in the church.

Dr. BRADFORD'S article on a Church

Commentary, on our first page, is calm and

wise. It is evidently the result of much

thought, and is written with great care,

though it is not convincing. We had

intended to give our own views this week,

but have yielded time and space to other

calls.

The Two Colleges.

We have two articles, able and in an ex-

cellent spirit, springing from the suggestion

of "John," on College Endowment. We

regret that they did not arrive a day or two

sooner. We should like to lay them before

the Synod of Allegheny, if it were practi-

cable. They both favor a union of Jefferson

and Washington Colleges, if terms can be

agreed upon. We hope to publish them

next week.

One of the writers, after laying down four

postulates, and stating four plans, says of

one, "It is the only plan, in its outline

features at least, on which union can be es-

ecuted at all." It is this:

"To divide the Colleges on the University

into two Schools, one under the superinten-

dence of Dr. Hopper, and another under

the superintendence of Dr. Grier."

The other writer favors the suggestion of

"John," but would make it a sine qua non,

that the United Presbyterian Synod be in-

vited into the union, with the equal right,

of ratifying or appointing Trustees. He would

also invite the Reformed Presbyterians to

participate.

3. "I am very sorry the Board of Mi-

sions retained Mr. Hopper, I do hope he

will be superseded. The repetition is a

blight to a few pennies would remove.

Nor do we see why the Associate Secretary

should not be continued, when the one who has

the chief work to do, says he does not

like it."

4. "Your recent efforts on the Co-

Secretariatey meet with a cordial response

on the part of both people and ministers

throughout this region, as far as I know,

your development will do good. Hold on.

You have truth and justice on your side."

5. "I hope you will persevere in your

laudable efforts to maintain the right,

to expose corruption and mismanagement

in high places, and to enforce obedience

to the instructions of the General Assem-

by. If you do so, you will greatly

promote the safety and welfare of Zion,

you will be sustained by thousands of

honest Christians, ministers and laymen,

and you will deserve the lasting gratitude

of the whole Church."

6. "We are pleased with your position

on the Board subject. The Board must

learn to obey, or the church will dispense

with their service. We read the Presbyte-

rian, as well as the *Banner*.

7. "Keep up the gentlemanly and Chris-

tian agitation of the subject, and I feel an

entire conviction that you will be sustained

by a majority of the brethren, East as well

as West."

8. "I hope you will stand up for truth

and right, as you have begun. I hope there

never may be permitted, in our Church,

General matters, foreign and do-

mestic, as heretofore, receive attention.

The habitual readers of our journal will be

well informed on all our church affairs.

Our rule of pre-payment is much ap-

proved of, but it infers the necessity of much

attention, on the part of pastors, elders, and

other friends, to keep up as well as to extend

the subscription list."

We send this number to all subscribers,

whose year has terminated, in hopes that

they will order renewals.

9. "I approve and applaud you and

Dr. Musgrave for your position and moral

courage."

10. "I have been much gratified at the

Committee will be found in the

beginning of the church throughout the day

on Wednesday, ready to accompany mem-

bers to their lodgings."

11. "I have been much gratified at the

Presbyterian Church, (Q. S.) was

dedicated at Leavenworth, K. S., on the

20th of June, the site is the most eligible

property. The only other church edifice

in that city, is the Roman Catholic.

The Secretarship a Church Interest.

The effort of a few men, in and near the Presbyterian's office, in Philadelphia, to make the discussion of the Associate Secretarship a matter of ours, in its origin and continuance, may justify us in presenting some facts in the case, though part of them are reiteration.

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DIRECTIONS, &c.—See *Editorial and Letters and Communications*, p. 216, David McKinney, Pittsburgh.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We have received

an amount from Mr. H. B. Shelby, Mo., which has been appropriated as re-

turns to the Associate Secretarship.

APPROVAL.—Richland Presbytery, we are informed, has, by a unanimous vote, ap-

proved of the proposition to dispense with the Associate Secretarship.

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