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PHILADELPHIA.—Messrs. J. V. Cowell & Son...

OREGON.—The Congregationalists have, in this Territory...

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary...

PREACHING TO THE MASSES.—The Presbyterian of the West...

UNION OF NEWS-PAPERS.—The Westminster Herald...

The Sandwich Islands. We see it stated that Rev. Mr. Coan's church...

Presbytery of Texas, New School. This Presbytery...

The United Presbyterian Church. At the meeting of the Eastern Associated Reformed Synod...

Denominational Zeal. We sometimes hear a boast in favor of National Societies...

Our Last Issue for 1858. With the present number will close the period for which payment is made...

From Mission churches, and sparsely populated neighborhoods...

Early Preaching in Pittsburgh. The records of Pittsburgh tell us but very little about the early implantation of the Gospel here...

In a conversation, recently, with a few brethren, it was claimed by one of them, that to the German Reformed Church belongs the credit of first planting the Gospel in Pittsburgh...

Rev. Dr. McKINNEY.—Dear Sir.—At the request of Rev. Dr. Schneck, I send you the following historical facts, showing that the first regular minister of the Gospel who preached steadily in Pittsburgh, was the Rev. Father Weber...

A Call Which Should be Heeded. One of the great privileges which we enjoy in this the earthly home of our pilgrimage, is to help in building up and in extending the spiritual kingdom of Christ...

A call, distinct and loud, now comes to us, for the sustaining of our missionary operations. Domestic Missions is surely God's work. That this work should be conducted by our Church, is fully admitted...

The Churches Should Work. The Examiner (Baptist), in advertising to the necessity of a strictly home action by the churches, as well as of extended combinations, in the work of benevolence...

Let us not run to either extreme. Extended Association is indispensable to the greatest good, in religious affairs, as well as in political interests...

Mr. Weber, however, was not the first of Christian Ambassadors who proclaimed the glad tidings in Pittsburgh. In turning to "Old Redstone," the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith's Historical Sketches, pp. 275—we find some important data, on the subject before us...

A Pastoral Resignation. We regret, as will very many of our readers, to learn, that the Rev. O. O. McClean, of Huntington, Pa., has felt constrained, on account of enfeebled health, to resign his charge...

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Peter Cooper, Esq., so well known for his great wealth, public spirit, and abundant charities, appears almost daily in the streets, riding in an antiquated vehicle, drawn by a single steady horse...

The fears expressed by many, that the services on Sabbath evening, at the Academy of Music, would interfere with the attendance at the churches, have not been realized. But, on the contrary, the attendance at the different churches in the vicinity, has largely increased...

The Trial of Messrs. Allibone and Newhall for conspiracy to defraud the Bank of Pennsylvania, has been in progress for several weeks, but as length has terminated, by their acquittal...

This city has always had a deservedly high reputation for its Humane Institutions, but it is not generally known that as far back as 1750, a number of its benevolent citizens united in efforts for the care and treatment of the insane in America...

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