Ecclesiastical.

Rev. A. S. Billingsley's Post Office address is changed from Florence, N. T., to Brownsville, N. T.

Messrs. L. M. Stevens, B. D. Wikoff, and J. B. Patterson, were licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Miami, on the 27th ult.

Rev. Edward P. Terhune, late of Charlotte C. H., Va., has accepted the call from the First Reformed Dutch church, Newark, N. J.

Rev. W. W. Morrison's Post Office address is changed from Haynesville, Ala., to Lowndesboro', Ala.

Rev. J. A. Devine's Post Office address is changed from Dunlapsville, Ind., to Henryville, Ind. Correspondents will please note the change.

Rev. B. D. Thomas has removed from Camden, Mississippi, to Charleston, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, where he desires correspondents to address him.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Memorial of the Martyred Missionaries.

Mr. Editor:—You have already noticed, very favorably, this very important work. You will, however, permit a friend of the departed, and one who feels a deep interest in the cause of Missions, to add a few words.

This is a work which cannot fail to attract the attention and interest the feelings of the friends of Christ of every Christian name, but especially of those belonging to the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Who, of all the two hundred and sixty thousand members of the Presbyterian Church, have not felt their hearts moved at hearing the recital of the sufferings and death of our "martyred missionaries." In the volume before us, we have a succinct, but comprehensive, account of the origin and progress of the missionary work at *Futtehgurh*, a place rendered famous as the theatre of the labors of our murdered dead. In this part of his work, the author has given us much valuable information respecting the population, sects, and habits of the natives, and also of the means and agencies put into operation by the missionaries, and their successful results. The biographical sketch of his highness, *Maha Rajah Duleep Singh*, the first native Christian prince of India, forms a most interesting chapter of the work. And what will doubtless most deeply affect every Christian heart, is the well-written memoir of each of the martyred missionaries, male and female, and the affectionate tribute paid to them severally by those who knew them best. These sketches are of absorbing interest, as exhibiting a degree of moral heroism, in the midst of appalling dangers and the prospect of a cruel death, which nothing but Christian principle could inspire. Connected with each of these memoirs, is a handsomely engraved likeness of the missionary. The work is got up in good style, and, it is hoped, will find its way into every Christian family belonging to the Presbyterian Church. It will be found at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, St. Clair Street, Pittsburgh. D.E.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Church at Nebraska City, N. T.

The church at this place was organized a little more than three years ago, and about one year and a half after the country was open to white settlers. Fifteen persons united in the organization. Our numbers have steadily increased, and we now have fifty members. There are three or four others recently settled among us, who will connect at the first opportunity. In the same period, the population of the town has increased from one hundred and fifty to three thousand.

For one year we labored under many disadvantages. No convenient place of worship could be procured. All felt the necessity of erecting a house of worship. Indeed it seemed impossible to keep our flock together, so uncomfortable and contracted were our places of worship. In view, therefore, of the increasing demand for church accommodation, a building was commenced in the Fall of 1856; but owing to the high price and scarcity of labor and building material, no more than the foundation was laid, until the next Autumn. At this time, the building was again commenced, with a fair prospect of being speedily completed, and paid for; all our plans and hopes of success being based upon subscriptions and pledges of our citizens, and a donation from the Church Extension Committee.

For a time we were able to meet all our expenditures, subscribers paying whenever called upon. Times, however, changed before the house was enclosed, and subscribers could not pay; and, in order to secure our building from damage, by being in an unfinished condition, it was necessary to borrow funds. A part of these were borrowed by the Trustees, and a part by myself, for which I mortgaged my homestead. We hoped that during the Winter, times would be better, and money more abundant. But our hopes were not realized. Several Banks failed, most of our citizens lost money, and times grew worse. Our creditors became impatient, and commenced litigation. Two suits were instituted against myself, and the mortgages against my property are liable to be closed any day, and my family deprived of a home. In several cases the private property of the Trustees is threatened to be levied upon. This they cannot afford to give up, and in the end will be compelled to turn out the property of the church. This they will not do, as long as there is any hope of relief. There are no encumbrances on the church property, the Trustees becoming security. Now, what will be done? Will our Church abroad suffer this effort to plant a church on our frontier, to fail, and our cause to go backward in that region? You, dear brethren, meet in your comfortable places of worship, and enjoy communion with God in the sanctuary; but think of us, who have toiled hard to obtain the same great privilege, and just as we are about to enter upon its enjoyment, it is to be taken from us. Will you not lend a helping hand?

Our building is a plain and substantial one. It is of brick; its dimensions are, thirty-eight by sixty feet. There is a debt of about $3,000 pressing upon us, and must be met between this and the first of March. If times had remained as they were when our building was projected, no aid from abroad would have been asked. The hard times were unforeseen by us, hence we are unavoidably involved; business was then brisk; it is now prostrate. In time it will revive; but before this comes to pass, many individuals will be ruined in their business, and unless our church receives aid, we must share the same fate.

The encouragements to help this church are its future prospects. It is in one of the largest and most flourishing towns in the Territory, which town, from its geographical position, has already become the commercial emporium of that large and beautiful portion of country, called the South Platte Valley. This was the first church organized in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, and the first to commence the erection of a house of worship. It has the largest membership in the latter Territory. And more than all, if relieved of present embarrassments, it will at once become a self-sustaining and contributing church, no longer drawing on the funds of our Board of Domestic Missions to support a pastor.

Any assistance that can be afforded, will be most thankfully received. Donations may be handed to Dr. McKinney, at the office of the *Presbyterian Banner and Advocate*. H. M. Giltner.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 10th, 1859.

Report of the Pittsburgh Ladies' Bible Society.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Bible Society was held in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian church. The following reports were read and adopted, and the board of officers and managers elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Denny.
Vice President—Mrs. Dr. Brooks.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. B Phillips.
Secretary—Mrs. J. F. M'Laren.
Managers—Mrs. Alex. Laughlin, H. B. Rea, W. Semple, W. Shaw, C. Rowan, I. Greer, L. Childs, J. Irwin, J. B. Morgan, Barklay, Snodgrass, Chambers, J. Laughlin, D. C. Bylsby; Miss Shaw, S. Hare, A. M. Lochlin, J. Ralston, I. Magee, S. M'Cormick, E. A. Smith, E. Breed, I. Trainer, Fahnestock, E. A. Laughlin, Gunning.

A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Mr. Prestly for his able and interesting sermon last Sabbath.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' BIBLE SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Could we trace the individual history of every Bible which has been placed in circulation through the agency of this Association, during the many years of its existence, and embody all these in our Report, doubtless such a scene of sorrowing hearts made glad, sinful souls made clean in the blood of the Lamb, and immortal spirits reclaimed from everlasting punishment, would be presented to our eye as would cause us to bless and magnify the name of our heavenly Father, that he has given us an opportunity of spreading abroad the knowledge of his Word, to the glory of his dear Son. But the past is with God alone. He only knows what eternity will reveal to us all, how much has been accomplished through our humble instrumentality. That good has been done, that the Bibles which we have caused to be circulated have been blessed to the salvation of souls, some of whom are now perhaps in heaven we cannot doubt. "Thy testimonies," says the Psalmist, "are very sure;" "and the Scripture," says John, "cannot be broken." Our work is one of faith in God's promises, and we trust we have been enabled to prosecute our duties from a motive of love and gratitude, accompanying our efforts with prayers for the Divine blessing. But we have no cause for boasting since it is the work of the Holy Spirit operating in and by us. To Him be all the glory. For ourselves, we have to confess a shortcoming that needeth to be repented of. We have not given our prayers and exertions to this cause, as dear to our Redeemer's heart, as we should have done, and now, in the beginning of another year, we feel called upon, in dependence on Divine assistance, to increase our activity and redouble our prayerful interest in this work. May we be enabled by God's grace to come nearer that line of duty which shall at last receive the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The amount collected by this Association has been visibly diminished during the past two years. This is owing, perhaps, partly to our neglect and partly to the fact that many of our contributors have transferred their subscriptions to the Young Men's Bible Society. Whilst we are glad to see the prosperity of that Society, we hope yet to see a return of the ladies to their old Association. Our sytem of collection has advantages over that of other agencies, and our work is one in which woman has a peculiar right and duty to engage. Although our sphere is in a measure circumscribed, there is still much to do, and doubtless enough to justify the continuance of our organization. Other cities have their Female Bible Societies. There is a field of usefulness here, and why may not this be extended by increased exertion? Are there not many in this city who, while daily enjoying the blessings of the Bible, do not aid in its circulation through the medium of any Association? Can we not enlist these with us in this good work? There never was a time when the demand for this Book of mankind was greater, nor when the facilities for its introduction to the destitute in every nation were as great. Our mission is not accomplished as long as we can find work to do. The changes we have mentioned are no cause of discouragement or withdrawal. Let us renew our efforts; let us come with a fervency and faith never before experienced, to the throne of grace, asking all needful help and blessing. Let us remember that life is the working time, and that death gives sweet repose to those who have worked faithfully in the vineyard of the great Husbandman.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1858.

Cash received from various subscribers,	$289.50
" collected at annual sermon,	42.16
Total,	$331.66
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Cash paid Rev. J. J. Aiken,	$219.00
" forwarded to parent Society,	100.00
" paid for Bibles,	3.36
Balance on hand,	9 30
	$331.66

News Department.

Building in Pittsburgh.

The *Gazette* tells us that during the year 1858, there were built one hundred and forty-six fine buildings, and six rebuilt. Some of these are superb.

Arrest of Gamblers.

Mayor Weaver shows a commendable zeal in favor of good order and the administration of law. He has banished, by the aid of the police, and a good Judge and Jury, or has driven into concealment, the Lottery businss. He is now waging an effective warfare against gambling. Quite a haul was made, of gamblers and their implements, on Saturday night. We trust that a good beginning will be followed by persevering energy, on the part of all the officers of the law, and that these will be sustained by public sentiment.

The Coal Business.

The hills along the Monongahela river yield the principal amount of the Coal which is floated hence to market. The quantity which passed the locks of the slack water navigation, during 1858, was twenty-five millions six hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and sixty-nine bushels. Last year the bushels were twenty-eight millions nine hundred and seventy-three thousand five hundred and ninety-six.

Historical Society of Western Penna.

The first regular meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, was held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Pittsburgh, on Monday evening, January 10th, at which the following officers were chosen:

President—Wilson M'Candless, Esq.
Vice Presidents—Rev. Dr. Howard, Neville B. Craig, Esq., and Judge Breckenridge, of this county, Hon. James Veech, of Fayette County, and Rev. Dr. Junkin, of Blair County.
Treasurer—F. R. Brunot.
Secretary—D. L. Eaton.

A letter was read from Neville B. Craig, declining the nomination for President of the Society, on account of advance aged and bodily infirmity; and one from Judge Agnew, of Beaver County, declining the nomination for Vice President.

On motion of Mr. Bigham, the Chair appointed Messrs. Bigham, M'Knight, Darsie, and Darlington, a Committee to make arrangements for a permanent place for holding the meetings of the Society.

On motion of Mr. M'Knight, the Committee on By Laws was made to consist of Messrs. Darlington, Bigham, and Eaton.

A paper on the services of Gen. Henry Boquet—particularly in this region—written by Neville B. Craig, Esq., was read by Mr. Bigham. It will be made public at such time as the Society may see fit to issue a volume of its transactions and papers.

After some discussion, and the transaction of business, not of general interest, the Society adjourned.

Washington.

Congress progresses with business, but not very rapidly.

Judge Douglas has taken his seat in the Senate. The ovation to the distinguished Senator was not so enthusiastic as some had anticipated, nor equal to the honors paid him in New York and Philadelphia.

A resolution has been passed, in the Senate, instructing the Judicial Committee to inquire whether any additional laws are requisite for the suppression of the African slave-trade.

There is some *little* prospect of the passage of a bill for a Pacific Railroad; though, as yet, the partisans for the different routes are too much divided. The central route—that which will be central to the largest amount of travel and business—if practicable, should be the one chosen.

The death of Gen. Quitman, of Mississippi, was announced in both Houses, with eulogistic speeches, and an adjournment.

The Eighth of January was not honored by an adjournment of the House.

The Kansas and Oregon questions are still exciting. Mr. Seward has presented to the Senate a Constitution for Kansas, adopted at the late Constitutional Convention at Leavenworth. Neither Territory has the population entitled to a representation in Congress. One is Democratic, and the other Republican. Shall both be admitted, or both rejected? To establish the principle of a Territory having a full representative population before it shall be admitted as a State, now is the time to act.

The Cuban question is not yet formally before either House, but it is occasionally alluded to. Senator Bigler, in his speech on another subject, said he would readily vote three or four hundred millions for the purchase. Where would the money come from? The opposition of Spain to a sale, backed as it is by England and France, will likely prevent our Government from applying any pressure in the case, and so save all financial difficulties, on that score.

In the House, Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, It has been announced in foreign journals that the Courts of France and England have given notice to our Government that the cession of Cuba to the United States will not be tolerated, even with the consent of Spain; therefore,

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interests, to communicate to this House the correspondence between the Governments of France and England with our own, in relation to the cession of Cuba to the United States.

The case of the *Wanderer*, and the importation of slaves, is still a matter of much interest. Many of the Southern papers strongly condemn the attempt to renew the horrible traffic. But it has also its advocates.

The United States Commissioner at Savannah, has decided to commit, for trial, the prisoners, Brown, Agesta, and Agavia, charged before him with being implicated in the importation of African negroes, as slaves, in the yacht.

Mr. Connor, United States District Attorney at Charleston, South Carolina, has been summoned to Washington for consultation with reference to the recent landing of slaves at Southern ports, and the alleged purpose of certain ultraists in South Caroline to revive the slave trade in defiance of the laws.

By a recent enumeration of the houses in Washington city, and an estimate of the inhabitants based thereon, the present population of the city is sixty-two thousand. This estimate is made by Mr. John Lessford, who has made many annual reports on the same subject, and whose estimates seldom vary from the actual returns of the decennial census. The census of 1850 gave a population of 41,000. In eight years, therefore, Washington has gained 21,000 inhabitants—an increase of more than fifty per cent. If this ratio be preserved until 1860, the population of Washington city in that year will be 67,000. About three hundred houses have been erected during the past year.

Railroad Iron.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, which transports more burden than any other road in the United States, give the following as the actual results of experience in the comparative wear of American and English iron. The American iron is from the Phœnix works, near Philadelphia.

PERCENTAGE OF WEAR.

	Description of Iron.	
	Phœnix 60 lbs.	English 60 lbs.
1850	4 8-10	8 3-10
1851	6 2-10	9 4-10
1852	5 9-10	12
1853	6 3-10	12 7-10
1854	5 9-10	18 8-10
1855	14 3-10	47
1856	14 6-10	37 5-10
1857	15 6-10	47 6 10

It thus appears that we can manufacture an article greatly superior to the English. Home industry is, on this account as well as others, worthy of governmental protection.

The Weather.

New York, Jan. 10.—Weather reports from the East and North, show that last night was the coldest of the season. The thermometer ranged from 3 to 38° below zero.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Harrisburg, Jan. 5.—The bill abolishing the Board of Canal Commissioners, passed finally, and goes to the Senate; the vote was, yeas ninety-four, nays six.

Celebration and Procession.

New Orleans, Jan. 10.—An imposing Annual Celebration, Military and Civic procession came off on Saturday. The presence of Gen. Scott was the chief feature of the occasion.

Kansas.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—The Kansas Legislature has adjourned to Lawrence City. This action has met the sanction of the Governor.

The following is a summary of the proceedings thus far:

The Committee on Contested Seats reported in favor of Messrs. Lewis Graham and Allison Stevenson, from the Third District, and Mr. Veale, from Marshall County.

The Secretary was requested to administer the oath of office to the members so reported, which he refused to do; when the Secretary *pro tem.* was authorized to perform the duty, and the oath was administered.

Mr. Holliday, of the Council, gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill asking Congress to annex to Kansas all that portion of Nebraska which lies South of the Platte river.

The following bills were introduced in the House:

One to repeal the bogus statutes.
One to abolish slavery.

The message of the Governor was received and read.

The Governor regrets that there is a growing disposition to overrate the number of votes obtained, by means of a "corrupt ballot box." He hints that Kansas will be likely to get more liberal favors from Congress by continuing as a territory, than by immediately becoming a State.

The Governor strongly reprehends the conduct of the persons who are creating excitements among the inhabitants of Linn and Bourbon Counties. He says he is prepared to unite with the Assembly in the most cordial manner for the adoption of such measures as shall restore order, and will bring to their aid all the power placed at his discretion by the Executive.

The Comptroller's report shows:

The amount of taxable property in the territory,	$25,000,000
The number of acres of land sold and pre-empted, about	3,300,000

Several papers received here from Southern Nebraska, state that the public sentiment in that quarter was almost unanimous in favor of its annexation with Kansas.

Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, was, this afternoon, re-elected to the United States Senate. The vote stood: Douglas 54; Lincoln 46.

Hodges, Democrat, was elected yesterday to Congress in the Fifth District.

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A Lady of our Acquaintance, Mrs. Powell, No. 18 Stanton Street, New York.

Was troubled with liver complaint for a long time, and after trying many remedies, was advised to try *Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Liver Pills*, prepared by Fleming Bros. of Pittsburgh. She did so, and says that with one box she was effectually cured.

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Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS, manufactured by FLEMING BROS. of Pittsburgh, Pa. There are other Pills purporting to be Liver Pills, now before the public. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Liver Pills, also his celebrated Vermifuge, can now be had at all respectable drug stores.

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Markets.

Pittsburgh, Tuesday, January 11.

The weather has set in very cold, and threatens to close our rivers, and stop navigation; but as there is only a small quantity of freight on hand for river conveyance, a short suspension would do but little harm.

The market is steady, and there has been but little change for some time. Flour and Grain have a tendency to advance, and the supply in the West, as we see it stated, is not much more than equal to the home demand.

Money is in better demand, but exchange is scarce. The discount lines at bank are larger than at any time during the past year.

Butter and Eggs—Choice roll, 20@22c. Prints are retailing in market at 28@33. Eggs, 18@20c; retailing in market at 25.

Flour—Sales were made on the wharf, of extra at $5.10, and superfine may be quoted at 4.80. From store, sales are making in small lots at 5.12 for superfine, 5.25@5.37 for extra, and 5.55@5.75 for family extra. Buckwheat: 2.62@2.75 from store, in 50 lb sacks.

Grain—Oats, 50c. on arrival, and 53@55c. from store. Corn, 75@85c. on arrival, and 85c. from store. Rye, 75@75c. Barley, 65@72c. for strictly prime Spring and Fall; inferior rules at 55@60. Wheat: 1.05 for Mediterranean and 1.12@1.15 for Southern Red.

Groceries—Sales of Sugar were making at 7@7¾c., by the hhd., and Molasses at 38c. Coffee is firm at 12½@13c. The following are the quotations of Sugar at New Orleans, on the 7th inst.: Inferior and Refining, 3¾@4½; Common to Good Common; 4¾@5¼; Fair to Fully Fair, 5⅜@5¾; Prime and Choice, 6@7; Centrifugal, Clarified and Refined, 7¼@8¼; Low Clarified, 6@7.

Hay—$9.00@13.00 per ton.

Lumber—Green common, 8.00 on wharf, and shingles at 2.25. Timber, 7½@9 per cubic foot.

Oil—Lard Oil No. 1, 85c. Linseed, 80c.

Potatoes—Scarce; Neshannocks, from store, at $1.00 per bus., and 2.50 per bbl., and mixed at 80a90c. per bus.

Seeds—Clover from first hands at 5.25a5.30. Timothy, 1.50a1.60. Flax, 1.60.

Foreign Intelligence.

New York, January 9.—The Cunard steamship *Africa*, reached her dock at half-past eight o'clock this evening, with Liverpool dates to the 25th ult.

The ship *Isaac Wright*, from Liverpool, bound to New York, has been destroyed by fire in the Mersey. She had on board three hundred passengers, mostly emigrants, who were, fortunately, all rescued.

The fire occurred in the night, while the vessel was at anchor in the stream. A scene of great consternation ensued among the emigrant passengers, but their rescue was affected without any casualities. The vessel was scuttled and run aground. She had on board a cargo consisting of fine goods and eight hundred tons of iron. The freight was fully insured.

Later advices from India and China had been received at London. The news is unimportant, with the exception of the announcement that the tariff negotiations in China had been completed.

Great Britain.

Lieut. Higginson, who recently made several unsuccessful applications to Alderman Salomons for a summons against the Atlantic Telegraph Company, has been committed for a trial, charged with an assault upon that functionary.

The investigation of the charges against the parties recently arrested in the County of Cork, is progressing with strict power.

The electric communication through the cable between Malta and Cagliari, has been suspended. It is supposed that the cable has been broken or injured by some vessels at anchor at Malta.

Some riotous demonstrations have occurred among the military and militia at Woolwich, but no serious results have taken place.

The filibuster excitement in Ireland is gradually dying out.

President Buchanan's Message had been received by steamer *Africa*, and was printed in full in all the English papers. As was expected, the Cuban, Mexican, and Central American propositions were very unpalatable, and were variously commented on by the press. The London *Times* is unusually severe in its criticisms.

In reference to Mexico and Central America, the *Times* says:

"It is evident that the utter decrepitude of the Spanish race, both North and South of the Isthmus, is about to lead to the virtual supremacy of the Anglo-Americans in the whole of the tropical regions. There is no need of expected moderation on their part, and a philanthropy which few will credit. The fact is plain enough that Mexico and Central America, and the great Spanish islands, will soon be under their sway, direct or indirect. For our own part, we see little to regret in the prospect, except the extension and perpetuation of slavery in Mexico and the other new territories. But that the Americans might gain in the end by forming States under the Equator, we do not believe. The European race becomes not only enfeebled, but demoralized, by a residence between the tropics, and the republic has already suffered enough from the men of the South to make it cautious how it turns the Spanish main into the homes of American citizens."

The *Daily News* reviews the message in connexion with Mr Buchanan's recent letter to the Committee of the Pittsburgh celebration. It argues that the President's policy in regard to Cuba and Mexico is intended as a reconciliation to the South, and predicts that nothing will be done at present toward the annexation of Mexico. It takes exception to the view taken of England's supposed concessions about the searching of suspected slavers, and concludes by hoping that the people will accept the admonitions in the Pittsburgh letter, not by holding their tongues about a particular form of danger, but by dealing with the causes of disunion and corruption, and by recovering the principles and spirit of their Constitution, rather than by false idolatry of its form.

The *Morning Post* confines its remarks to the President's policy in regard to Cuba, and denounces it in strong terms.

The *Star* refers to the Central American question; deprecates the President's request to be allowed to employ force in the protection of the Transit route, and doubts whether the European powers would quietly permit the exercise of an exclusive protectorate by America, over the Isthmus.

The rest of the London papers comment on the document with a mixture of satisfaction and dissatisfaction.

The Manchester *Guardian*, in objecting to the proposition that the President should be armed with power to use force in the protection of the Isthmus, says that "between the expeditions of Gen. Walker and his filibusters and the proposed invasion by the regular force of the United States, there is not a pin to choose, so far as the independence of Nicaragua is concerned." The same journal likewise condemns the effrontery of the President in regard to Mexico.

The Liverpool *Albion* characterizes the Message of the President as dishonest in tone, and filled with braggadocio and filibustering.

The *Times*, in an article on submarine telegraphs, says that, since the laying of the cable, at least eight or ten new plans have been put forth; and draws special attention to the "Great Ocean Telegraph Company," which proposes to submerge a cable direct from the Land's End, in England, to Halifax. It is proposed that the cable shall be constructed on Allen's system, which does away entirely with the outside covering of wire, and makes the conductor of the cable its main strength, thereby reducing its weight to ten cwt. per mile.

France.

It is stated that a contract has been signed between the Marine department and a firm at Marseilles, to supply Guadaloupe and Martinique with twenty thousand free Africans, suited to agricultural labor, before the year 1863. Similar contracts have also been entered into with other houses.

The appeal of Count Montalembert had been heard before the Imperial Court. The term of his imprisonment was reduced to three months, but the fine imposed was confirmed by the court.

The result of Count Montalembert's appeal is considered to be a triumph over the Government, as, under the new sentence, the accused will not be liable to exile under the new law of suspicion.

It is stated that the French Foreign Office heard, with some surprise, President Buchanan's recommendation for the purchase of Cuba, France having previously notified the American Minister of its determination, in conjunction with England, not to tolerate the cession of Cuba to the United States, even were Spain to consent.

Japan.

A letter to the *Journal of Commerce*, dated Nagasaki, Japan, October 3, says: "The United States steamer *Powhattan* will leave here for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton, at the end of this month." Rev. Henry Wood, chaplain of that vessel, was, at the request of the Governor, engaged daily in teaching English, and many other things, to his six interpreters. "Strangely," remarks Mr. Wood, "it devolved on me to preach the first sermon, and hold the first religious services in Japan, since the day when Christianity was expelled; and now, as I hope, I am laying the foundation of some future Christian College. Certainly I am the first to teach the English language here. Nor do I shun to teach Christianity indirectly, and without offence."

Notices.

Presbyterial.

The PRESBYTERY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE will meet in Barnesville, on the Third Tuesday of January, at 11 o'clock A. M. JOHN MOFFAT, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND will hold an adjourned meeting at the church in Chillisquaque, on Tuesday, 18th of January, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Married.

October 7th, by Rev. W. Morris Grimes, Mr. E. H. Roland to Miss Sarah M'Gonigal. November 4th, Mr. Robert A. M'Gregor to Miss Isabella Marah. December 27th, Mr. Finley Ryan to Miss Lizzie R. Adams—all the above parties of Morgan County, O.

In Washington, Ills., by Rev. Wm. T. Adams, on December 9th, Mr. J. W. Radley to Lavina Fletcher. December 16th, Thomas Cunnington to Miss Matilda Turpit. Dec. 25th, Mr. Peter Cool to Miss Henrietta Green. Dec. 30th, Mr. W. C. Norton to Miss Mary Beatty.

At the residence of Mr. John Barnett, of Westmoreland County, December 22d, by Rev. J. P. Fulton, Rev. J. S. Elder, of Eldersridge, to Miss N. C. Barnett. At the same time and place, Mr. T. B. Elder, of Eldersridge, to Miss Mary Barnett.

On the 30th of November, at the residence of the bride's father, in Belmont County, Ohio, by Rev. R. H. Holliday, Mr. David Talbot to Miss Sarah L. Keyser, both of said County.

On Thursday, 30th ult., by Rev. James Smith, Mr. S. C. Pinkerton, of Delaware, Ohio, to Miss Barbara A. Hugendobler, of Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa.

By Rev. George Morton, on the 6th inst, at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Thomas R. Gryff to Miss Violet Rossborough, both of Indiana County, Pa.

On Thursday, December 30th, by Rev. J. B. Clark, Mr. Wm. A. Herbert, Allegheny County, Pa., to Miss Kate B. Watson, Canonsburg, Pa.

In Anthony Tp., Montour Co., December 29th, by Rev. John Thomas, Mr. Thomas B. Schuyler, of Northumberland County, to Miss Sarah A. Leidy, of the former place.

On Tuesday, the 21st inst, by Rev. Daniel Williams, Mr. George W. Bowser to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Gen. James Burns, all of Bedford County, Pa.

On the 6th inst, by Rev. D. R. Nevin, at his residence, in Sewickley, Mr. William Shafer, to Miss Isabel Gray, both of Beaver County, Pa.

Dec. 30th, by Rev. A. Donaldson, D.D., Mr. Robert Wray, Jr., to Miss Martha A. Gray, both of Armstrong Co., Pa.

On the 30th of December, near Glencoe, O., by Rev. Samuel Mahaffey, Mr. James Irwin to Miss Docia J. Smith.

Near McKeesport, Pa., December 30th, by Rev. R. F. Wilson, Mr. Samuel H. Stewart to Miss Maria R. Sill. At the same time and place, Mr. Cyrus Christy to Miss Martha J. Sill, both daughters of John Sill, Esq.

On the evening of December 29th, at the house of the bride's mother, by Rev. James Williamson, Mr. Henry S. Wilson to Lizzie, eldest daughter of James Fleming, dec'd, all of West Kishacoquillas, Mifflin County, Pa.

On the 4th inst., by Rev. D. Hall, Mr. Robert A. Kirkadon, of Slate Lick, to Miss Mary, eldest daughter of Wm. Hindman, Esq., of Worthington Pa.

By Rev. John Moore, on the 23d ult., at the house of Samuel Isett, Esq., Mr. John K. Sisler to Miss Clarissa C. Davis, all of Yellow Springs, Blair County, Pa.

January 6th, by Rev. J. A. Campbell, near Fletcher, O., Mr. Miles W. Mathers and Miss Catharine S. Moore.

On the 6th inst., by Rev. D. D. Clarke, Mr. George Tweed to Miss Lucinda Elizabeth Aurand.

Obituary.

Died—In McKeesport, Pa., December 21st, Willie Olin, youngest son of Dr. Wm. H. and Eliza Hill, aged 2 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

Died—In McKeesport, Pa., January 3d, of dropsy, Mr. Clement Smith, Sr., of Connellsville, aged near 83 years.

Died—November 19th, Mrs. Jane Hastings, in the 58th year of her age.

She was a member of the church of Dunlap's Creek, for many years, of most exemplary character. The loss her children deeply mourn, we doubt not, is her ineffable gain. S.W.

Died—On the 23d ult., at Conneautville, Crawford County, Pa., Mr. George G. Foster, in the 60th year of his age.

Mr. Foster was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., but spent the most of his life in this. He was, for many years, a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He possessed great sincerity of character, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He loved the "doctrines of grace," and the polity of our Church. During the greater part of his last sickness, he was delirious, but in lucid intervals he gave ample evidence that Christ sustained him. We mourn our loss, but rejoice in the hope that our loss is his great gain. Com.

Died—At her home, in Fultney Township, Belmont County, Ohio, on the 30th day of December, 1858, of pulmonary consumption, Mrs. Margaret Scarborough, in the 57th year of her age.

The deceased was a native of York County, Pa., but removed to Ohio in company with her husband, about the year 1828. She was a respected and beloved member of the Presbyterian church of Rockhill, for near thirty years. Her health began to decline about one year ago. She endured her sickness with great patience and resignation to the Divine will. Her evidences of a saving interest in Christ, as her Redeemer and Saviour, grew clearer, and her hope of a blessed immortality, brighter, as she drew near the time of her departure, and her end was calm and peaceful. R.H.H.

Died—Near Salem, O., on Wednesday, Dec. 22d, of scrofulous cancer, Mrs. Mary S., wife of Mr. Archie Woods.

The deceased had a combination of those natural excellences which rendered her lovely and of good report with all who knew her. Home was all the sweeter because of her presence. The social circle was all the better of her dignified example. She professed faith in Christ under the ministrations of Rev. William McCombs, and maintained a consistent walk and conversation. The last few years of her life was marked with patience and faith in the midst of extreme suffering. She loved the Church of God, and delighted to meditate upon his precious Word. Jesus Christ was all her hope and all her salvation. While she lived, she exemplified the truth of the religion she professed, and in dying she was not forsaken of Him in whom she had placed her trust. She sleeps in Jesus; and as she reposes in her quiet grave, many a child of want may point to the spot with tearful regret, and feel that they have lost a friend. J.S.G.

Died—On the 10th of December, 1858, at Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, Mr. John A. Clark, recently of Crawford County, Pa., in the 27th year of his age.

Mr. Clark was the son of Mr. Robert Clark, a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian church of Gravel Run. On the 3d of September, 1853, he became a member of this church, on profession of his faith in Christ. Sometime after this, with a view to a preparation for the work of the Gospel ministry, he entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa. But ere he had completed his Collegiate course of study, he became afflicted with disease of the lungs, which clung to him with painful and wasting effect, blighting all his earthly prospects, until it carried him to the grave. And though he lingered for more than two years, with a mind often vibrating between the hope of recovery and a conviction of the near approach of death, and often enduring acute and severe pain, he bore his affliction with true Christian fortitude. The death of one so young, so gifted, and of so much promise for eminent usefulness, is one of the profound mysteries of Providence. Endowed with a nature truly social, with a strong and active mind, and possessing undoubted piety, ardent zeal, and unyielding perseverance, his influence, as an humble Christian, was decided and salutary, and his death has filled many hearts with sadness and mourning. But we do not mourn as those who have no hope. His end was peace. A few moments before he yielded his spirit to God who gave it, he repeated, with a clear and distinct utterance, the following words:

"Jesus my all to heaven has gone,
He whom I fix my hopes upon;
His track I see, and I'll pursue
The narrow way till him I view."

J.W.D.

Died—On the evening of December 18th, in the borough of Jersey Shore, Mrs. Margaret Carothers, widow of the late Francis P. Carothers.

The deceased lived but a few months after the departure of her husband. Her last illness was of short duration, but her end was peace. She was a woman of much prayer and watchfulness, and was neither surprised nor unwilling to go when the Master called.

Died—November 10th, 1858, at French Grove, Peoria County, Illinois, Mr. John White, Sr., in the 73d year of his age.

Mr. White was born in Frederick County, Va. In the year 1827, he moved to Western Virginia, Marshall County, and in 1851 removed from thence to Peoria County, Illinois, where he remained until his death. Many who knew him in the earlier part of his life, as a lively, thoughtless man, who loved the company of gay companions, may rejoice to hear that he died, not as he then lived. He was confined for six or eight months to his room, with wasting disease, affording him time to repent of his misimprovement of early Christian privileges and opportunities. For about four weeks before his death, his strength was greatly reduced, leaving his mental faculties vigorous almost to the last. During this time, he often expressed his trust in Christ, as his only hope for salvation. Thus died one in a good old age, as we trust, made the subject of saving grace at almost the eleventh hour. What an admonition to all, to "seek first the kingdom of God," the soul's salvation, and not trust to an uncertain repentance on a dying bed. M.

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